

Austen Curtis Jones: Will

In the Name of God Amen! I Austen Curtis Jones of Halifax County
and State of North Carolina being of sound Mind & Memory have made
this my last Will & Testament & give & bequeath my property as follows
I give to my beloved wife Nancy Curtis Jones one fourth part of all
my personal property and one third part of a tract of Land which
I bought of Hopkins and Elbeck during her life then to be equally
divided between my Children & Willie William Jones esq. ^{to} as
follows Henry, Patsy and Elizabeth Joseph, Francis Jacky Matilda
and to Willie William Jones esq. ~~Item~~ I give to my son Henry the
tract of Land I bought of Allen J. Dancy to him and his heirs for ever
I give to my Daughter Lucy Bell five shillings Only I give to my
son Austen five shillings Only: I give to my son William who
I have lately given his freedom five shillings only the ballance of my
property of every kind I wish equally divided between my named
children and Willie William Jones esq. Henry Patsy Elizabeth Joseph
Francis Jacky Matilda and Willie William Jones esq. It is my will &
desire that the disposers or legacies herein before given to the said Willie
William Jones esq. are not for his own benefit or interest but in trust that
he will out of the annual proceeds or profits or principals if necessary
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her and ~~her present~~ Husband and if her present Husband shall depart
this life before the said Lucy the said William William Jones esq. is to pay and
deliver to the said Lucy what ever part of the said trust estate may
then remain in hands but if the said Lucy should die before her said
present Husband the part of the said trust estate which may then remain
in the hands of the said trustee is to be equally divided between all
her children it being my intention that the said Lucy present Husband
shall in no event have any interest in or control over my estate or any
part thereof I therefore desire that if after the death of the said Lucy any
child or children of the said Lucy should die without children or issue the
property such child or children may take under this will go to her surviving
child or children and for want of such to my children and their representatives
according to the Statute of Distribution I also empower the said William William Jones
to convert the whole or any part of the said trust estate into money if he thinks
proper to manage and dispose of the same as he may think most beneficial
for the said issues I leave my friend William William Jones esq. my only executor
my last will and testament in witness I have here to set my hand and affix
my seal this 3rd December 1808
Witness William Bust Allen Jones Esq

Austin C. Jones

Halifax County Va

February 1809 then the wife of Austin C Jones died was exhibited
in open Court and duly proved by the oath of William Bust one of the subscribing witnesses
present and in motion to be recorded whereupon William W. Jones the executor
Named came in qualified thereto Witness Ruston Jones Esq