

Ended Advancing File No. 38.

Copy of the Will of Thomas Jones.

Thomas Jones of the County of Hancock & State of Virginia of sound mind and memory do make & ordain this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others.

It is my Will & desire that after my death, all my just debt & funeral expenses be first paid by my Executors herein after named.

It is my Will & desire that my beloved wife Elizabeth Jones after my death shall hold and possess during her life all my real estate on which I now reside, with all the stock of Every description, all the horses, mules, plantation utensils, household & kitchen furniture, my carriage Wagon and ten Buck skins & the may select out of my servants and that she be at liberty to use, manage & employ the said property, land and slaves, as she may think proper & take to herself all the profits & interest of all the said property, except

as she may think proper & take so many of the same for her  
living therefrom & at her death all the said property (except  
the land) is to be divided as herein after directed.

It is my Will & desire that my son Thomas L. James  
after the death of myself and wife have & possess the best  
land on which I now reside estimated at six hundred acres  
more to him and his heirs forever & I desire that said land  
be estimated to him at five dollars <sup>per</sup> acre.

I give to my son Thomas L. James, my man Robin -  
right of Miss Nancy Wharmaker & require him to pay in  
consideration therefor twenty dollars to each of my daughters  
viz; Frances W. Hope, E. A. D. Lumpkin & L. J. Spindle.

It is my Will and desire that after my wife shall  
have selected ten such servants, as she may prefer  
from among my slaves the remainder of my slaves  
shall be appraised by George Fleming, E. W. Morris  
thus Morris or any two of them before dividing them  
that my daughters Frances W. Hope, E. A. D.

Joseph & Sarah D. Spindle shall then have given to them all  
the appraised value such a part of the said slaves as shall be  
equal to one fourth of the land Willed to my Son Thos L James  
said land to be estimated as heretofore directed at five dollars  
per acre. It is my Will and desire that the Slaves given  
to my daughters shall be held by each of them during their  
lives & at their death to be equally divided among their  
Children & should any one of them die without a child that  
the Slaves given her, heretofore & be equally divided among  
the children of my surviving daughters & my Son Thos  
L James & my Son Thos L James have that under no  
circumstances is David Shill or his Wife Elizabeth to  
own or possess any of my Slaves, but shall receive in Mon-  
ney from the other children of my daughter Frances  
W. Hope at the division of said Slaves a child's part of  
their appraised value, said appraisement to be made  
by George & Levering, E. W. Morris or any two of them  
in 1814 to be paid to the said David Shill & his Wife Elizabeth



therefore ruined by my children from me & all in my  
possession at the time of my death shall be appraised by George  
W. Morris & Chas. Morris or any two of them & that  
children shall each retain the same slaves at their appraised  
value & after allotting to my wife the ten slaves she may  
like & to my daughters such slaves as would at their  
appraised value give each of them an share equal to  
the fourth of the land Willed to my son Thos. L. Jones at  
one dollar per acre.

I then direct that the remainder of my slaves shall be equal-  
ly divided among my three daughters & my son Thos.  
Jones & that each child shall have one equal share  
being with the estimate the appraised value of the slaves  
therefore ruined by them from me.

It is my Will & desire at the death of my wife that  
the slaves Willed her & their increase with all the rest  
of my estate shall be

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Jones & that each child shall have one equal share  
being with the estimate the appraised value of the same  
therefore received by them from me.

It is my Will & desire at the death of my Wife that  
Slaves Wills, her & their increase with all the rest  
and residue of my property except the Land shall be  
equally divided among my three daughters & my Son  
at the death of my daughters equally divided among  
their children & should any of my children die leaving  
child, it is my Will that all the property received  
from me shall revert to my surviving children & be  
equally divided among them, And that under no cir-  
cumstances is David Isbell or his Wife to have or  
possess any of my Slaves but to receive them in money  
from the other children of my daughter Frances. W. Hope  
over

at appraised value & under no circumstances are  
said slaves to be liable for the debts or subject to the  
control of the husbands of my daughters.

11<sup>th</sup>. I do hereby constitute & appoint my son Tho<sup>s</sup>. L.  
Jones & William Lempkin each of Honsau County Ex-  
ecutors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking all  
others made by me. To all of which I have hereunto af-  
fixed my hand & seal.

September 4<sup>th</sup> 1858.

Thomas Jones (Seal)

Benjamin Vaughan  
Joseph C. Leadbetter  
J. Fleming Hope  
Chas H. Vaughan

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal.

In Honorable County January 24th 1865 This last  
Will & Testament of Thomas Jones deceased was proved  
by the oaths of Joseph E. Leadbetter & Lewis H. Daughton  
two of the Witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded

Teste R. O. Dasmall C. H. C.

In Honorable County Clerk's office Feb 16th 1871  
This last Will and Testament of Thomas Jones deceased  
having been once recorded and the book containing the  
same thereof destroyed Was this day produced to me and  
again admitted to record.

Teste

A Copy Teste John R. Taylor ec

John R. Taylor