

In the Name of God Amen

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Anno Domini 1750. I Peter Jones of the County of Amelia having Considered the Uncertainty of this Life do make Ordain Publish and Declare these Presents to be my Last Will and Testament.

I commend my spirit unto the Protection of the Almighty Power that gave it with a firm Relyance on the Merits and Intercession of my Redeemer that I shall meet with a Welcome Resurrection on the Day of Judgment and my body to its Kindred Earth to be Buried decently at the discretion of my Executors. And as to what Worldly Estate I am possessed by the Permission of Providence I dispose of after the following manner item I give and Bequeath to my Son John Jones all my Land below the Spinnars Branch being Part of the Tract whereon I now Dwell Containing by Estimation One Thousand Acres (be the same more or less) unto him and his Heirs forever.

Item I Lend to my loving wife Dorothy Jones during her Natural life the use of the Plantation I now live on, with Timber necessary for the use of the same, Also I Lend to my wife during her Natural life the use of the following Negroes (viz.) Braxton, Sarah, Noah, Hannah, Tom, Agge, H. Moll Likewise I Lend to my said wife my Two slaves Ismael & Rachel.

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I give and Bequeath to my Son John Jones all my Land below
the Spinnars Branch, being part of the Tract whereon I now dwell
Containing by Estimation One Thousand Acres (be the same more
or less) unto him and his Heirs forever.

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of the Plantation I now live on, with Timber necessary for the use of the same
Also I lend to my wife during her Natural life the use of the following
Negroes (viz) Braxton, Sarah, York, Hannah, Tom, Agge, & Moll
Likewise I lend to my said wife my Two slaves Ismael & Rachel.

And further my Will is that if my wife should marry that then the said
Two slaves Ismael & Rachel should have the Privilege to live with her
on the said Plantation, or to live with either of my Children which they shall think
proper.

I give and Bequeath to my Son Peter Jones all my Land above the Spinnars

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Branch of the Tract whereon I now dwell <sup>Amelia County Wills 1734-1761
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be the same more or less / Unto him and his Heirs forever.

Item I Give and Bequeath to my three Sons Thomas Jones Richard Jones and William Jones all my Land on West Creek which I Purchased of Thomas Jones to be divided among them according to quantity and by my Executors hereafter Named to them and their Heirs forever But in case either of my three sons Thomas Richard or William should Depart this Life before they come to the age of Twenty one Years, then my Will is that the whole Tract given among the three should be Equally Divided Between the two Survivors, to them and their Heirs forever.

And in case either of my two Sons John Jones or Peter Jones should Depart this Life before they come to the age of Twenty one Years or have Lawfull Issue, then my Will is that my Son William Jones should have and Enjoy his Dividend of Land by me before given on Spinners Branch to him and his Heirs forever And further my Will is that my Son William Jones shall have no Right or Title to the Land before Given him on West Creek but that the whole Tract on West Creek be Equally Divided Between my Two Sons Thomas Jones and Richard Jones to them and their Heirs forever.

Item I lend to my Loving wife Dorothy Jones during her Natural Life all my stock of Cattle Hogs Housws and Household furniture on the Plantation, I now live on and that she shall Support and Maintain my Children and my wife and to which I have lent to her till they shall come

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Heirs forever. And further my Will is that my Son William Jones shall have
no Right or Title to the Land before Given him on West Creek but that the
whole Tract on West Creek be Equally Divided Between my Two Sons Thomas
Jones and Richard Jones to them and their Heirs forever.

I lend to my loving wife Dorothy Jones during her Natural life all my
stock of Cattle Hogs Housses and Household furniture on the Plan-
tation I now live on and that she shall Support and Maintain my children
out of that part of my Estate which I have lent to her till they shall come
to the age of Twenty one Years or Marry.

I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Ridley Branch all that part of my
Estate which she is Already Possesed off also two Negro Boys, one
Named Gruff and the Other Sterling to her and her Heirs forever.

I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Jones One Negro Girl

Named Pegg Daughter of Obi Basset also One Hundred and eighty Pounds
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Current Money to be Raised Out of my Crops made at my Plantation
on West Creek where John Mayton is now Overseer, and my Plantation
on Deep Creek where William Butler is now Overseer to her and
to her Heirs forever.

