

In the Name of God Amen, I John Jones of Charlotte County in  
the Common Wealth of Virginia being weak in body, but of a sound Memory  
and understanding do constitute this my Last will and Testament in Manner and  
form following, I Inscribe & Commit my Body to the Ground from whence  
it came. And my Soul to God who gave it. As to my Worldly estate I Order  
it as follows (to wit) The Plantation wherein I Live with one hundred  
Acres of Land I leave to my Loving Wife Lucy during her Widowhood  
also my Negro Fellow during the same Time. Item, I give to my son Thomas  
Jones the whole of my Land and Negro Fellow at the Death or Marriage  
of my wife also a Horse and Saddle, Feather Bed and Furniture when  
he comes to the age of Twenty one Years, he paying to each of his Sisters  
the sum of Twenty five Pounds Lawfull Money of Virginia as they arrive  
to the age of Twenty one Years, Excepting the Youngest Twin Margaret  
at the age of Twenty Three Years, to him and them, their Heirs and Assigns  
for ever all the Rest of my Moveable Estate not Mentioned I Leave to my  
wife during her Widowhood to enable her to Raise and School my Children, Except-  
ing what is left her by her Father, and is now in Hanover County which I  
Truly Give her to dispose of as she pleases the rest at her death

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Freely Give her to dispose of as she pleases, the rest at her death or Marriage  
to be equally Divided between my Daughters their Heirs and Assigns forever, in  
condition my Mother thinks fit to give up her Life on the Land she agrees  
to take fifty Pounds Current Money of Virginia instead thereof, I likewise desire  
that my Estate may not be appraised nor Inventory Taken I Likewise  
appoint Tho. Rice, John younger Daniel Clark and Amos Munday Executors  
of this my Last will and Testament In Witness hereof I have set my hand  
and thus this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1778

John Johns  
Signed sealed & acknowledged to be his last will and Testament in presence of  
James Rice, Mary L. Miller, William L. Miller



At a Court held for Charlott County the 2<sup>d</sup> day of May 1778  
 The within written Last Will and Testament of John Shinn sen<sup>r</sup> was exhibited  
 in Court by Thomas Rice, Samuel Clark, Jerrin Allday and John Young  
 the Executors therein Named, and the same was proved by the Oaths of  
 Mary Mills, and William Cook, two of the Witnesses hereto Subscribed, and  
 Ordered to be Recorded, and Jerrin Allday and John Young two of the  
 Executors Relinquished in open Court all Right of Execution to the said  
 Will on the Motion of the other Executors who made Oath according  
 to Law, Certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate of the  
 said Will, they giving security, whereupon they together with William  
 Cook their security entered into and Acknowledged their Bond for that  
 purpose —

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