

desired. Shall be the common & joint property of my three
Children & should any of my children not live to come to
the possession of the above desired that their portions
be divided equally to the surviving Children. Item I
desire that my Room fully be reserved to work the
plantation to assist in raising my Children

In presence of
John Cochran
Isaac Orr
Jeha Wilson

Joseph Smith ^{Tested} ✓

In the name of God Amen. I John Steel of Newblainburg
County & State of West Virginia, being very frail in body, but
Reasonable in mind & memory & desiring to mind the mortality
of my body, do make constitute & Ordain this my last will
& testament in manner & form following. First I leave
& commend my soul into Almighty God who gave it & my
body to the earth to be buried at the direction of my
friends hereafter I die and hoping to receive the same again
at the resurrection thro' the Merit of my Lord & Saviour
Jesus Christ. And as to that worldly estate that the Lord
hath bestowed on me far above my desert I leave &
bequeath as follows; And first I will that all my debts
be legally paid by my Executors at a convenient
time after my decease; And 2^d I leave unto my
dearly & well beloved Wife Mary her maintenance
off or from the benefits arising from the plantation as
she has formerly had or enjoyed & in case her son James
shall should have any disagreements she shall have
the full benefit of the Shop with a convenient place
built in it with milk cows carefully kept, & she has
friends & provided & every thing that may render
her comfortable as becometh an Obedient son to a
tender Mother, & thirdly I leave unto my daughter
Mary her bed inclusive of all its furniture with

one Cow & a horse between the horse or mare to be
 worth sixty or seventy dollars paid to her in the space
 of two or three years after my decease if my mind in
 the time by my son James Steel, and then fourthly
 to enable James for the same I leave five guineas to
 him. that Tract of Land I now hold known by its
 bearings or lines with all its rights & improvements
 the same to have & hold to him his heirs or assigns
 forever and fifthly that my Grandson James Steel when
 come of age shall receive from his uncle James one
 new suit of apparel beside his wearing apparel
 now worn & I leave him the beaver trade, & all the
 remainder of Whittle I leave to my son James & all the
 household furniture & farming implements I leave
 at the disposal of my wife. And lastly I leave
 to every child half a Dollar to wit Sarah, Peter
James, Martin, John, Agnes & David, And to
 conclude I Ordain & appoint this my last will
 & Testament, Revoking & disannulling all & every
 other will or wills or Testaments heretofore by me made
 & further I do constitute & appoint my Sons Martin
& James Steel to execute this my last will & Testament
 as Witness my hand & seal this 18th of November 1800.
 Signed, sealed & confirmed in presence of
 Charles Cheate
 William Bodkin } John Steel Seal

In the name of God Amen, I, Thomas Steel of
 the County of Chatham in the State of North Carolina
 do hereby in body and of sound mind & memory thanks be
 to God therefor, calling to mind the mortality of my body
 & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die
 Do make & Ordain this my last will & Testament that
 my principally & first of all I give my soul into the
 hands of Almighty God that gave it & my body I recommend
 to the dust to be buried in a Christian burial in