

Georgia } In the name of God Amen!!
Group County } I know all men by these presents that I Thomas I Jones
of the aforesaid County and State being of sound mind
and disposing memory do make execute and declare this to be my last
Will and Testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me
My Will and desire is after my death any body to be buried in a Christian
like manner

Item 1st

Item 2^d

Item 3^d

My Will and desire is that all my just debts be promptly paid out of my
Estate as my Executor and Executrix may desire.
I give and bequeath to my eldest son William I Jones when he shall
have arrived at the age of Twenty one years One Thousand Dollars in
money and one valuable negro man and a negro girl the girl to be Ten
or Twelve years old and a cow or Horse to be worth One Hundred or
One Hundred and Twenty five Dollars one good feather Bed and furniture
and Cow and Calf, sow and pigs & a pair of good young Oxen and Cart
but if in the opinion of my Executor and Executrix the above named is more
than the amount of my Estate will warrant this then shall be less a negro
girl but if in the mean time my Estate and my Executor and Executrix should
think proper at any time after this period and before the next child becomes of
age they may give my son William I another negro girl six or seven years
old

Item 4th

I give and bequeath unto my son John H Jones, James I Jones Thomas I
Jones and Jesse P Jones each as they may become of age the same amount of
money and property as specified in the third for my son William I Jones with
the same restrictions and specialities

Item 5th

I give and bequeath unto my Wife Minney Jones for the especial use benefit
and behoof of my afflicted child Elizabeth I Jones her natural lifetime Two
Thousand Dollars in money and one negro woman woman to be selected by
my Wife or Executor at the time my youngest child becomes of age or sooner
if then should be a distribution of my Estate

Item 6th

I give and bequeath unto my Wife Minney Jones out of the residue of my Estate
after my youngest child shall become of age Three Thousand Dollars in
money a negro woman by the name of Abby and another negro woman such
as she may select with their increase afterwards and Two negro men such as
she may select a negro girl about Ten years old such as she may select together
with one years provisions also such a quantity Household and Kitchen furniture
plantation implements Wagon Carriage and stock of all kinds as she may think
proper and necessary for her comfort in the event that my Wife Minney Jones
should marry what ever may be contained in this then over and above a
childs part of my Estate shall revert to and be equally divided among my
children except the negro woman Abby which is to remain during her natural
lifetime and then revert back into my Estate and be equally divided among my
children together with her woman

Item 7th

It is my desire and Will that should my Executor and Executrix think it bene-
ficial or to the interest of my Estate to sell or change any species of property
which I may have been possessed of or should circumstances allow them to
purchase any species of property with funds which may arise from the
income of my Estate I do hereby authorize them to do so as fully and effec-
tually as if I had done it myself provided always my Executor and Executrix
shall concur in any transaction

Item 8th

I desire that if my two Old negroes Gilbert and Lane should be alive at

during their Lifetime

Item 8 If at any time after my death my Wife should marry again I desire that my entire Estate should be equally divided between her and my Children with the exception that the woman's dower is to be reverted to my Estate after the death of my Wife to be divided equally among my Children

Item 9 I desire that the residue of my Estate both personal and Real should be equally divided between my five sons named in Item third and fourth

Item 10 I do hereby appoint my Wife Minny Jones my Executrix and her Brother Joseph Dumble my Executor to execute this my Last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal the Twenty day of October Eighteen Hundred and fifty five, signed, sealed, published the day and year above written before us and in the presence of

Thomas J. Jones

Jos. S. Pellar
Edward B. Briggs
Charles F. Humphries
Wm. A. Moncrief

Georgia 3 Court of Ordinary November Term 1855
County of 3 Personally appeared in Open Court Edward B. Briggs and William A. Moncrief two of the subscribing witnesses to the last Will and Testament of Thomas J. Jones deceased and being duly sworn depose & testify that they each subscribed the same as witnesses and that they saw Joseph S. Pellar and Charles F. Humphries sign the same as witnesses in our presence and that we all signed the same in the presence of each other and in the presence of said Testator and at his special instance and request and at the time of signing the same said Testator was of sound and disposing mind & memory and did so freely and voluntarily of his own accord without any undue influence whatever born to in Open Court

Edward B. Briggs
Wm. A. Moncrief

Wiley H. Lind Ordinary

Georgia 3 Court of Ordinary November Term 1855
County of 3 The Last Will and Testament of Thomas J. Jones deceased having this day been proven upon the Oaths of Edward B. Briggs and Wm. A. Moncrief two of the subscribing witnesses at this regular Term of the Court It is Ordered by the Court that the same be admitted to record and that Joseph Dumble and Minny Jones be qualified as Executors & Executrix of the same It is further Ordered that Cyrus R. Jenkins Wm. A. Moncrief Edward B. Briggs Willis Thornton and William Georgia be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners to appraise said Estate and that they make return of said appraisement in Term of the Law

Wiley H. Lind Ordinary

Recorded 8 November 1855
Wiley H. Lind Ordinary