

July Term 1864

This is the last Will and Testament of Wm. M. Jones of the County of Bumcombe in the State of North Carolina, that is to say.

First, I direct my Executor and Executrix hereinafter named to pay all debts, justly due and owing from me, Secondy I direct that my wife shall live upon my home stead place and keep together my children and all my personal property of every kind whatsoever, including Money, rights and credits, to the end, that she may support herself and my children and educate my said children in a manner suitable to their condition in life, until my eldest son, to wit, Charles Bascome, shall attain the age of twenty-one years and at any rate, in the event of the death of my said eldest son before he attains the age of twenty-one years, then the said division of property as hereinafter provided for is to take place and be made, at the time when my said son would arrive at that age if he had survived so long, I have full confidence in the integrity and discretion of my Executor and Executrix hereinafter named, and I hereby vest in them the legal title to my home stead tract of land, until the time above indicated, and give them the legal title to all my personal property of every kind whatsoever, including rights and credits, to the end, they may cultivate said tract of land and said personal property and said rights and credits, with a view to the comfortable support of my said wife and children and the education of my said children, and in further aid of this purpose I hereby invest my said Executor and Executrix with full power to sell any portion of said personal property, or all of it and turn the same into other property or cash, and to vest and reinvest any money or monies they from time to time have or collect for the person aforesaid and with the further view, to increase if possible my estate and enhance its value, within the time above indicated,

Thirdy: When my said Charles Bascome, shall attain the said age of twenty-one years, or would attain that age, if he should survive so long, then at that time, I direct that my home stead land (and by this expression in this will I mean all the land I own or hold over to and its water,) shall be divided as nearly as may be

to be made by two discreet freeholders to be appointed  
 by my Executor Robert A. Murray, if he should then be  
 living and if not, then by the County Court of Buncombe  
 County, and that part of my said homestead tract so to be  
 divided in which my dwelling house and out buildings are  
 situated - I desire to my beloved wife in full, and the  
 other half of my - said land, I direct my Executor and  
 Executrix or the Survivor of them, to sell on a bid or for  
 cash in their discretion, at publick out day after reasonable  
 notice, and to execute all proper dues and consequences  
 to convey the title to said land, and if one of them  
 should die, then the survivor to have full power to  
 execute such dues and consequences, and to divide the  
 proceeds of said land equally among my children.  
 And I further direct my said Executor and Executrix,  
 at the time when said land is to be sold, to sell all  
 the personal property, except the household furnish-  
 ing named, at publick out day - on a bid or for  
 cash in their discretion, and to collect all debts  
 that may then be due growing out of any improvement  
 or remanentment that may be made by them in pursuance  
 of the direction herein contained, and to make one  
 fund of the whole of the proceeds of my personal property  
 including rights and bid its, and divide the same  
 equally among my said wife and my said children,  
 yearly; I give to my said wife my Negro slave Sam  
 and any children or children she may hereafter have  
 and this bequest is to take effect absolutely and immediately  
 on my death, and is to include any offspring said Sam  
 may have before my death,  
 Fdly, I direct that the partnership business existing  
 between myself and my Brother A. H. Jones, shall be  
 closed up according to law, and my part of the net  
 profits of the partnership business, whether the proceeds  
 of realty or personally, pass into the hands of my Executor  
 and Executrix and be treated as part of my personal  
 estate and directed as part and parcel of my the same.  
 I intend, that my said wife shall support and educate  
 my said children not then of age, after said  
 division of my said property, out of what I have given her  
 in this my will until each shall attain the age  
 of twenty four years respectively and successively provided  
 she is not required to do so, if any one of my said  
 children should leave her by reason of marriage or for  
 other reasons, before he or she shall attain that age.

I deem it proper to state here, that my brother A. H. Jones  
has prece me, or I shall be sole for my part of the  
thousand acres in Hendersonville occupied by us and also,  
for my part of the tract of land on Mud Creek,  
which we cultivate jointly.

I appoint my friend and brother-in-law Robert A. May  
and my beloved wife Caroline L. Jones, the Executrix  
and Executrix of this my last Will & Testament and  
hereby invest them with full power to execute  
all proper deeds of Conveyance & the survivor of  
them so to do to effectuate the purpose herein  
set forth and ordained by me, I direct my Executrix  
Robert A. May shall be paid a reasonable compensation  
for his services rendered in this behalf.  
I hereby revoke all former wills and Codicils  
to wills hitherto made and executed by me.  
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and seal, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December AD 1863

Signed and sealed  
in our presence  
and at the request of  
the said Wiley H. Jones  
We now attest the same  
in his presence and in  
the presence of each  
other this 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
Decr A.D 1863

Charles Moore, (Trust)  
A. B. Jones, (Trust)  
As. Morrison,

Wiley H. Jones (seal)

For probate Minute Docket County Court  
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