

No. 209

In the name of God, Amen! I, James Read, of the County of Brunswick, and State of North Carolina, do make my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. I give and bequeath to my true and well beloved friend, John H. Esquire, of the City of Raleigh (at present Public Treasurer) all the property I possess both real and personal, lying and being within the United States of America. And I do hereby appoint the aforesaid John H. Esquire, sole Executor to this my last Will.

Given under my hand and seal this twentieth day of November in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety five.

James Read *decd*

Whereas James Read, Esquire, late of the County of Brunswick, deceased, nominated & appointed me the Executor of his last Will & testament, and whereas I have refused to act in pursuance of said nomination and appointment, I do hereby accordingly renounce all right, claim and power to act as Executor of the last Will & testament of the said James Read and hereby authorize this my renunciation to be recorded in the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina, 24th Jan'y. 1805.

John H. Esquire

Brunswick County } The handwriting of the within Will was
Jan'y Term, 1805. } proved in open Court by the oaths of Benjamin
Mills, William Mills and Joshua E. Knight, Esq., and was ordered to be recorded

Clerk's Office }
Feb'y 6. 1805 } Recorded in Book A. p. 32.

John Gause, Junr., Clerk

Recorded agreeably to an Act of the Genl. Assembly, Special Session, 1798
Ratified Feb'y 1st. 1803. Copied from Old Records Book A. p. 32.

No. 140

In the name of God, Amen! I, Joseph Jones, of Smithville, Brunswick County, being of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) do this twenty sixth day of July in the year of our Lord, One thousand, eight hundred and four, make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner following, that is to say: First, I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife, Mary Jones, a negro man named Ben, and one half of a lot No. 65. in Smithville, being the best part of D. Lot Sixty five with all the improvements thereon—also all my household furniture, and all such moneys as shall be collected for debts due. And I give and bequeath unto my beloved sons Joseph Jones, Augustine Jones, Martin Jones, and Bartholomew Jones, each fifty cents. And I hereby make and ordain my worthy wife Mary Jones Executrix of this my last Will and testament.

In witness whereof, I the said Joseph Jones have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Joseph Jones *decd*

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Joseph Jones, the testator, as his last will and testament in the presence of us who are present at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

Robert Potter
Saml. Hambough.

It is also my wish that Benjamin Blaney, of Smithville, Brunswick County, North Carolina will act as Executor on the within mentioned estate with my beloved wife, Mary Jones, Smithville, July 28. 1804.

Witness present: Robt. Potter & Saml. Hambough } Joseph Jones *decd*
The word above administrator is interlined and wrote Executor by the request of the above testator Joseph Jones, being done in his presence this 31st day of January, 1805. Witness Robt. Potter & J. Swain.
State of N. Carolina, } April Term. 1805.

Brunswick County. } The due execution of the within Will was proved in open court by the oath of Robt. Potter, Esq., and was ordered to be recorded.

John Gause, Junr., Clerk
State of North Carolina } Court Office, } Recorded in Book A. p. 33.
Brunswick County } 5 June 1805. } John Gause, Junr., Clerk

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