

John Stule's Will

In the name of God Amen-

It being appointed for all men to die and ^{the} Laws of Nature being immutable, It follows that having been born, I must die and yield my Spirit to him that gave it.

As to my worldly effects, I now proceed to distribute them and make and ordain this my last Will and Testament revoking all others.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann Dix negroes - Tom, Rich, Chancy, Sprank, Mary & Lame

To my daughter Eliza Jane Dix negroes -

Mich, John, Grace, Manah, Sam, Shepherd & Nancy

To my daughter John Caroline Dix negroes -

Alveman, Wall, Gilly, Leonard, and Guffy

To my son Richard Thomas Stule Dix negroes -

Jeff, Washington, Whit & Child Mary, Martha, Mingo

To my son Robert S. Stule Dix negroes -

Quincy, Will, Selmy & Child, Fanny & Edmund

I give and bequeath to my two sons Richard Thomas and Robert S. Stule, all the Lands, that are attached to that on which I reside with it the same are to be equally divided between them according to its value.

I give and bequeath to my three daughters Mary Ann, Eliza Jane, & John Caroline all the Lands belonging to me that are connected or attached to the Lands on which I reside to be equally divided between them, also my money & bills to be equally divided between them (my daughter) & all the money on hand at my death, if it should not exceed three thousand dollars if it should the balance to be equally divided between all my children.

John Steele's Will Continued

The profits of the Gold mine or valuable minerals on all the lands to be equally divided between all my children

I give to each of the balance of my children an amount of the kind of property, hereafter and apart from what is given by this instrument to my daughter Mary Hunt equal to that which she has received on and then after paying my friends and debts on that may be due them, divide the stock crop so equally between all my children except the Smiths land carpenter tools, let them remain on the plantation where they are

My Will and desire is that those of my children that are married at the time of my death have their portion allotted as soon as convenient thereafter and so on of the rest as they may marry or choose to have their part allotted, and that the unmarried portions remain together and have their several portions in common until my Executors think proper to distribute or the children desire it to be done

I constitute and appoint my Brother Robert J. Steele my nephews Robert L. Steele Robert S. Lebetter and Josley M. Stauback Executors to this my last will and testament in writing which I have hereunto set my hand and seal. Signed in presence of us October 24, 1843

C. M. Callum

Martin Rush Junr

John Steele

James Simmons Will Continued

just, ~~that~~ As to my worldly estate, my will and desire is that it be disposed of as follows—

Where, I hold a debt against my son Adam Simmons to the amount of two hundred and twenty five dollars My will and desire, is, that my said son Adam Simmons retain to himself as a share, of my estate thirty four dollars— the balance of which said debt when collected I wish divided amongst the balance of children as follows. viz, sixty eight dollars to my son William Simmons, thirty four dollars to my daughter Elizabeth Allen— thirty four dollars to the heirs of the body of my daughter Nancy Harrod, and the remaining thirty four dollars to my youngest son Pleasant Simmons— to be paid to each of them as soon as it may be collected—

It is further my will and desire, that Elizabeth Allen have my clock,

And it is further my will and pleasure, that my youngest son Pleasant Simmons have my clock and shell— It is further my will and desire that whereas I have made a deed of gift, for a head of sheep to Merandy Campbell, the remainder of my stock of sheep, I wish to my grand daughter Sarah Simmons, My will and desire is that my daughter in Law Christian Simmons have my large wash tub— I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Merandy Campbell one heifer about two years old— As to the residue of my estate, goods and chattels, of what nature and kind soever— My will and desire, ~~that~~ the whole be given to my said Grand daughter Merandy Campbell immediately after my decease— Last of all I appoint my son Pleasant Simmons, Executor to this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made— In writing which I the said James Simmons have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 15th day of April A.D. 1841—

Signed sealed and acknowledged by the
J. Steele in his last will & testament in
presence of
+ Elizabeth Simmons
+ Martin Rush Junr

James Simmons