

**Will, NC, Orange, FRANCIS JONES 1841**

In the name of God Amen.

I, **FRANCIS JONES**, late of the county of Chatham but now of the town of Hillsborough in the County of Orange and state of North Carolina, being of advanced age, and feeble of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory to make and declare the following to be my last will and testament.

I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Dr. **JAMES S. SMITH** of Hillsboro my Plantation in the county of Chatham called the road or Grove place on Pokeberry Creek adjoining the lands of **JOHN HACKNEY, JOSEPH BYRAM, JAMES KIRBY**, and others and containing from 2,000 to 2,700 acres of land, in trust for the sole use and benefit of my only child and daughter **DELIA SMITH**, wife of the said **JAMES S. SMITH**, for and during her natural life free from any right, title, or claim of the said **JAMES S. SMITH** or any person from or under him, or against any debt claim or demand of the said **JAMES S. SMITH** or any other person whatsoever. And at the death of the said **DELIA SMITH**, then I will and bequeath the said tract of land to my grandson Dr. **FRANCIS J. SMITH** and his lawful heirs.

Further I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Dr. **JAMES S. SMITH** the aforesaid my Plantation called the Flowers place in the county of Chatham on the Waters of New Hope and Bush Creek adjoining the lands of **ISAAC COLE, WILLIAM MERRITT** and others and composed of several original tracks and supposed to contain from 1,800 to 2,000 acres, in trust for the sole use and benefit of my daughter **DELIA SMITH**, wife of the said Dr. **JAMES S. SMITH** and no other and against any claim right or demand of the said **JAMES S. SMITH** or any person claiming in through or by him or against any claim right debt or demand against the said **JAMES S. SMITH** or any other person whatsoever for and during her natural life and at her death I give and bequeath the said Flowers tracked to my grandson **JAMES SIDNEY SMITH** and in the event of his death to his lawful heirs.

I furthermore give and bequeath to the said **JAMES S. SMITH**, my son-in-law, the following negro slaves to wit: **YELLOW JAMES, SIMON, SAMUEL, DEMPSEY, SEMPRY**, and all her children, **SALLY** and all her children, **ROSE** and all her children, **AMY** and all her children, **BETSY** and all her children, **MILLIE, HETTY** and **VIOLET** in trust for the sole use and benefit of my daughter **DELIA SMITH** and no other before and during her natural life and against all right title claim or demand of the said **JAMES S. SMITH** for himself or any person claiming by under or through him and against all debts claims and demands of said **JAMES S. SMITH** or any person who so ever. And at the death of the said **DELIA SMITH** I give and bequeath the said negro slaves and their increase to my three grandchildren **FRANCIS J. SMITH, JAMES SIDNEY SMITH, MARY R. SMITH** equally share and share alike and in the event of either of their deaths to their lawful heirs.

It is my will and request of my son-in-law Dr. **JAMES S. SMITH** that at his death he will give to my granddaughter **MARY R. SMITH** the plantation in Orange County on Price's Creek, which I conveyed to him by deed many years past.

Finally for any other purposes not set forth in the foregoing will I constitute and appoint the said **JAMES S. SMITH** my sole executor to this will.

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Given under my hand and seal this 8th day of February ad 1841.

**FRANCIS JONES** {seal}

Signed Sealed declared and delivered in the presence of

**A. PARKS**

**THOMAS FAWCETT**

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