

James Stewart In the Name of God Amen I James Stewart of the
County of Brunswick being sick & weak of Body but of perfect mind and
Memory thanks be to Almighty God. Do make publish and Declare this
my last Will & Testament in manner ~~as~~ following to wit,

I Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my
Body to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like manner and as
touching such Worldly Estate as it has been pleased God to be bestow on me,
after my Just Dels and Funerall expences are paid I give and Bequeath
in Manner following.

I give and bequeath unto James Mason a certain Tract of Land on the South
Side of the Otterdam Swamp in the County of Brunswick containing by
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Willed to me which said Land is now in the possession of the said James Meason, to
him & his Heirs forever. he having paid me a Valuable Consideration for the same

I desire that my loving Brothers John, and Richard Stewart will each Except of a
manning Ring. Item I give unto James, John, John and Lawrence Nowe the

sons of Lawrence Nowe each the sum of twenty five Shillings, Current
Money. Item I give unto Nathaniel Holt of Sussex County fifteen Shillings Current
Money. Item I give unto Walter Boyd and Charles Nelson late Merchants at
Blandford one pound Current which I believe I owe them. Item I desire that
my Executors hereafter Mentioned pay Yearly out of my Estates to my Mother in Law
Anne Robinson four pounds Current in Lieu of her Dower of the Plantation
at Meherrin as ^{to} agreement with her and ^{to} live with her Daughter. Item I
desire that my plantation at Meherrin Now in possession of John Carter
be sent out upon these Terms that the Persons that enter the same Shall
not clear any more Land nor cut down any Timber more than for the

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plantations use, and that as soon as possible after my decease that there be two
Brick Chimneys (to have but one funnel) be put to the Hall & Chamber of the
great House and that the said House be plaistered and underpined and ^{the} Expenses
of which to be paid out of the first money arising from the same and that the
residue of the Money arising from the said rents 'til my son Charles shall arrive
to the age of Twenty one Year be yearly put out to Interest and that the principal
and Interest be equally divided among my four Daughters Anne, Rebecca,
Betty & Sally when either of my said Daughters shall arrive to the Age of twenty
one Year or Day of Marriage then I desire that my Executors hereafter
mentioned, after the collection of the debts due to me if they should not be sufficient
to discharge my Just debts and Funeral Expenses may sell so much of my
Personal Estate as can be best spared after leaving a Sufficiency to Support my
Wife & Children and if that should not be sufficient to discharge my Debts Do.
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Road to Swans Bridge in the County of Brunswick

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Houwer Item I lend unto my loving wife Elizabeth Stewart all my Lands on
the North side of the Road from the Otterdam Swamp to the Back line
Adjoining Richard Stewarts line during her life. Item I desire that all my
plantations whatsoever not heretofore disposed of be rented out and that the
profits thereof be applied towards the Maintenance and Schooling my Children
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the same to him & his Heirs forever Item I lend unto my loving wife all my
Estate of what kindsover not heretofore disposed of towards the Maintenance
and Schooling of my Children during her Widowhood or my Son Charles
Arriving to the Age of twenty one years and in either case which ever shall first
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her decease I desire that her part may be equally divided among my Children
or the Survivor of them. and in case any of my Children should die before

They Arrive to the Age of twenty One Years or Marriage I give the ^{proper} ¹⁷⁶⁵⁻¹⁷⁶⁹ ^{www.virginiapioneers.net} proportion
 of Such Child or Children so dying to my Surviving Children and their Heirs ^{equally}
 equally divided among them Item I desire that my Children be under the Direction
 of my Executors and that they have not their Portions till they Arrive to the Age of
 twenty One year or the day of Marriage Item I appoint my Loving wife Elizabeth
 Stewart and my Brothers John Stewart and Richard Stewart and David Mason
 Executors of this my last will Revoking all others and desire my Executors will
 take care that my Children be well maintained and Educated, and that my son
 Charles after having sufficient Learning be under the care and directions of my
 Brother John Stewart In Witness ^{whereof} I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
 my seal This twenty eighth day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven
 hundred and Sixty Seven

Witnessed, published, and declared by the Testator as & for

James Stewart *JS*

his last will & Testament. (These words & Interest being first

read & the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed

declared in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed

names as witnesses in his presence & by his direction

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Thomas Morris

William Connolly

Penny Hurst

August 1767

At a Court held for Brunswick County the 2th Day of

This Will was presented in Court - Sworn to

by John Stewart & Richard Stewart two of the Executors therein named proved by
the Oaths of Thomas Morris, William Connolly & Penny Hurst the Witnesses thereto
and Ordered to be Recorded and on the Motion of the said Executors Certificate is
granted them for obtaining a probat thereof in due form they having with
David Mason & Thomas Morris their Security entered into and Acknowledged
Bond in the Penalty of four thousand pounds with condition according to Law
And thereby caused the other Executors therein named to qualify when they
shall think proper

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Wm. C. S.