

all of
Charity Jones { I, Charity Jones of the county of Bladen and
State of North Carolina being of sound mind
and memory but considering the uncertainty
of my earthly existence do make and declare
this my last Will and Testament in manner and
form following, that is to say:

1st That my executor (herein named) shall provide
for my body a decent burial suitable to the
wishes of my relations and friends and pay
all funeral expenses together with my just debts
howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys
that may first come into his hands as a part or
parcel of my estate.

2nd I give and bequeath to my brother Levi Jones one
bed, and bedstead and furniture, one painted chest
to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple
for ever.

3rd I give and devise to my brother Reuben Jones the
sum of one dollar to have and to hold to him,
his heirs, and executors, administrators and his
assigns to his and their use and behoof forever.

4th I give and bequeath to my brother Moses Jones
the sum of one dollar to have and to hold the
same to him and his heirs, execs, admors, and
assigns to his and their use + behoof forever.

5th I give and bequeath to my sister Elizabeth wife
of Philip Hester the sum of one dollar to have and to
hold the same to her and her execs, admors, + assigns
to her and their use and behoof forever.

6th I give and bequeath to my sister Lacey wife of
Lep. L. Brown the sum of one dollar to hold
the same to her and her execs, admors, to her and
their use and behoof forever.

7th I give and bequeath to my sister Ruth wife of
John B. Wayd one sidesaddle, also one third of
the stock of all kinds and crops or stock of pro-
visions that may be on hand at the time of my
death and one third of the cash or notes that
may be on hand in my estate after paying
all my debts, and necessary expenses
together with the legacies by me mentioned

in this will, also one third of the household and kitchen
furniture and working tools not otherwise disposed
of in this will, to have and to hold to her and to her heirs
in fee simple forever.

8th Whereas I hold certain notes against my niece Rhoda
A. Jones + said Rhoda A. Jones holds my bond for a title
to certain tracts or parcels of land lying on both sides
of Horse Pen Swamp, my will and desire is that if
Rhoda A. Jones or her heirs, execs, or admors, shall present
my bond to my execs, he shall give her the said
Rhoda A. Jones or her heirs, execs, admors, her notes and
make her (or them) a deed to the said land which shall
be as valid as if done by me in my lifetime.

9th I give and bequeath to my niece Martha Elizabeth
wife of Haynes Edwards all the land wherever I now
live and lying on the north side of Horse Pen Swamp
and on the East side of Big Swamp, said lands were
given to me by deed from my father Moses Jones, sen.,
and supposed to contain (400 acres) four hundred acres
except one hundred acres which was decided by
me to Haynes Edwards + wife Martha Elizabeth, also
thirty-four acres which is a part of one hundred
acres decided by me to Joel Hester + by Joel Hester
to Haynes Edwards which being deducted leaves
two hundred and sixty-six acres, also one bed-
stead and bed and furniture, one loom and all the
gear belonging thereto, one sidesaddle, also one third
of all the stock of all kinds or crop or stock of provis-
ions that may be on hand at the time of my death
also one third of the cash or notes that may be left of my
estate after paying all my debts and all necessary
expenses together with the legacies before mentioned
in this will, also one third of the household and kitchen
furniture and working tools not otherwise disposed
of in this will to have and to hold to her and her heirs
in fee simple forever.

10th I give and bequeath to my nephew Geo. H. Jones
one hundred acres of land lying northeast of
Spring Branch it being the upper half of a
two hundred acre survey granted to Eg-
rich Busby, also one hundred acres lying

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on Spring branch and known as the Bearly Place and
Hawpoint all of which was willed to me by my father
Moses Jones, sen, and the original grant will show the
corners of the first piece and the deed from Reuben Jones
to Moses Jones, sen, will give the corners of the second piece.
Also a bedstead and bed and furniture. My interest
which is a brandy still and fixtures, one-third of the
stock of all kinds and crops or stock of provisions
that may be on hand at the time of my death and one-
third of the cash or notes that may be left of my es-
tate after paying all my debts & all necessary ex-
penses and the legacies before mentioned in my
will, also one-third of the household and kitchen fix-
tures and cooking tools not otherwise disposed of
in this my will to have and to hold to him and his heirs
in fee simple forever.

11th My will and desire is that all the residue of my ef-
fects if any after taking out the devises and legacies
above mentioned shall be divided and paid over
to Ruth Ward, Martha E. Edwards and Geo. W. Jones
in equal portions share and share alike to them
and each of them, their heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns
absolutely and forever.

