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Be it remembered that at a court of pleas and quarter sessions opened and held for the County of Brunswick at the Court house in Asheville on the first Monday in July 1832 the following will were and proved in open Court and Recorded.

The Last will and Testament of Thomas Jones deceased (viz) In the name of God amen I Thomas Jones of the County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina being in sound estate of body and no way diseased in mind, but reflecting on the uncertainty of human life and the various accidents to which it is exposed, do make this my last will and testament in manner following.

Item 1st I commit my body to the earth there to be and be interred at the direction of my Executors herein after mentioned and my soul I deliver into the hands of my great Creator, hoping for mercy there at the hands of my Saviour.

Item 2nd I will and bequeath unto my ^{and well} wife Ann all that part of my plantation lying on the South side of Harmony Creek during her lifetime or widowhood and my negro woman Betty one good horse called ball one. Old, black young mare six cows and calves or with calf and one third of my stock of hogs, and all of the household and kitchen furniture two oxen all of my hoes, two pair of Beers & two Ploughs.

Item 3rd I will and bequeath unto my four sons William, Rufus, James, and Thomas all my land that I bought of William Moore (viz) all that part that lies on the north side of Harmony Creek with the addition of that part that lies on the South side which is as follows beginning at a split of rock above the old warford on the South bank of said Creek, running a straight course to a large pine in the gap of the hill Ridge then a straight course to a white oak corner crossing William Moore Creek then down said Creek to a maple corner thence north to the Creek to belong to William and Rufus, and all the remaining part to belong to James and Thomas.

Item 4th I will and bequeath unto my daughter Rachel one negro girl named Nancy.

Item 5th I will and bequeath unto my daughter Patsy one negro boy Harry.

Item 6th I will and bequeath unto my daughter Emily one negro girl beside & one hundred & twenty five dollars.

Item 7th I will and bequeath unto my daughter Mary one negro boy named Sings and one hundred and twenty five dollars.

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Item 8th I will and bequeath unto my daughter Anna one negro boy, Anthony, and one hundred and fifty dollars

Item 9th I will and bequeath unto my ~~daughter~~ ^{son} Polly one negro boy Sam and one hundred and twenty five dollars

Item 10th I will and bequeath unto my daughter ^{Polly} one negro boy named Nathan and one hundred and twenty five dollars

Item 11th I will and bequeath unto my son James my last Spring Colt and one hundred and fifty dollars

Item 12th I will and bequeath unto my son Thomas one hundred and ^{twenty five} ~~four~~ dollars

Item 12th I will and advise that all the land that I own not above mentioned be sold and all the money arising from the sale of the property with my outstanding debts to be collected and after paying of the above mentioned debts, the balance to be divided equally among all my children (that is Rachel, William, Patsy, Rufus, Siny James, Nancy, Thomas, Anna, Polly, and Kelly,

Item 14th I will and advise that my negro Ratt and her increase be sold at the death of my wife or at the end of her widowhood and the money to be equally divided between my four sons

Item 15th I will and advise that all my Girl Children have their maintenance off of that part of my plantation on the south side of the Creek till they marry or arrive at the age of eighteen.

Item 16th I will and advise that all the property that my wife may have at her death or end of her widowhood except that part of the plantation she has & the negro woman and increase be sold and the money to be equally divided among all my daughters, Rachel, Patsy, Siny, Nancy, Anna, Polly, and Kelly,

Item 17th I advise and appoint my trusty friend Brother William Jones and William Israel to be the executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this Eighteenth day of July 1832. Signed and sealed and delivered in the presence of us (Signed) Thomas Jones (Seal)

Witness ^{his} ~~Chlor~~ ^{son}

Wm Jones

Was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Charles Jones a subscribing witness ~~thus~~ ^{and} Recorded