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The Will of Mr. Robert Jones of Fleets Bay, Northumberland Co., Virginia; probated 1st, Mch. 1, 1878, burned with other county records in 1710, and again presented for record by Mr. Richard Lee, November 19, 1718.

In the Name of God, Amen - - - - - 14th 1878, I, ROBERT JONES - - - - - in Fleets Bay, &C - - - - - First I will and bequeath to my son, WM. JONES, all my land from the - - - - - branch to the plumb tree swamp and below it to the outmost bounds - - - - - land and to his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I will and bequeath to my - - - - - SAMUEL JONES all my land from the aforesaid Beach Branch - - - - - ditch east by the glade and the fences thereto belonging which joynes to - - - - - swamp by the house of my cozen (nephew) ROBERT HUES (HEMES HUGHES) with all the glade opposite to him and to his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I will and bequeath to my son ROBERT JONES all the rest of my land as far as the middle path up to the Hills - - - - - all the glade that is ditched in, and the old plantation wherein I live, the plantation of my cozen ROBERT HUES to his heirs and assigns forever. (GAR)

Item. Whereas my son MAURICE JONES have a competent seat of land given to him by his Godfather, Mr. John Cossens, my will and grant to him is that if any - - - - - his aforesaid brothers shall happen to die before they come to full age or without issue male, then that dividint of land belonging to his dec'd brother to belong to my son MAURICE JONES and to his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. My will and pleasure is that if any of the other sons happen to die before they come of full age or without issue male, then that dividint of land to be vallewied in tobacco, and every child, sons and daughters to have equal shares and the land being equally shared among my sons and the sons paying the daughters their equal share in tobacco.

Item. My will and pleasure is that if my three eldest sons shall live until they come of full age and enjoye their land, til my son MAURICE JONES comes of age, that then his eldest brothers, WM., SAMUEL and ROBERT JONES pay unto their brother MAURICE JONES 15,000 pounds of good merchantable tobacco convenient for him by equal portions.

Item. I will and bequeath to my cozen JNO JONES 1 young mare and 1 young heifer of two years old with their increase therewith, with privilege of having good ground and housing sufficient for two servants for corn and tobacco at his choice upon any three dividints of land bequeathed to my three sons WM., SAMUEL and ROBERT JONES. I also give him one servant about 15 or 16 years of age to be paid him within one year after my decease provided it be shipping time and in case of his decease without issue to return to my children.

Item. As to the land on the other side of the mill path running towards Peewams (?) Paplor and downwards the branches of Corotomon, my will is that the said land be sold by my executrix towards payment of my debts.

Item. As to my personal estate of what mine so ever, I doe hereby will and bequeath to my loving wife MARTHA JONES, and my will is that upon arrival of each child to their full age or day of marriage by a son of their mother, my sd wife MARTHA JONES shall pay to each child in horses, cattle and other Va. estate to the vallew of 7000 pounds of tobacco and 3000 pds. tobacco in new furniture for a room and other necessarys. Likewise provided that in case tneir mother shall be incapacitated exactly to perform it, then that neither of my children shall sue or molest their mother for the same if she continues still in her widowhood, but forbear her till she be better able and upon the arrival of each of my sons to their full age, they to the best of their knowledge and power assist their mother in managing tne estate and in case their mother dye, then as they become of age to have equal power with the overseers in managing estate. Lastly, I doe hereby ordain and appoint my sd loving wife MARTHA JONES executrix of this my last will and testament and my loving friends, MR. THOMAS HAYNES and MR. GEO, FLOWE --(FLOWERS) to be overseers of the same.

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ROBERT JONES ye seal

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