

In the name of God Amen the twentieth day of August 1793
 I John Steel of the County of Orange & State of North Carolina
 being every sick and weak in body but of perfect mind
 and memory Thanks be given unto God, therefore calling unto mind
 the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed
 for all men once to die, do make and Ordain this my last will
 and testament, that is to say principally and first of all
 I give and recommend my soul into the hands of almighty
 God that gave it, and for my body I recommend it to the
 Earth, to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner
 at the discretion 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 hath pleased God to bless me in this
 life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following
 manner and form Insheweth it is my will & I do Order
 it so, that in the first place all my last Debts and
 funeral charges be paid and satisfied Item I give and
 bequeath unto Mary my dearly beloved wife a Negro
 man named Daniel and a Mulattio wench named Fanny
 during my beloved wifes life and at her death the Negro
 man Daniel and the Mulattio wench Fanny is to be left
 to my youngest Daughter Agnes Item I leave and
 bequeath unto my ~~dearest~~ Daughter Elizabeth Steel
 two Negro wenches Phill & Phillis, and if she keeps her that
 I allow her to be praised at the age of fifteen that she may
 may be made equal to Phillis or Phillis

Item I leave and bequeath unto my second Daughter
 Steel two Negro wenches Annaca and Mary named
 Item I leave and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Steel
 Negro wench named Hannah & Selice.

Item I leave and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary
 Steel a Negro wench named eam, and her offspring
 during the life of my beloved wife, and at her death
 and her Children to be sold, and the money to be equ-
 divided among the rest of my Daughters, and likewise
 my Daughter Elizabeth Mary & Sarah is to receive the
 Negroes when they come to the age of sixteen years

Item I leave and bequeath my four Daughters Elizabeth
 Mary Sarah & Agnes each of them a horse valued at
 twenty five pounds paid money & Hunting saddles &
 Bridles And likewise I allow my plantation in Orange
 County to be sold six Months after my decease to the
 highest bidder for one hundred pounds money or value
 and if my Executors cannot sell it it is to be rented out
 until a fit opportunity offer, and I likewise Order that
 the property of the said plantation be appropriated to the
 use of my son Joseph Steel at the age of twenty years
 I likewise allow and Order it so, that from the year 1794
 to a little Cherry tree on otherwise creek & the same
 course continued towards the mountain as far as my

the land on the south side of that line once named
 William McConrads plantation is to be rented out & the same
 to be applied to the use of school learning for my Children
 my Daughters to be taught to read & write & know those
 things belonging to the protestant religion, and also that
 my son Joseph Steel be taught to read write & the necessary
 rules of Arithmetick, and also to be taught the Latin Grammar
 and also I leave and bequeath for my four Daughters
 Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary & Agnes, each of them a feather
 Bed & Bed furniture, and each of them to have two sets of
 India & Lin painted plates, each they are to have their Beds
 & Bed furniture at the age of sixteen years

And it is my Will that the land on the north side of that
 Gum spring line with the mention house I leave unto my
 beloved wife her life - time to raise my Children upon
 Item I leave to my son Joseph Steel all that land on the south
 side of the Gum spring at the age of twenty one years
 And also I leave to my son Joseph Steel all that land
 on the North side of the Gum spring line with the
 mention house at the death of my beloved wife Mary
 Steel, I also allow that the right of Margery Carrigans
 land is to be rented out and the rent to be put to
 interest, unto good & sufficient hands and to be appropriated
 to the use of my four Daughters Elizabeth Mary, Sarah
 & Agnes I also allow my purchase property to be approp-

And an Inventory taken of the property, and also of
Books Debts and a calculation made to the amount
of the sum required to disposed with the Creditors
and if it does well, but if not then as much of the
property to be sold by my Executors at their discretion
as will satisfy.

I appoint my loving wife Mary Steel one of my Executors
and my trusty friend Joseph Hodge another ratifying
this and no other to be my last Will & Testament In
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal
the day and year above written
Signed & sealed published pronounced and
declared by the said John Steel as
his last will & Testament in the
presence of us the subscribers &c

John Steel

Wm Steel
John Pickard
Charles Clendennen

Orange County November Court 1793

The Execution of the last Will & Testament of John Steel
Deceased was duly proved in Open Court by the Oaths of
William Steel & John Pickard two of the subscribing witnesses
who and was ordered to be Recorded.

Wm Steel

In the name of God Amen I Philip Inotesty of the County
of Orange and State of North Carolina being of sound & perfect mind
and memory blessed be god do this 24 day of February 1793 make
and publish this my last will and testament in manner following
that is to say first after the discharge of all my lawful Debts
I give and bequeath unto my Eldest Son John Twenty pounds
to be paid at the decease of my wife out of that part of my Estate
left in her possession. Unto my Son Henry I give & bequeath
one hundred Eighty Four Acres of Land lying near the trading
ford on the Allemanee. Also fifteen pounds to be paid him
when of Age, Also one horse of the value of twelve pounds
at least should he stay on the place as formerly until of the
Age of twenty one years. Unto my Son Jacob I give &
bequeath two hundred forty & eight Acres of Land whereon I
now live, reserving unto my wife Elizabeth on this part of
said plantation during her natural life also unto the said Jacob
in case he live with his mother one horse of at least twelve
pounds value.

Unto my three youngest Daughters Susannah, Rachel &
Catharine, unto each as they shall be of Age one feather Bed
and furniture, two Cows & two Calves two Geese & lambs, one
flax wheel, one Iron pot, one water pail, paper & other
small articles at the discretion of my wife Elizabeth.
after what devolves one Negro boy named Charles & all my
other property I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife
Elizabeth