

In the name of God Amen. The 22<sup>th</sup> day of October 1779  
 I William Steel of the County of Westchester in the  
 Province of New York being very sick & weak in body -  
 but of perfect mind & reasoning thinks he gives unto God  
 therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body &  
 knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, Do  
 make this my last will & Testament, That is to say prin-  
 cipally & first of all, I give & recommend my soul into the  
 hands of Almighty God that gave it, & my body I recommend  
 to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner  
 at the direction of my Executors nothing doubting but  
 at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again  
 by the mighty power of God, And as touching such  
 worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me  
 in this life with, I give devise & dispose of the same  
 in the following manner to wit, I Will & particularly  
 order that all my just & lawful debts be paid -  
 And the remaining part of my personal Estate I Will & bequeath  
 to my dear & well beloved wife Jane except my part of a  
 Legacy due at the death of my Step mother in Pennsylvania  
 which is supposed to be worth forty pounds which sum  
 I allow to be equally divided amongst my seven children  
 or as many of them as shall live till it becomes due -  
 I do also nominate Impower & constitute my wife Jane  
 & ~~Elizabeth~~ Elizabeth Executors to execute this my last will &  
 Testament & also Trustee for my wife Jane & children above  
 mentioned, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
 hand & seal the above day & year written -  
 Signed & sealed in the presence of

Joseph Sample }  
 Dorcas Merser } William Steel

" In the name of God Amen. I Edward Sharpe being  
 weak in body but of perfect sound mind & good sense  
 Thanks to God for it, Do constitute & make this my  
 last will & Testament, My body I recommend to