

In the Name of God Amen I John Stuart of the Parish of Nottoway in the County of Amelia in the Colony of Virginia being in good Health of body and of sound and disposing Mind Memory and understanding thanks be given to God therefore I calling to mind the Uncertainty of this Life and Knowing it is Appointed for all men once to die do therefore make ordain Nominate and Publish this to be my Last Will & Testament in manner and form following that is to say first of all and principally I give my Soul to Almighty God who gave it and my body I commit to the earth to be buryd at the discretion of my Executors herein after Named And as to what worldly Estate I have wherewith it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with in this life I give devise dispose off & bequath as follows Imprimis, I give devise and bequath unto my Son Littleberry Stewart all and singular the Plantation whereon I now live together with the Lands and Premises thereto belonging Containing one hundred & fifty five Acres be the same more or less and all improvements thereon, made with the rights Members and Appurtenances there unto belonging To have & to hold unto the said Littleberry Stewart, his heirs & assigns Forever as also one feather bed and the Furniture thereto belonging after the decease or marriage of my Wife Mary
Then I give devise and bequath unto my Son Charles Stewart and to his heirs and assigns forever my Negro fellow Peter But my said wife Mary shall have the Use & benefit of the said Negro fellow during her Natural Life or her Intermariage with any Person after my decease but if my said Wife shall think proper

To part with the said Negro fellow after my decease unto the said Charles Stuart then and in that case the said Charles shall pay unto her during the aforesaid Term the Annual sum of forty Shillings Current money of Virginia.

Also I give devise and bequeath unto my Daughter Abigail one Feather bed and Furniture, Also I give devise & bequeath unto my four Sons John, Charles, Daniel, and Littleberry. I Stuart my Copper Mill and all her Utensils & I devise and bequeath my Wearing Apparel unto my said sons, John & Daniel. Also I give devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my Estate, which I desire may be Appraised, unto my Wife Mary and my Daughters Sarah and Jane and Lastly I order and Direct that my Executors herein after Named may pay off and discharge all my Just debts and Funeral Expences out of my Estate and Thereby constitute Nominate & Appoint my Trusty and well beloved friend Daniel Farley and my son Charles Stuart to be Executors of this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former or Other Will or Wills heretofore by me made and ordaining this only to be my Last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have herunto set my hand & affixed my Seal this thirteenth day of January one Thousand seven hundred and Seventy seven

Signed sealed & Declared
in presence of

Joseph Jennings
Samuel Thompson
John Brown

Chas S Stewart Esq.