

August, 1876

B. B. Steele's Will.

I Benjamin B Steele do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made.

First. I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my six children Enoch W Steele James A. Steele Sarah Nichols William P Steele Elizabeth Simms and Benjamin H. Steele the home tract of land where I now live containing 52 1/2 acres worth \$1200.00 to be equally divided between them with the privilege of selling to each other and any trade or transfer any one have made to one or more of my children heretofore or may make during my lifetime shall hold good as if the trade had been made after my death provided they do not sell to any persons except to or between themselves.

Thirdly I give and bequeath the remainder of my land containing 65 acres worth \$1000.00 to be divided as the 52 1/2 acres tract except if I should become a charge the one that I choose to make my home with must be paid for any trouble I may be to them or any debts I may contract a cause to be made on my account after exhausting any personal property be paid out of said land and also my son Benjamin H. Steele purchased a road from the public road through the Reuben land to the Barn where I now live paying \$150.00 for the road therefore he is to have \$150.00 out of said land before any division.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint E. W. Steele and Benjamin H. Steele my Executors.

In witness whereof I do this my will, set my hand this the 15th day of Nov. 1874

Witness,

Moses Waters.

A. McFarable.

B. B. Steele

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(Cocktail)

Bureau & bed to Lizzie Simms. The other bed to Sallie Nichols. 1 spinning wheel & 1 reel to Sallie. Everything in the smoke house.

" " " " " Cellar.

1 Bay horse name (Bill) - 5 Hogs - 1 fall turn Table. 1 Oiler mill. 1/2 bush. in mowing machine. 1 Wagon. 1 Rake. To B. H. Steele.

There are some things in the house that Enoch claims. This 30th day of July 1876

Witness.

Jonas Gamble.

John D. Pedigo.

B. B. Steele.

James W. Hitch - Will

State of Missouri, Blount County.

Know all men by these presents that I J. W. Hitch of the County and State aforesaid, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other will by me at any time made, First: I bequeath to my wife, Ellen Hitch all the lands that I die seized and possessed of, viz the farm on which I now reside, known as the home farm, containing one hundred and fifty four acres, more or less, bounded as follows: on the north by Edwin Hitch, on the east by Crooked Creek on the south by Crooked Creek, on the west by M. B. Seaton and R. B. Leandler, to have and to hold the same during her natural life.

2nd I direct that my daughter Lucinda shall have her lifetime maintenance off of the same, then at the death of said Ellen Hitch, said land shall be divided equally between my five sons viz: J. W. Hitch Jr, Archibald Houston Hitch, John L. Hitch, Elias Lepton Hitch and Wm Mc Hitch. Also I direct that all the money coming from my wife's father Andrew Harris estate, shall be equally divided between my three daughters viz: Maria Seaton, Mary Ann Waters and Jenny Davis.