

In the name of God, Amen I Ambrose Jones of the Straits in the County of Carteret and State of North Carolina, being weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following:

My will and desire is that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid first. After that I give my black property and other property to the following persons, that is I give a negro woman by the name of Satey and her boy child by the name of Christopher to Ambrose Jones my nephew. I give negro woman Tempe, if not disposed of otherwise to Thomas C. Jones. I give negro man Sam to Ambrose and Thomas C. Jones jointly. I give to Frances Abigail Chadwick who now lives with me two little negroes, a girl by the name of Matilda and boy by the name of Perry. I give my flat, ox and cart to Ambrose and buggy to Mully Ann Jones. I give Francis S. Chadwick best bed and furniture best table and trunk. I give Maria J. Chadwick and Malappa Jones each a bed with furniture. I give my house and land where I now live, with the improvements thereon to Elizabeth Sulford Jones the daughter of Ambrose and Mully Ann Jones. My other land I give to Ambrose and Thomas C. Jones. My other negroes I give or dispose of by deed or gift or otherwise. What cattle of mine there may be I leave in charge with Ambrose, to divide in three parts with his, Chadwick and Abigail children, the house hold furniture that I have not named. I leave in trust with Ambrose to divide as he thinks proper. My books he will take and divide among the children, and whatever of mine may be found that is not now I give in trust with Ambrose as with as he thinks proper but as vendued. What I have given I give forever. I now nominate and appoint Ambrose Jones and Thomas C. Jones executors to this my last will and testament. Whereunto I set my hand and seal this 26th day of 1861 in the presence of three witnesses.

Ambrose Jones

Witnesses Melvin J. Davis
James Johnson

Carteret County Court, May Term 1866.

The foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Ambrose Jones deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court, and the due execution thereof by the said Ambrose Jones, is proved by the oath and examination of Melvin J. Davis, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing, and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of the said Ambrose Jones deceased, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon Ambrose Jones, one of the executors named in said will, qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law. And Thomas C. Jones, one of the executors named in said will, appears in Court and renounces the office of executor of said will.

Jas. Rumley C. C.

Straits, Carteret County, N.C.

Sept 5th 1866

It is my will and desire that my property of every description, shall remain in possession of my beloved wife for her and the family's use and benefit (during the minority of my children until the youngest living one of them shall become of age or marry) during her natural life & widowhood. In case of her marriage I give her my personal real & personal and a life estate in so much of the plantation where I now reside as is included within the following boundaries viz: Beginning at the West end (at the water) to the old ditch which divides the two fields, running up it Eastwardly, till it strikes the short piece of an old ditch running Northwardly into the upper field, thence with this piece of ditch to its end, and continuing in a direct line Northwardly until it intersects the upper one of two parallel ditches, thence with this upper ditch to the North West corner of the cleared land, thence with the ditch nearly a south course to the beginning, which includes the house & premises.