

I am now to leave home and bound to the sea  
 I not return my Will and desire is that all my  
 possessions real, personal and moveable remain in the  
 possession of my Wife Jane Stewart, for her use and  
 benefit during her life or Widowhood after death or  
 marriage and equal division to be made among  
 my Children except my daughter Eliza Stewart to be  
 give one bed and furniture and two Cows which  
 have delivered and one equal distribution I desire  
 to be equally divided among Eliza Stewart Children  
 to remain in her possession for use and benefit  
 her life decembling Joseph S. Stewart any claim or  
 make any sale for any debt whatever

Witness I have set my hand and seal  
 this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord  
 Eighteen hundred & forty two

Chas Stewart

Contract County bond

May term A. D. 1844.

The Within last Will and testament of Charles Stewart, was  
 offered for probate & in being made appear to the Judge  
 of the Court that said last Will was found among the  
 papers of the deceased, and it further appearing to the  
 Court by the oaths of Hayes Chadwick, Benjamin Chadwick  
 and Samuel Luffus three credible witnesses, that the said  
 will is and in the handwriting of the said Charles Stewart  
 whose name is subscribed thereto, it is considered by the  
 Court that the said paper writing is the last Will and  
 testament of the said Charles Stewart and said will  
 filed & ordered to be registered according to law

Ed. Rumby

In the Name of God Amen, I Thaddeus Chadwick of  
 the County of ~~...~~ State of North Carolina being of  
 sound mind and memory desiring to make  
 and declare this my last Will and Testament in  
 manner and form as follows

1<sup>st</sup> I give to my Wife Mary Chadwick the house and  
 Plantation whereon I now live and all my lands on  
 Beany Island my household and kitchen furniture one  
 Yoke of Oxen & last two Cows and Calves one piglet boat  
 one Cannon and three fourths of a Muttet drum, and she  
 the said Mary Chadwick is to pay my funeral charges  
 and other debts should them be any

2<sup>nd</sup> my desire is that my Real Estate be sold and the  
 proceeds be equally divided between my two sons  
 David and Samuel Chadwick and my daughter  
 Elizabeth Royal to them and their heirs forever

3<sup>rd</sup> I give to my son David and Samuel all my Stock  
 and all my Real Estate to be equally divided between them

4<sup>th</sup> my desire is that my Wife shall have a Negro  
 Woman named Ann during her natural life and  
 after her decease to be equally divided between my  
 two sons David and Samuel and my daughter Eliza  
 Royal.

5<sup>th</sup> my desire is that my Wife in addition to what  
 I have given her above shall have all my Notes and  
 bills that I hold against individuals and to be cover  
 two to her own use

I hereby appoint as my Executor to this my last  
 Will and Testament my son in law Edw. Royal. In  
 Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
 seal this 20<sup>th</sup> of June one thousand eight hundred  
 & forty eight

In presence of  
 Thaddeus Chadwick  
 Edw. Royal  
 R. B. Royal

Carters County Court

August Term A. D. 1844

The within last Will of Thaddeus Shadwick dec'd was duly proved in open Court by the oath of several of the subscribing witnesses & the same being proved that he believed the signature of the testator to be in his own proper hand writing, ordered said Will, to be recorded.

Signed J. H. Roubly

In the name of God Amen I Esther Gaskie being of an advanced age but of sound mind and memory this being my last Will and testament August 29<sup>th</sup> 1843 I lend to my daughter Abigail all my property during her life and after her decease to be equally divided amongst the heirs of her body.

Esther Gaskie her X mark

Martin J. Murphy  
Elijah Davis

Carters County Court

August Term A. D. 1844

The above last Will of Esther Gaskie dec'd. was proved in open Court and in due form of law by the oath of Martin J. Murphy and Elijah Davis the subscribing witnesses & the same being proved and ordered to be recorded.

Signed J. H. Roubly

A true Copy.

State of North Carolina

Be it remembered that before the Justice of the Peace of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for Carters County at the Court house in Beaufort on the third Monday in February A. D. 1844. that Jesse B. Davis and Isaac Davis executors of James Davis dec'd by their Attorney Isaac Helled came into Court and offered for probate a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the said James Davis, which said paper writing is hereto annexed. Whereupon the defendants Isaac M. Davis and Martin C. Davis and David M. Davis by their Attorney James M. Eason also came into Court and filed their caveat to the probate of said paper writing as the last will and testament of James Davis dec'd, and at said term of said Court it is ordered that an issue be made up to try the validity of said last will and testament by a Jury. Whereupon the said issue is made up and it is ordered by the Court that either party take depositions on giving ten days notice defendants to take their depositions at James of Samuel B. Davis on the Straits on the 18<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> days of March next, to be read in evidence in this Court, and the said Court is continued until the May term A. D. 1844 of said Court the said parties Plaintiff by Jesse B. Davis and Isaac Davis Executors of James Davis dec'd by their Attorney Isaac Helled, and the defendants Isaac M. Davis Martin C. Davis and David M. Davis by their Attorney James M. Eason, and a Jury of good and lawful men viz. John L. Larriman, Abram Egger, William Miller Junr, Thomas C. Mason, James Hancock, Peter Nor, Thomas Roberts, Thomas J. Freshwater, John Artator, William F. Bell, Jacob Chambers & Allen Davis - being sworn and sworn law to try the said issue by whether the said paper writing now offered be and is the last will and testament of James Davis dec'd. Find that the paper writing offered for probate to be the last will and testament of James Davis dec'd.