

Will, NC, Craven, Harding Jones 1759

Rhode Island

In the name of God Amen.

I **HARDING JONES** of Craven County in North Carolina, gentleman, being weak and sickly, but of sound mind and disposing memory, to make this my last will and testament in the Manner and form following that is to say.

IMPRIMIS. I give and bequeath to my daughter, **MARY [WHITING] JONES**, a tract of land lying on the South side of Trent river, in North Carolina between Island Creek and Ransom Creek, which land was taken up by my father, **FREDERICK JONES** Esquire. Also my land lying between Island Creek and Reedy branch.

ITEM. I give to my loving wife, **MARY JONES**, a tract of land containing 413 acres by Patent bearing date November 21st one thousand seven hundred and twenty nine (1729), lying on Brice's Creek and the lands of **RICHARD SPAIGHT** Esquire, and the plantation,, formerly my brother's, between said lands ... wife five Negroes ???, MYRA, ???, SYRUS, and TOM.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter, **MARY JONES**, these Negroes following: DANIEL, SARAH and her child DOLLY, PEG and her child SARAH, DAN, SOLOMON, LUCY, BIDDEFORD and LONDON

ITEM. I give and bequeath to my honored mother the use of the plantation and house given me by my brother, **FREDERICK JONES**, during her natural life and no longer. And after her death I give and bequeath to said lands to my daughter.

It is also my will and desire that the house and lot, given me by my brother in Newbern town, be sold to pay my debts.

It is also my will and desire that all my lands lying in Tyrrell and Hyde counties be sold by my executors, who am I hereby authorize and empower so to do. £500 Proclamation money arising from the sale of said lands I desire to be laid out in Negros, the use of which Negroes I give to my honored mother during her natural life. After the death of my mother I give the said Negroes to the children of my uncle **JEREMIAH VAIL**, Esquire.

And £200 more of the said money arising from the sale of said lands I give to my wife.

And the remainder to be equally divided between the children of my uncle **THOMAS JONES**, of Cape Fear, and the children of my uncles **JOHN [VAIL]** and **EDWARD VAIL** Esquire.

And in case my daughter should die before she arrived at full age or marriage then my will and desire is that what I have here in given her should go to my mother before and during her natural life. And after her decease to be divided equally between the children of my uncle **THOMAS JONES**, of Cape Fear, and the children of my uncles **JOHN** and **EDWARD VAIL**.

Also I give my family pictures and Coats of Arms to the eldest son of my uncle **THOMAS JONES**.

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My will and desire is that after my debts are paid all the remainder of my estate not heretofore mentioned either bonds, notes, accounts, stock of hogs cattle ??? divided between my wife and daughter.

And further my will and desire is that my wife be guardian to my daughter, and as such to improve and receive the profit of my said daughter's estate.

And I hereby constitute and appoint **EDMUND HATCH, MARY MOORE,** and **JOSEPH LEACH,** of Craven County aforesaid, the executives of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and a knowing all former wills and Testaments.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in Middletown in Rhode Island aforesaid on the 11th day of April 1759.

HARDING JONES {seal}

N. B. the words in Rhode Island in the second line from the bottom interlined before signing.

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the testator to be his last will and testament in the presence of us

JOHN WHITING
WELTHIAN WELLES
EZRA STILES

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On the said 11th day of April 1759, I, the said **HARDING JONES**, add this codicil to my last will and testament.

Whereas I have reason to think that my wife is pregnant.

Now if she proves with child, and it should be born before or after my decease, my will is that all the estate that I have given to my daughter **MARY** be equally divided between them, my said children, and he saying whatever in my said last will to the contrary, notwithstanding, and that my wife be guardian to my said youngest child, as well as to my said daughter **MARY**, and as guardian hold, improve, and receive the profits of the said estate I have given them.

And testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of April 1759, in Middleton Rhode Island aforesaid.

HARDING JONES {seal}

Signed Sealed published and declared in the presence ...

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To his last will in the presence of

JOHN WHITING
WELTHIAN WELLES
EZRA STILES

The Reverend Mr. **EZRA** ...
... the above and foregoing ...
... Town Council in Mid ...
Rhode Island, August ?? 1759 and on ...
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and foregoing instru ...
Testament and that ...
mind and memory a ...
captain **WHITING** ...
at the same time in ...
a witness

Attest **JOHN** ...

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The within will was exhibited in the said town council in Middleton August 4th 1759 which was proved and approved of according to law.

Attest **JOHN BARKER**, Court Clerk

Recorded in Middleton August 9th 1759 Middleton in the colony of Rhode Island
February 13th 1760

Personally appeared Mr. **JOHN WHITING** and Mr. **WELTHIAN WELLES** two of the witnesses to the within will and on solemn engagement declared that they saw **HARDING JONES** the within named testator signed, sealed, and pronounced the within written instrument to be his last will and testament and that he was then of his perfect mind and memory and that they together with Mr. **EZRA STILES** at the same time in his presence signed as witness.

The will of **HARDING JONES** recorded in book number 37, Pages ...

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