

## Joseph Stewart will

In the name of god Amen, I Joseph Stewart of the County of Moore and State of North Carolina, being in sound mind and memory do make publish and declare the following to be my last will and Testament.

I hereby nominate and appoint my wife to be the whole & sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament. My will is that my said Executrix, sell such part of my property at such time, and such Credit as she may think proper, and collect my debts and after paying my debts, and the cost that may arise against my Estate, my will further is that, that my seven living children to-wit, Henry Stewart, George Stewart, Sallie McNeill, Drury Stewart, Rebecca Smith, Eliza Stewart and Mary Ann McPherson shall have of my Estate to the amount of ten cents each. My will further is that my wife shall hold all my Estate during her natural life, to dispose of as she may think proper at her death.

Witness my hand and seal the nineteenth of February one thousand eight hundred and sixty four

Signed in presence of  
J. Dalrymple  
John Dalrymple

The word my underlined in two places  
the word in, underlined underlined once

North Carolina, County of Moore & State of N. C.  
Moore County } October Term 1867

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Joseph Stewart deceased is exhibited for probate by Mary Stewart the Executrix therein named and due Execution thereof by the said Joseph Stewart was duly proved by the oaths of John Dalrymple & Arch. Dalrymple the subscribing witnesses thereto, and it is therefore considered by the Court, that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last and Testament of the said Joseph Stewart and the same is ordered to be recorded, and filed and the said Mary Stewart the Executrix therein named duly qualified as such by taking the oath prescribed by Law,  
A. H. McNeill c.c.c