M I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Margaret Jones one Negroe
girl Named Patt (Daughter of Agge) also One Hundred and eighty
Pounds Current Money to be Raised Out of my Crops made at my
Plantation on West Creek where John Mayton is now Overseer and my
Plantation on Deep Creek Where William Butler is now Overseer
to her and her Heirs forever. And further my Will is that none of the Money
Raised on the said Plantations, (Except for Working Tools Servs and Clothes
for the Negroes on the same, be put to any use) Whatsoever till there shall
be a sufficient sum to Add to what I shall leave in the House or else Where,
to Discharge the same sum by me given to my Two Daughters
Elizabeth Jones and Margaret Jones.

Him, my Will is that all the rest of my Estate both Real
and Personal not heretofore Given be Equally Divided by
my Executors Between eight of my Children (viz)
John Jones, Peter Jones, Thomas Jones, Richard Jones,
William Jones, Sarah Jones, Dorothy Jones, and

girl Named Patt Daughter of Agge also One Hundred and eighty

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Pounds Current Money to be Raised Out of my Estates made at my Plantation on West Creek where John Mayton is now Overseer and my Plantation on Deep Creek Where William Butler is now Overseer to her and her Heirs forever. And further my Will is that none of the Money Raised on the said Plantations (Except for Working Tools Servs and Clothes for the Negroes on the same) be put to any use whatsoever till there shall be a sufficient sum to Add to what I shall leave in the House or else Where, to Discharge the same sums by me given to my Two Daughters Elizabeth Jones and Margaret Jones.

Item, MY Will is that all the rest of my Estate both Real and Personal not heretofore Given be Equally Divided by my Executors Between eight of my Children (Viz)

John Jones, Peter Jones, Thomas Jones, Richard Jones, William Jones, Sarah Jones, Dorothy Jones, and Mary Jones, to them and their Heirs forever, AND

further my Will is that the Negroes (Viz) Braxton, Sarah, York, Hannah, Tom, Agge, and Noll, with all their future increases, and all the Personal Estate left to my Wife at the Decease of my Wife be Equally Divided between my above said eight Children (Viz)

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John Jones, Peter Jones, Thomas Jones, Richard Jones, William
Jones, Sarah Jones, Dorothy Jones, and Mary Jones, to them
and their Heirs forever. And further my Will is that no
Appraisement be made or Inventory be Taken of my Estate Otherwise than at the
Direction of my Executors. And I do hereby Constitute and Appoint my Trusty
and well beloved Friends Richard Jones Jr., Peter Jones Son of Major
Richard Jones, and Edward Jones, my Lawfull Executors of this my Last
Will and Testament, Revoking all Other Wills heretofore made by me,
Conforming this and only this to be my Last Will and Testament,
In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and
Seal the Day and Year above Written.
Signed Sealed Published
and Declared as his Last Will
(and Testament.)

In Presence of

W^m Boythres

Thomas Williams

Richard Jones Senr.

Peter Jones

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At a Court held for America County the 24th Day of August 1758.

This Will was proved by the Oath of William Boythres, James one of the Witnesses thereto
saying that the other Witness Thomas Williams and Richard Jones testi-

Decretion of my Executors. And I do hereby Constitute and Appoint my Trusty,

and well beloved Friends Richard Jones Esq^r; Peter Jones Son of Major

Richard Jones, and Edward Jones, my Lawfull Executors of this my Last

Will and Testament, Revoking all Other Wills heretofore made by me;

Conforming this and only this to be my Last Will and Testament,

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and
Seal the Day and Year above written.

Signed Sealed Published

and Declared as his Last Will

(and Testament.)

In presence of

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Peter Jones

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This Will was proved by the Oath of William Boythres Geer one of the Witnesses thereto
who made oath that the other Witnesses Thomas Williams and Richard Jones Junr.
were present at the signing sealing & publishing thereof and that they subscribed their
names with him as Witnesses thereto and then the same was sworn to by Peter
Jones one of the executors and ordered to be recorded and on the Motion of the said
Peter who entered into and acknowledged Bond with Wood Jones his security
for his due execution granted him for obtaining a probate in Due form Rich^r Jones^r.
Edw^r Jones the other executors appeared in court & refused to act as such.

John Griffen Esq^r S^r Cur.