

Will, NC, Northampton, ROBERT JONES 1764

In the name of God Amen.

April 6th 1764.

I **ROBERT JONES** Jr. of the county of Northampton in the province of North Carolina, attorney at law, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, thanks to almighty God, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say:

FIRST I bequeath my soul to almighty God that gave it hoping for the remission of my sins, this his mercy by the advocacy and mediatorship of my our blessed savior Jesus Christ, and my body to the earth to be decently interred, and to such worldly estate as it has pleased the almighty God of his great goodness to commit to my stewardship I give and dispose of as follows:

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath unto my wife **MARY [JONES]** the plantation and land where on I now live, being the same I purchased of **SAMUEL DOLLING**, also 200 acres of land that I purchased of **FRANCIS JONES**, and the land I purchased of **THOMAS BOBBITT**, all situate in the Occoneechee neck and containing in the whole 840 acres, more or less, which said Plantation and lands I give and devise to the said **MARY** for and during the term of her natural life / She committing no waste / in lien and satisfaction of her reasonable dower of and in all the lands, tenements and hereditaments whereof I have been seized at any time since my intermarriage with her, and from and immediately after the decease of said **MARY** or other determination of her estate in the said Plantation and lands, I give and devise the same, and the provision and provisions, remainder and remainders thereof unto my son **WILLIAM JONES** his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my said wife **MARY** during the term of her natural life, and no longer, and upon the express condition hereinafter mentioned, and not otherwise, my twelve negro slaves, named as follows, to wit: AMARA the son of TESS, BETTY, SCILLA's daughter, NED, THEELLOW, BOB, HARRY, BEN, SAWYER, NED, BELLA, AMY, NATHAN, MELINDA and BILLY, her son.

AND immediately after the decease of my said wife I give and bequeath the said negro girl AMARA with all such increase as she shall have after my decease unto my son **WILLIE JONES**, his heirs and assigns for ever.

AND immediately after the decease of my said wife, as aforesaid, I give and bequeath the other aforementioned eleven slaves, with all their future increase, unto my two sons **ALLEN [JONES]** and **WILLIE** equally between them to be divided, share and share alike. But my will and meaning is, that if my said wife shall shall refuse to take and accept the plantation and lands herein before given in lien and full satisfaction of her dower in all the lands whereof I have been seized of at any time since my intermarriage with her, or shall offer to sue or disturb either of my sons, or any person to whom I have sold any lands, for dower, in my lands which they or any of them hold or claim by title from or under me, that from and immediately after such refusal, suing or disturbing, the aforesaid legacy of my twelve Negro slaves, herein bequeathed to my said wife, shall cease "determine" and become utterly void and that there and from there forth I bequeath the said negro girl AMARA with all her future increase unto my son **WILLIE**, his heirs and assigns forever, and the other eleven Negroes with all their future increase unto my two sons **ALLEN** and **WILLIE** equally to be divided between them, share and share alike.

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ITEM I give and bequeath to my said wife my chariot and chariot horses, two yoke of oxen, a cart, the horse commonly called hers, or Roanoke, three good work horses and a likely breeding mare, thirty head of black cattle of different ages and sizes, forty head of hogs, and twenty sheep, ploughs and utensils of husbandry for making a crop the first year after my decease, and provision for herself, Negroes & stocks, until she shall have made a crop to support herself and family. Also one equal third part of all my household and kitchen furniture, plates excepted, which shall be on my manor plantation at the time of my decease, and all the fowls and likewise liberty of grinding her grist toll free during her natural life at either of my mills. Some, perhaps, will be surprised at this provision I have made for my wife, but I best know my own circumstances, and indeed was my estate larger than it is, her conduct has been so void of the duties enjoined by the conjugal estate and the injuries she has done me and so many and so great that I am conscious that this provision far exceeds her merit.

