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## *Stewart County, Tennessee Abstracts of Settlements, Wills and Bonds, 1804 – 1896*

by Jim Long

**Description:** This 385-page book abstracts Stewart County's 18 earliest surviving Settlements and Bonds books, covering the period 1804-1896. These are the most genealogically-rich county records, and are sometimes called the "will books". Transactions recorded in the Settlements and Bonds books included, but were not limited to:

- wills
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- emancipation bonds
- county officers bonds
- administrators' and executors' bonds
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- poor house commissioners' reports

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- an 1820 deposition, taken at the future site of Memphis, describing the land at the mouth of Wolf River in the 1790's
- district boundaries as established in the 1836 division of Stewart County into civil districts

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**About the Compiler:** Jim Long has been doing genealogical work in Stewart County records for more than 30 years. He is a part-time volunteer at the Stewart County Archives, and is the County Coordinator of the TNGenWeb Stewart County Genealogy web site (<http://www.tngenweb.org/stewart/>). He has previously published *Stewart County Tennessee Marriages Revisited, 1804-1881*, *Stewart County, Tennessee Circuit Court Minutes, Vol. 1 & 1A* and *Stewart County, Tennessee Tax Lists, 1804-1840*, all of which are also available from the Stewart County Archives.

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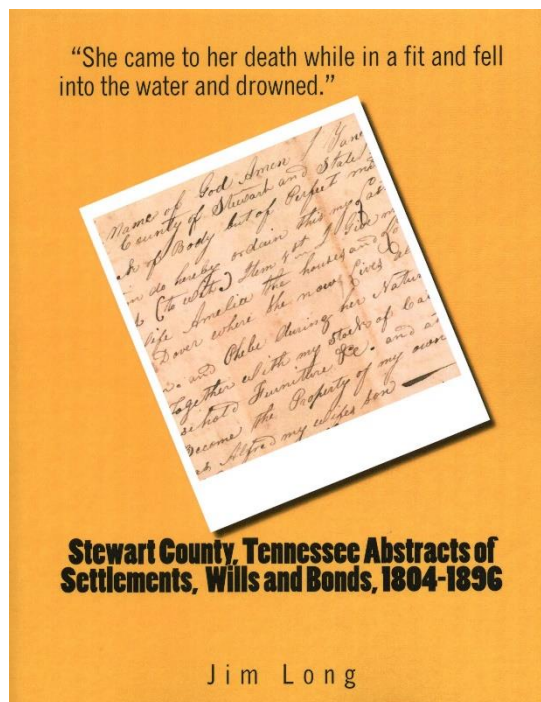
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