

**Will, NC, Mecklenburg, Martin Steel 1817**

In the name of God Amen

I **MARTIN STEEL** of Mecklenburg County and state of North Carolina being very frail and body but perfect in mind and memory calling to mind the mortality of my body do make constitute, ordain this my last will and testament in the manor and form following,

AMEN AND FIRST I leave and commend my soul to almighty God who gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried as for my worldly estate I leave as following first I will that all my lawful debts be paid by my executor at a convenient time.

SECOND I leave to my son **JOHN STEEL** a piece of land lying down the branch, the dividing line beginning at a white oak on the branch of Creek then following my line to a post oak Corner fence to **NANCY ROBINSON** old field taking in to rood of the old field straight to my open line same leave to him his heirs and executor or administrators to hold forever the above deed is such that **JOHN STEEL** shall give this not to my executor for four dollars per acre paid in four years, clear of interest for that term to before the use of my heirs if said **JOHN STEEL** does not comply with the terms above deed is void and shall be of No Force I leave to my son **JOHN STEEL** this mare and saddle one cow and two sheep.

THIRD I leave to my daughter **REBECCA** one horse or mare worth sixty dollars, saddle, and bridle to cows bed and furniture, one commode in full modded to be given when required for fourthly my beloved wife **SARAH STEEL** and children I leave my farm horses cows Hogs sheep farming utensils with all of my property to improve and make a living and will that my beloved wife **SARAH STEEL** be looked to by my executor that she may live as well as she has done heretofore as long as she remains by widow or until death.

FOURTH I will that any of my children coming of age or leaving my family by marriage that my executor is to give such property as the family can afford, not hard for the family, two value the same and take receipts that it may be part out of the divided at the last. I will that my beloved wife shall have power at her death to to will all the bedding and cupboard Furniture I will **REBEKAH STEEL** to be Legacy in my estate the don't call for hid part XXX

FIFTH I will that my children when both parents is dead to live together in the farm and to have use of all property as long as they improve the same.

SIXTH I will that when the family breaks up that all shall be sold, farm and farming utensils, horses, cows, sheep, Hogs, wagon, geer, household furniture one negro woman with such belonging to my estate eight I will the same estate be equally divided among my heirs **REBEKAH, MOSES, DAVID, JOSIAH, JINNY, MARTIN, WILLIAM, NANCY STEEL.**

AND TO CONCLUDE I ordained and a point this my last will and testament revoking and disannulling all and every other will and Will's or Testaments heretofore by me made.

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AND FURTHER I constitute and appoint my brother **JAMES STEEL**, son **JOHN**, son **JAMES STEEL** to execute my last will and testament.

As witness my hand and seal this this 22nd of March 1817.

**MARTIN STEEL** {seal}

signed sealed and confirmed in the presence of us

**DANIEL MCAULAY** [MCCAULEY, MCCAULAY]??

**J. MCKNITT**

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