ITEM I give and devise to my son **ALLEN** the land I purchased of **WILLIAM LITTLE** now the possession of the said **ALLEN** and myself, one hundred acres bought of **ROBERT SIMS**, and the lands I bought of **THOMAS PARKER** and **JEREMIAH SMITH**, all situate in the Occoneechee Neck and containing in the whole two thousand six hundred and ten acres, more or less, my water Grist mill on Wheeler's Mill Swamp and seven hundred and thirty acres of land, more or less, there belonging my plantation and tract of land on Meherrin River in Brunswick County Virginia containing seventeen hundred and sixty acres, more or less, and my tract of four hundred acres of pine woodland situate in the said county of Brunswick, all which several tracts and parcels of land, tenements and hereditaments I give and devise unto my said son **ALLEN** his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **ALLEN** my negro wench AGGAI, whom I had with my wife with all her future increase, and also all my silver plate to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and devise to my son **WILLIE** my lands purchased of **JAMES EXUM**, **JOHN WILLIAMS** and the two sides consisting of four tracts and containing in the whole eleven hundred and eighty nine acres, more or less, and situate in Northampton County my water Grist Mill and Saw Mill and lands which I purchased of **BARNABY MCKINNIE**, situate in Halifax County and containing eleven hundred and thirty acres, more or less, and my four late situate and on and joining to the Main Street of Halifax Town, also my small tract of forty acres of land situate on the southern side of the Roanoke River opposite to my Manor Plantation in the said County of Halifax all which several lands, lots, tenements and hereditaments I give and devise to my said son **WILLIE**, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my said son **WILLIE** my negro boy EPHRAIM, son of HANNAH, also eight hundred & fifty pounds proclamation money to be raised out of the Negroes, stocks, corn & utensils of husbandry at my plantations in Virginia.

ITEM I give and devise to my son **ALLEN** my three lots in HALIFAX TOWN joining to the public lots whereon my office stands to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **MARTHA [JONES GILCHRIST]**, wife of **THOMAS GILCHRIST**, two Negroes slaves now in possession of the said **THOMAS**, to wit, PHILLY and SCILLA, to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

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ITEM I give and bequeath to my said son-in-law and daughter each a mourning ring of two guineas in show of my paternal affection.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my friend **JOSEPH JOHN ALSTON** in consideration for his pains and care in assisting my two sons in the execution of this, my last will and in testimony of that invaluable friendship which I leave him a mourning ring of two guineas value.

ITEM It is my will and desire that the amount of the sales of all my lands situate in the counties of Chowan, Orange and Granville, which were entered in the names of **THOMAS BARKER, NICHOLAS EDMUNDS, JAMES JONES, DAVID JONES** and myself be settled and adjusted and after deducting two and a half for cost of Mr. **WELDON**'s trouble in make sale of them, the quit rents which I have paid and are chargeable with for the said lands and other disbursements concerning them, I give and bequeath one fifth part of this balance which appear to be due on account to my friend **THOMAS BARKER** and one other fifth thereof to my friend **NICHOLAS EDMUNDS**; but the monies which they have already received afore or amount of their interest in said lands is first to be deducted out of their said fifths.

ITEM it is my will and desire that the amount of the sales of all my lands at the said counties which were entered in the names of **ROBERT FOUTER, THOMAS BARKER** myself and others in company be settled and adjusted and after deducting two and a half as cost for Mr. **WELDON**'s troubles in making sale of them, the quit rents which I have paid and are chargeable with for the said lands and other disbursements considering them, I give and bequeath one fifth part of this balance appear to be due on such account to my said friends **THOMAS BARKER** and **NICHOLAS EDMUNDS** each; but the monies which they have already received of me on account of their interest in said lands is first to be deducted out of their said fifths.

ITEM I give and bequeath to **WILLIAM WYNNE** of Virginia one fifth part of the said past mentioned balance after deducting the value of the lands by me already conveyed to him, out of his said fifth part of this said balance.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my wife **MARY [JONES]** the silver spoons which her father gave me.

ITEM All the rest and residue of my estate, both real and personal not before not specifically disposed of, of what nature or quality soever, after payment of my just debts, I bequeath unto my sons **ALLEN [JONES]** and **WILLIE JONES** equally between them to be divided, share and share alike, to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I do constitute, appoint and ordain my friend Joseph John Alston and my two sons **ALLEN [JONES]** and **WILLIE JONES** jointly and severally executors of this my last and testament and hereby do revoke, disannul and make utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore make.

ITEM it is my will and desire that neither my children nor any other person go into mourning upon my decease and that my funeral be decent without any pomp according to the form prescribed by the Church of England and that on the occasion a few friends only, whom as my life I most esteemed, and by whom I was most respected be assembled to attend my obsequies.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

ROBERT JONES Junr. {seal}

Signed, sealed, published, declared and pronounced by the said **ROBERT JONES** Junr. as his last will and testament in presence of us.

