

my loving & dear Wife my sole Executrix & Administratrix of this my last Will & Testament. And I hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all & every other former Testaments Wills Legacies Bequests and Executors by me in any ways before named made and be-
-quainted ratifying & confirming this for other to be my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal the Day & Year above written.

Signed sealed published pronounced

and declared by the said James
Strong as his last Will and
In the presence of us
the Subscribers

James H. Strong
Mark

Mary O. Strong
Mark

Mary Strong
Mark

James H. Strong
Mark

1767 In the Name of God Amen. I Peter Smith of the Parish Luke &
County of Rowan & Province of North Carolina being sick & weak
in Body but of strong sound & disposing Memory Thanks be to
almighty God for the same, and be well assured that it is appointed
for all men to die & knowing that it is fit & necessary for to make
a proper Disposition of what worldly Estate God has been pleased
to bestow me with in this Life I therefore make ordain and establish
this & no other to be my last Will & Testament And therefore I do
recommand and resign my soul into the hands of almighty God
who gave it me and my Body to the Earth to be buried in a decent
manner according to the Discretion of my Executors hereafter
named and as to my worldly Estate I give & bequeath in manner
in & to the following. I give & bequeath unto my beloved
Wife one good paring of Dining room in my house

feather Bed & furniture two Cows & Charrs an Iron Pot and drying
box her own riding saddle my Tea Kettle two pewter Basins &
six plates to her & her Heir or Assigns forever. With I do hereby
order my Executors that in a convenient Time after my Decease
to make sale of all my Land Goods & Chattels wherewith I am now pos-
-sessed of or shall be at my Decease except what I have reserved to my
Wife as before mentioned to be equally divided my Children as follows.
Viz. George, Peter, John, Margret, Mary, Susanna, Elizabeth, Magdalen
and my Grandchildren begotten in the Body of her my Captain by John
Stamps deceased Viz. John George Peter, Barbara & Susanna. That
that is to say the whole Remainder after deducting first one third
part out for the use of my said Wife to be divided into nine parts
by equal portions amongst my said Children and Grandchildren as
above mentioned The Part & Share that may happen to my said
Grandchildren to be equally divided by my said Executors between
them or the Survivors of them the whole to be paid out to Interest for
them till the time they shall arrive at lawful age or marry. And in
case that Christopher Knutzen should never before my said Grand-
Children arrive to age that my said Executors pay unto her my said
Wife of said Knutzen one half part of such Money as will
be coming to my said Grandchildren that is to say one half part
of what may remain, unappropriated or given before to my said
Wife and Children at any Time after the Decease of the said Christopher
Knutzen. I do hereby request my said Executors to put that Part or Share
that may happen to come to my son John in Interest to receive &
Return the same in his own hand until he shall marry or otherwise
dispose himself in a regular & industrious Manner. I wish and desire
that my said Executors shall pay all my lawful Debts that may
remain due at my Decease before any Division may be made
of my said Estate & in case my said should decease single & die
that what Part of my said Estate that may Remain in her
Hand at her Decease may be equally divided between my said

152 by even & equal portions. And in case that my son Peter
should be cast in a suit commenced by Margaret Keefe
against him in the Superior Court of Salisbury that all
Costs & Damages that shall in any wise come to him in
said suit to be paid out by my Executors out of that Part
or Share that shall or may happen to fall to my son
I then out of my said Estate. And I do hereby nominate
constitute & appoint my trusty Friend James Carson &
my beloved Son George Smith & Charles Matton Executors
of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking & re-
voking & making void all former Wills be made testifying
and confirming this and no other to be my last Will &
Testament in which whereof I have hereunto set my
Hand & Sale this nineteenth Day of September 1770.

Signed sealed declared & pronounced
in the presence of us who in the said
Peter Smiths Presence & at his Re-
quest have signed our names as

Witness
mark

Nathaniel James Carson

Rachel Hamton

Nancy M. Dunn
mark

John Dunn

1770 In the Name of God Amen. I Samuel Stewart being weak in Body
in perfect Mind and Memory Thanks be to God for it & knowing it to ap-
point me for all men once to die I make & appoint this my last Will
and Testament. First I commit my Soul to almighty God that gave
it & my Body to the Earth to be buried in a decent christian manner
at the Discretion of my Executors Item I give & bequest all my im-
mortal Estate to my well beloved Wife Lizzy Stewart to use & dispose of
at her own Discretion. Item I give & bequest the Forepart or Part of
Land I now live on to my Son Joseph Stewart and my Son Benjamin
Stewart to be equally divided in Quantity & Quality and I do con-
stitute and appoint my Son David Stewart & my Son Samuel Stewart
and my Son John Stewart to be my Executors. I have hereunto set my
Hand this the 20th day of August 1770.

Elizabeth + Winseat
mark

Purpose for a record
mark

Samuel Stewart
mark

1770 In the Name of God Amen! Whereas I whose name is under-
-lined, am at present sick in Body, & considering & confiding with
myself, how that all men are mortal, & that having passed already
a good Part of my life, it might perhaps be soon my Turn, have
therefore in this my Will, yet with good & sound understanding
determined to make my last Will and Testament how it is to be kept
with regard to my temporal Estate, and that as follows.
First I recommend my Soul to God, and my Body to the Earth to be buried in an honest
and christian like manner. I give my Will that all out-
-standing be called in, & that all debts which I owe be paid.
I give my Will that my Wife & my Son David Stewart after my