

WILL OF WILLIAM STEELMAN OF ROWAN CO., NORTH CAROLINA 1836

In the name of God amen I William Steelman of the County of Rowan and State of North Carolina being of perfect mind and memory and calling to mind that it is appointed unto man time to die and after death to come to Judgement first I submit my Soul to God who gave it me and Body to the dust from whence it came to be decently Buried at the discretion of my friends & executors Hereafter named and as to my worldly Goods which it hath been please God to bless me with my will and desire is to dispose of them in the manner following 1st I give unto William Steelman and Catherine Davis children heirs of my son Charles Steelman the Sum of five Dollars to William & five Dollars to Catherine Children and no more. 2nd I give unto Elizabeth Hubbard Heir of my Daughter Catherine who intermarried with Thomas Whitlock the sum of five Dollars and no more 3rd I give unto my Beloved wife Catherine Steelman the tract of Land where on I now live Being 321 acres also 153 acres adjoining the same Lying in Surry County Also one negro man Amos one woman Elly One negro Boy Zingo one small mulatto Girl Lindy One Negro Boy Tilman one negro Child a Girl Nische and all there increase hereafter if any Also all my stock and moveable property of every discription all of which Land and Negroes other property to be her sole Right and property for ever after The paying of my Just Debts and the two first Mention small Legacies 4th I give unto my son William Steelman all the Rest and Residue of my Land & Estate Both in Rowan & Surry County Also one negro Boy Sampson one negro Boy Stephen one Negro Girl Hannah & one small Negro child Rannect with all their increase if any all of which my Will & desire is to be and Remain in the Possession of my Wife until my Son William arives at full age if She Remains my widow until my son come of age and for my said wife to Raise and Educate my Son William well upon the proceeds of his Estate and my further will is that if my son William Should die before he arives to the age of Twenty one years that then all the Estate Both Real and personal which I have given to him shall goe and desend to my said wife Chatharine in the same manner as the other estate which I have Before Given her I do hereby Constitute this to be my Last Will and Testament Revoking all other Wills by me hereto fore made and I doe Constitute and appoint my trusty friends Frederick May and Samuel Spear my Hole and Sole Executors of this my last will and testament In witness where of I Have here unto set my hand and affixed my Seal this fourteenth day of June AD 1832

Signed and acknowledged

In presence of us

Jonathan Cranfell

James Frost

Samuel Beeman

Wm Steelman (Seal)

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William Steelman's daughter Catherine married Thomas Whitlock April 2, 1794 in Rowan Co., North Carolina. The Bondsman was James Cain and the two witnesses were John Pinchback and Mary Pinchback.

From the date of his daughter's marriage William Steelman appears in several documents that relate to the Whitlock family. On November 9, 1795 he sells 138 acres on the north fork of Dutchman Creek, Rowan Co. to his son -in-law Thomas Whitlock of Surry Co for £100.

On May 7, 1796 William Steelman is a witness to a Deed in which Thomas Whitlock sells to George

Moore 8 acres on Dutchman Creek for £4.

Elizabeth Whitlock the only child of Thomas & Catherine (Steelman) Whitlock was born about 1798 and married Robert Hubbard in 1821. They lived in Arkansas and had seven children 1825-1843. Catherine (Steelman) Whitlock died shortly after the birth of her daughter Elizabeth and on May 17, 1799 Thomas married as his second wife Mary Ponsonbay with whom he had seven more children.

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