

Stewarts In the name of God Amen I James Stewart
of Parish of Ruffel in the County of Bedford being at this Time
weak in Body but sound in mind, and considering the uncertainty of
Life and the certainty of Death and being Desirous to prevent any
Disputes after my Death I do make this my Last Will and Testament
in manner & form following. And first I render up my Soul to God
who gave it from whom thro the merits of Jesus Christ I hope
to have full Pardon for all my sins done in Body and my Body
to be buried in a decent and Christian manner and my Worldly
Goods whosoever it hath Pleas'd God to bless me with I leave and
bequest in manner and form following. And first I lend to my
beloved Wife Sarah Stewart all my Real and Personal Estate
(during the Term of here ^{after my just Debts is paid out of them} Widowhood and if she marrys then my
Will is that all my Real and Personal Estate be Equally divided
between all my Children Thomas Stewart Charles ^{Parish} Stewart
William Smelson Steward Nathaniel Steward also whereas my
Wife is great with Child I will the Infant when born shall have
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my Friend Nathaniel Sturges Executors of this my last
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Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my
Seal this Second Day of December in the Year of our
Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty
Three

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Three signed & Sealed and Published in the presence
of
George Rucker
William Rucker
Charles Reynolds
his Mark X

Entered before assigned first
to pay all my Just Debts out of
my Estate

James Stewart }
} S.S.
} sworn

At a Court held for Bedford County the 21th day
of August 1784

This last Will and Testament of James Stewart
decd was proved according to Law by the Oaths of
George Rucker & Charles Reynolds Witnesses thereto
Subscribed & Ordered to be Recorded, And on the
Motion of Nathaniel Harris one of the Executors therein
named who made Oath thereto, & together with Charles
Rice & Charles Harris his Sureties entered into Recogni-
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Conditioned as the Law directs Certificate is granted him
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Exp^d

Teste Jas. Stephens C^l B^l

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By James N. Harris

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