And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my nephew
Geo. W. Jones my lawful executor to all intents and
purposes to execute this my last will and testa-
ment according to the true intent and meaning
of the same and every part and clause thereof
thereby revoking and declaring utterly void
all other wills and testaments by me heretofore
made.

In witness whereof I the said Charity Jones do
hereunto set my hand and seal this the twelfth
day of February A.D. one thousand eight hun-
dred and sixty-two.
(12 of Feb'y 1862)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the
said Charity Jones to be her last will in the presence
of us who at her request do subscribe our names
as witnesses thereto. C. Monroe
Witness John M. Lennon

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Whereas I, Charity Jones have made my last will and
testament in writing being dated the 12th of Feb'y 1862 and
have thereby made sundry devises and bequeaths ac-
cording to the then existing circumstances but which cir-
cumstances having now materially changed I do by
this writing which I hereby declare to be a codicil to
my said will to be taken and construed as a part
thereof will and direct that whereas since the making
publishing of my last will and testament my brother
Levi Jones has died and my will and desire is that
my executor pay to his heirs the sum of one dollar only
and that the articles bequeathed to him Levi Jones in
my foregoing will - one bedstead and bed and furniture,
one painted chest - I now hereby give and devise to
my sister Ruth Ward, wife of John B. Ward to have and
to hold in addition to what I bequeathed to her in
my will. Also in my will mention was made and
of provision respecting certain notes which I then
held against my niece Rhoda A. Jones and a
bond which she held of mine. All the above affairs
are settled by me and my executor will have nothing
to do about it.

In testimony whereof I set my hand and seal
this February 5th A.D. 1876

Signed, sealed and declared by the said Charity Jones to be a
Codicil or part of her last will and testament in pres-
ence of us who at her request and in her pres-
ence do subscribe our names as witnesses.

Test: D. L. Singletary

Test James E. Kelly

North Carolina } In probate court
Bladen County } Aug. 17, 1878

A paper purporting to be the last will and tes-
tament of Charity Jones, deceased, is exhib-
ited for probate in open court by George W. Jones
the executor therein named and it is there-
upon proved by the oath and examination of

of James E. Kelly, that C. Monroe, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto is dead, and it is further proved by the oath of said James E. Kelly that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said C. Monroe, having seen him write and the name of the said C. Monroe subscribed as a witness to the said will is in the handwriting of the said C. Monroe and it is also proved by the oath and examination of the said David Callahan that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said John M. Lennon and that the name of said John M. Lennon subscribed as a witness to the said will is in the handwriting of the said John M. Lennon. And it is further proved by the oath and examination of James E. Kelly, and D. L. Singletary that they are acquainted with the handwriting of Charity Jones, they having seen her write her name and that the name of the said Charity Jones subscribed to the said paper writing is in her handwriting. It is further proved by the oath and examination of D. L. Singletary, and James E. Kelly that the codicil attached to the said will was subscribed by said Charity Jones in their presence and in the presence of each other and they do further declare that they subscribed said codicil as witnesses thereto in the presence of said testator and at her request and that said testator was of sound mind and memory and of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of these deponents.

I now to and subscribed
before me this 17th day of
August 1898
E. Singletary
C.C.

James E. Kelly
D. L. Singletary
D. Callahan

It is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Charity Jones and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed together

with this order and proof and therefore the said George W. Jones, executor as aforesaid, duly qualified in such by taking the oath required by law

E. Singletary
Judge of Probate & C.C.

Will of
John Monroe

In the name of God Amen.
I, John Monroe, of the county of Bladen and State of North Carolina, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following - I give and bequeath to my wife Jane Monroe and my four daughters Harriet J., Ann E., Sarah E., and Nancy C. Monroe all my personal property of every description - household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils, all my stock of every kind, all the provisions that may be on hand at the time of my death, all the crop whether growing or gathered which may be on hand at my death to hold and to them jointly during their natural lives and upon the death of either one of them to the survivors.

I give devise to my son George W. Monroe one sixth part of one hundred and seventy-seven and one half acres of land (177½) in Bladen county, and one hundred and seventy-seven and a half acres being comprised of 3 surveys the portion intended to be devised to my said son George W. Monroe his or what is known as the lower portion, and southeastern portion of said 177½ acres - to have and to hold to said George W. Monroe for and during the term of his natural life and then to belong to my other heirs share & share alike, unless the said George W. Monroe shall have children surviving him, in which event they shall have said land in fee.
To my grand children Jane Hunt, John Hunt, Robert Hunt, Gaston Hunt, I give and devise one sixth part of 177½ acres, to them their heirs equally, their portion to be in that part known as the upper part and joining the lower