

Sangamon Probate Court Monday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1825.

Present James Lewis Judge

Anna Sturges Executrix & William Sturges Executor  
of John Sturges deceased appeared in court by the  
said William and made a motion for leave to  
prove the last will & testament of the said John  
Sturges deceased - which is in the words & figures  
following (to wit)

Whereas I John Sturges Senr of Sangamon County  
and State of Illinois being weak in body but  
being in perfect mind and memory and  
calling to mind that it is appointed for all  
men once to die and after death the Judge-  
ment and after an earnest recommenda-  
tion of my soul to God and his holy keeping  
and after death my body to be decently  
interred in [www.southcarolinapioneers.com](http://www.southcarolinapioneers.com) burying place, and  
after my final my funeral charges and last  
debts to be paid by my executrix  
I first will and bequeath my wife Anna Sturges  
and my son William to be my ~~sole~~ Executors of  
my worldly goods to be distributed and bequeath-  
ed as in manner following I have gave and  
payed my eldest ~~son~~ daughter Jane Putney one  
feather bed and furniture, one Chestnut -  
sorel mare worth seventy dollars and some  
pewter with other articles which she acknow-  
ledged to be contented and satisfied therewith  
as her full portion of my estate -  
I have also payed my second child Elizabeth  
Reavis one feather bed some pewter with  
other articles as her full share of my estate  
I have given unto my third child James Braton  
Sturges one sorrel mare and the balance of my

SANGAMON CO., ILL.

82 which was two years or thereabout which he received as his full share of my estate -

I have given unto Sarah Hoppings one feather bed with other articles which she received as his full share of my estate -

I have given unto my son John Richeson Sturges one sorrel horse with some other articles which he received as his full share of my estate -

I have given unto my daughter Anna Morgan one feather bed and furniture with other articles which she received as his full share of my estate -

The balance of my estate I give and bequeath in manner following: I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Anna Sturges one feather bed and furniture which we make use of ourselves, one Bureau, One stool, one table, one large bible, one one brown mare also one pair chain traces and collar one cow and calf her choice of all my cattle, four sheep; all of which she is to have [www.southcarolinapioneers.com](http://www.southcarolinapioneers.com) the natural life also it is my will and desire that my youngest son Daniel should abide and remain with his mother till he becomes of age -

I give and bequeath to my sons Wm Draper Sturges and Daniel Bartlett Sturges jointly one gray horse one brown horse, colt two yoke of steers two pair chains and two collars two plows and all my farming utensils -

I give and bequeath unto my three youngest daughters namely Arcada Sturges Rebekah Sturges and Milinda Sturges the balance of my estate cattle and property of every kind

83 with the addition of the part of my estate that I have given to my wife which is to be equally divided between my three youngest daughters and my youngest son Daniel after his death each child to receive there part when the arrive ages, the boys at the ages of twenty one and the girls at eighteen years - this I acknowledge to be my last will and testament.

Given under my hand and seal this fourteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four.

Acknowledged before us  
the subscribing

John Sturges

Witnesses

Abraham Sennard  
Joshua C. Alexander  
James Alexander

On examination we find no mistake but one three lines from the bottom on the first page interlined thus "and furniture" before signed -

The proof of the foregoing last will & Testament was in the words following -

Personally appeared before me James Adams, Judge of Probate in and for Langston county, James Alexander and being duly sworn on the holy evangelists of Almighty God did depose and say that he witnessed the last will and testament of John Sturges since deceased which bears date the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1824. and that the deceased acknowledged his signature to the said will to be to his last will and testament and that he the deponent saw Abraham Sennard and Joshua C. Alexander