

In the name of God amen this twenty third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three I James Jones of Halifax County and Parish of Antain being sick and in body tho of sound and perfect memory and understanding do make ordain and constitute this my last will and Testament as follows to wit, Item my will and desire is that my loving wife Winifred Jones shall enjoy during her natural life the land and plantation whereon I now live also one negro boy Lewis during the same time. Item I give and bequeath to my loving wife Winifred Jones four negroes to wit, Tom young Ben Ester and Lucy to her and her heirs for ever also all my household and kitchen furniture and the half of my stock of all kinds also half of my plantation utensils also the half of my last crop and the present crop when finished also one hundred twenty five pounds in cash to her and her heirs for ever — Item I give and bequeath to my grand children descended from my son Ambrose Jones one thousand dollars to be equally divided between them to them and their heirs for ever — Item I give and bequeath to my son Robert Jones one half of my Estate real and personal not before given including the property of mine he now has in his possession to him and his heirs for ever provided he will deliver up the said property for a division but should he refuse to deliver up the property in his possession for a division it is my will and desire that he shall not have any other part of my Estate either real or personal — Item I give and bequeath to my son Ambrose Jones the remaining part of my Estate both real and personal to him and his heirs for ever. — And lastly I do appoint and nominate my loving wife Winifred Jones Executor of my brother Gabriel Jones last of this my last will and Testament.

July Court 1803

and acknowledged in presence of the Subscribing Witnesses the day and year above written

Saml Porter, Joseph Lyon, }
Sally Porter

James Jones L. S.

At a Court held for Halifax County the 25th day of July 1803

The within written Last Will and Testament of James Jones deceased was exhibited in Court & proved by the oaths of two of the witnesses thereto subscribed and ordered to be recorded - And on the motion of Abraham Jones the Executor therein named who made oath according to law: Certificate is granted him for obtaining probate thereof in due form - He giving Security - Whereupon he together with Samuel Porter, Joseph Lyon, and Ambrose Jones his Sureties - entered into - and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of fifty thousand dollars - Conditioned as the law directs

Truly Recorded

Test, Samuel Williams D. C. C.

Teste John Wimblish C. C.