W. FERGUSON
JAMES DAVEY
THOMAS WILBOURN

I **ROBERT JONES** Junr. of Northampton County, attorney at law, do this fourteenth day of September in the year 1766 make and publish this my codicil to my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say, I give and devise my tract of land containing 615 acres bought of **GEORGE LAMBKINS** in Bute county to my daughter **ELIZABETH [JONES]**. Also I give & bequeath to my said daughter from & immediately after the decease of my wife **MARY** my twelve negro slaves herein before mentioned (viz): ANNICA the seamstress, BETTY, SULLAS, daughter, NED THELLOW, BOB, HARY, BEN, SAWYER, NED, BELLA, AMY, NATHAN, MALINDA & BILLY her son, the said land & Negroes to my said daughter, her heirs & assigns forever on this express condition, nevertheless & my will & meaning is that if my said daughter shall depart this life before she arrives at the age of twenty one years, or marry, or if my said wife **MARY** shall refuse to take & except the plantation & lands herein before given her in lieu & satisfaction of her dower in all the lands whereof I have been seized of at any time since my intermarriage with her, or shall offer to sue or disturb either of my sons, or any person to whom I have sold my lands for dower in my lands which they or any of them hold or claim by title from under me, them from & immediately after my said daughter **ELIZABETH** so dying or my said wife **MARY** making such refusal suing or disturbing as aforesaid, the said legacy of 615 acres of land bought of **GEORGE LAMBKINS** & twelve slaves before named, herein divided & bequeathed to my said daughter **ELIZABETH** shall cease, determine & become utterly void, & then & from thenceforth, I give the said negro wench ANNICA with her increase to my son **WILLIE**, his heirs & assigns forever and the other eleven Negroes & the said 615 acres of land I give & devise to my two sons **ALLEN** & **WILLIE** equally between them to be divided, share & share alike, to them, their heirs & assigns forever.

It is my will & desire that my wife **MARY** shall be guardian to my said daughter **ELIZABETH**, but if my said wife shall die before my said daughter shall arrive at the age of twenty one, then I appoint my son **ALLEN** her guardian.

ITEM I give & devise to my son **WILLIE** three hundred acres of land in Occoneechee Neck which I lately bought of **HENRY JONES** & five hundred & odd acres of land in Bute County for which I bargained with **SOLOMON ALSTEN** Junr. But have not gotten a title thereto, which lands I give to my said son **WILLIE**, his heirs & assigns forever.

ITEM I give & bequeath my Mulatto slave AUSTIN to my son **WILLIE**, his heirs & assigns forever.

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ITEM I give & bequeath unto my son **WILLIE** all my English household furniture, plate excepted, which is before given to my son **ALLEN**, to remain in & pass to him with my house in Occoneechee to him and his heirs & assigns forever & it is my express will & desire that all the rest of my furniture of whatever nature or kind soever shall be sold & the money applied toward payment of my debts.

ITEM all the rest & residue of my estate, both real & personal, of what nature or kind soever, not before specifically disposed of after payment of my just debts. I give & bequeath unto my two sons **ALLEN** & **WILLIE** equally between them to be divided, share & share alike to them, their heirs & assigns forever.

LASTLY it is my will & desire that this present codicil be annexed to & made part of my last will & testament to all intent & purposes.

In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seal this twentieth day of September 1766.

ROBERT JONES Junr.

Signed, sealed, published by the said **ROBERT JONES** Junr. As a codicil to his will in the presence of:

WILL CATHEART
PHILEMON HAWKINS
NATHANIEL JONES
RICHARD FAIRES

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November Court 1766

The preceding will of **ROBERT JONES** Junr., deceased, was exhibited into court & proven by the oaths of **JAMES DAVEY & THOMAS WILBOURN** subscribing witnesses thereto, also the codicil of the said **ROBERT JONES** Junr. To the said will annexed was proven by the oaths of **NATHANIEL JONES & RICHARD FRAIR** subscribing witnesses thereto. At the same time **JOSEPH JOHN ALSTEN, ALLEN JONES & WILLIE JONES** were qualified as executors thereof, which was ordered to be certified & recorded.

Teste

WILLIE JONES, Cct