

Thomas J. Stewart  
(1845-1936)

Professor Thomas J. Stewart, one of the founders of Rider College, passed away at his home in Trenton, New Jersey, on January 20. He was 91 years of age.

Mr. Stewart and Mr. William B. Hammond opened the Stewart & Hammond School in 1883. In 1885 Mr. Stewart became sole owner and continued the institution under the name of the Stewart Business College until 1901, when his school was merged with the Rider-Moore Business School, which had been organized by Professor A. J. Rider in 1865. There were several changes in the Rider branch before it became merged with the Stewart branch.

Professors John E. Gill and Frank B. Moore assumed the management in 1901, and in 1921 the college was reincorporated as Rider College, an eleemosynary, endowed institution operated by a Board of Trustees. The college has grown in enrollment and in increased and improved courses until it stands today as a leading institution in the field of advanced commercial education.

Mr. Stewart was a master penman having studied under Mr. Flickinger, of Philadelphia, and his school was ranked among the best.

His students have been loyal to him through the years, the Stewart Alumni Association holding annual meetings in his honor.