

Execution to this my last Will & Testament In Writing
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the 23rd
day of December 1792

Signed sealed & pronounced

in Presence of
Henry Downs
Daniel Johns

John Springs



In the name of God Amen I Charles Steel of Chester
humberg County & State of N. Carolina, being sick & weak in
body, but of perfect mind & memory, Thanks be given to
God for it, and exercising my disposition to be rich. Doth
make & ordain this my last Will & Testament as follows
viz first. I order that all my just debts & personal
Charges be paid as soon as convenient after my departure.
I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Mary one bed &
furniture & bedstead & also my bureau & all my household
& kitchen furniture her wheel & car, & also my mare
& also three of the best of my hog stock. 2^{dy} I order that
all the balance of my property be put to public sale
except what will be allowed for her & the children for
one years provisions. 3^{dy} I order the Cattle if it lives be
kept untill it is one year old & then sold & the price thereof
& all other monies arising & the just debts belonging to me
be collected & appropriated to the use of my beloved daughter
Margaret A Steel, my only Heir & Legatee if it should live
to come to that age to be its own Agent, And if not, I give
& bequeath the whole of my personal estate to my beloved
wife Mary to have & to hold forever. lastly. I order &
appoint my trusty friend John W. Thompson to be alone
Executor of this my last Will & Testament & to see that it is
performed according to the true intent & meaning hereof
And I do hereby revoke & disannul all other Wills &
Testaments by me made, and do hereby & declare this
& no other to be my last Will & Testament this 23rd

73

day of April in the year of our Lord 1830
signed, sealed & acknowledged
in the presence of us

Wth John Creiley
Josiah Price

Martin Steel

The last Will & Testament of Martin West of the State of
North Carolina. I Martin West considering the uncertainty
of this mortal life, & being of sound mind & memory
blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make & publish
this my last Will & Testament in manner & form
following, that is to say, First I give & bequeath unto
my youngest son Joseph West all that part of my land
lying on the east side of White branch together with
that part lying on the east side of the second branch
likewise one feather bed & furniture, likewise one
cupboard & furniture & one chest & my kitchen furniture
I allow the remainder of my property to be sold by the
Wife & survivors & to be divided equally amongst all
my Children except my son James West I allow him to
have two shares of the property that is to be sold that
is double as much as one of my other sons or my daughter
N.D. my burying or funeral expenses to be paid out
of the property that is to be sold; and lastly I appoint
my son Matthew West & David Parthow executor of this my
last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & seal this 16th day of January in the
year of our Lord 1824.

signed, sealed, published & declared by
the above named Martin West to be his last
Will & Testament in the presence of us who
have hereunto subscribed our names as
Witnesses in presence of the Testator.

William Parthow
Stephen Tighman

Martin West