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I give to my son James the other half of the above
Tract of land which I now hold as aforesaid but not
to come into his possession until the Death of my
said Wife but shall be his property and remain in
her possession during her lifetime unless she please to
give it to him sooner. And I do appoint my Wife Mary
and my son Jacob and make them Executors of this
my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day
of January Anno Domini 1779. Test. published and
delivered by the above named Isaac Wiseman for
and as his last Will and Testament in the presence

of us Abel Moore X Isaac Wiseman Esq.
Thomas White
Charity White
mark

In the name of God Amen I William Stuart of Rowan
and Province of North Carolina Planter being very sick and
weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be
given unto God calling to mind the mortality of my body
and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die
do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament
That is to say and first of all, I give and recommend

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my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it
and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried
in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Ex-
ecutors not doubting but at the general resurrection
I shall receive the same again by the mighty power
of God and as touching such worldly Estate where-
with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I
give devise and Dispose of the same in the follow-
ing manner and form, First I give and bequeath
to my dearly beloved Wife Elizabeth Stuart whom
I make constitute and ordain my sole Executrix
of this my last Will and Testament all and sing-
ular my lands tenements and Messuages by her
and my Children jointly to be possessed and enjoyed
without any Divisions distributions or the like during
the Minority of my two youngest Children namely
William and Thomas Stuart whom when of age
I allow and order in this my last Will and Testament
that my Estate may be equally distributed and divided
between and betwixt my Children and Wife giving
each party an equal share, untill which time I
request that they all may continue together in
the same Unity as hitherto, except in case of

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Marriage or the like lawful cause of absence. When
the Party so vacating or betaking himself away
from the family or Jurisdiction of his mother, here
they is or are to get his or their share in proportion
to one or either of the Test and in case of death the
Survivor or Survivors so happening is by this my last
Will prohibited from bequeathing any part of
said Estate — out of the family untill the
time of distribution abovementioned the said Eliza-
beth Stewart to have the sole management of all
affairs all and every of the children to be ruled
by her untill said time of distribution, I further
allow my Oldest son Robert Stewart and Hugh Penny
to assist the said Elizabeth my Wife in the manage-
ment distribution &c of said Estate, but nothing to be
contrary to said Elizabeths will, whom I appoint
as chief till my said time of distribution, at which
time she is to get her equal share, either in the state
of Widowhood or otherwise, I further allow my Mother
Ann Stewart her maintenance of said Estate
her life time and also a Christian decent burial
And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and
disannull all and every other former testament

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Wills legacies, bequests and Executions
in any ways before named Willed and
bequeathed Ratifying and confirming this
and no other to be my last Will and Tes-
tament in witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this second day of
April in the sixth Year of our Independence
and in the Year of our Lord Christ 1781. Be
it known further that I allow my younger
Children to be educated out of said Estate that
to read and write &c Signed Sealed published
pronounced and declared by the said Robert
Stewart as his last Will and Testament in
the presence of us who in his presence and
in the presence of each other have hereunto
Subscribed Names

Edward Tray

William Lock

Andrew Allison

William Stewart



In the name of God Amen I George Fleming
of the State of North Carolina and County of
Rowan for man, being sick of body but of a