

In the name of God Amen, I Matthew Stewart of the
 County of Mecklenburg & State of N. Carolina being in my
 ordinary state of health (Thanks be to God for it) & calling to
 mind the Mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed
 for all men once to die, I do make & Ordain this my last
 will & Testament, And first of all I give my soul into the
 hands of the Almighty God that gave it & my body I recommend
 to the Earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion
 of my Executors, & as touching such worldly affairs where in
 it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and
 devise of the same in the following manner & forms follows
 First of all I desire that all my lawfull debts may be paid
Here It is my will & pleasure that my beloved wife Elizabeth
 shall have all the property of every kind that she brought
 with her when we was married with all my little & it my
 desire that my wife may have the use of one, rather be it one
 small part with the use of the plantation I live on during
 her natural life time & after her death it is my desire that
 William McCall & Samuel Black shall have the land equally
 divided between them, and likewise it is my desire that
 all the remainder of my property of every kind shall be
 Equally divided between my two son in laws said William
 McCall & Samuel Black. & further all the remainder of my
 Children that I have not bequeathed any part of my
 Estate to Viz Henry, William, James & Nelson Stewart
 Together with my daughter Sarah Colborn. I look upon it
 that I have already conveyed & made over unto them their
 full part on my Estate & likewise my son John I have man-
 aged to give all the part I allow him; and I do hereby
 constitute & appoint my son in law Samuel Black to
 be my sole Executor to this my last will & Testament & because
 by me made willed & bequeathed before Ratifying & confirming
 this & no other to be my last will & Testament, In Witness
 whereof the said Matthew Stewart hath hereunto set his
 hand & affixed his seal this 26th day of January 1868.

Witnessed & attested by the said Matthew Stewart to be his last
 Testament in the presence of each other hath hereunto set our names & day
 of month & year
 Matthew Stewart
 James Stewart