

JAMES STEEL
In the name of God amen, I James Steel in Chester County and State of South Carolina the Sixteenth day of August in the Year of our lord one thousand Seven Hundred and ninty four, Being Sick and weak in Body But of a Sound memory Blessed Be God for His mercies, Considering the uncertainty of life and that it is Sure and Certain for all men to depart this life, the Worldly Effects that God Has Been Pleased to Bestow upon me I leave in manner and form following Viz--first I Give & Bequeth unto my dear and loving Wife Margret Steel all the personal property that I am now possessed of, and my debts to Be Paid, and funeral Charges which Charges I leave to the discreation of my Exrs next I leave unto my Son James Steel the Half of all my Real Estate that is lands that falleth to me from the Estate of my Brother Wm Steel deceased and the Remaining Half I Bequeath unto my Daughters, Jane, Mary, Martha and Betty & peggy to Be Equally ~~divided~~ Among them and I further allow my dear wife to School the Children and if Her and my Execu^{rs} Sees that She Cannot and them make for the Support of Schooling and Supporting them; that part of Said Real Estate from the whole, must Go for the aforesaud Supports, and if She my wife ~~cannot~~ Support Her-Self By what is aforesaid She is to Have a support off and from the whole estate during Her life or widowhood But in Case of Her marriage she is to Have no part of said Real estate and further I allow all lands that is now Coming to me as aforesaid I allow to be disposed of to Best advantage as my Exrs Shall think Best either By vandue or private Sale and purchase other land in Room thereof if my Executors shall think is Requisite and Best--and & Hereby appoint and ordain John Service & Will Robison Both of Chester County my Sole Executors to Have this my will and testament Executed accord-

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~~near~~ above written

Signed and Sealed in presence of us

George Kennedy

Alexander Martin

James Martin

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