

In the Name of God Amen. I David Jones of Halifax
County in the Province of North Carolina being sick & weak of body
but of Perfect Sense & memory Thanks be to God for the same & of
Inconsideration that Life & time is uncertain I do make & Ordain
this my Last will & Testament viz: I Give or Recommend my Soul
into the hands of God that Gave it & my body I Recommend to the
Earth or Discretion of my Executors viz: As to my worldly Estate
I Give Devise Bequeath & Dispose of the same in the following
manner viz: — — — — — In primis — — — — —

I Give to my son namely Joshua Jones three hundred &
Eighteen acres of Land it being part of the sd. Lands which
was purchased of John Whittaker which lands I Gave to him
& his heirs for ever — — — — —

I Give to my son namely John Jones the Plantation where
I now live & the Plantation adjoining of it that I purchased of
John Cant. Hall by paying up to the Other children what my
share was of the said Plantation & the said Plantation & the said

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Exec^r or any three free holders think the worth more than that
I Give to my Son Joshua

Item I Give to my wife Elizabeth Jones One Breeding Mare Year
Yalso One bed & furniture to her & her heirs for Ever —
Item I Leave all the Remainder of my Estate to be Divided Equally
Between my three Daughters Namely Mary Jones Elizabeth and
Sarah Jones.

Item I Desire that my wife shall have Every thing at her
Disposal in During of her life or Widowhood & after that
for the Estate to be Equally Divided Amongst the Children
Item I Desire after the Land I Give to my Sons being Valued
by my Executors or any three free holders should amount to more
than the rest of my Estate I Desire for my sons to pay up to my
Daughters Equal. to the amount of the Lands with the rest
Give My Daughters for all my children to be on a Equality

89. Likewise do constitute make and appoint Elizabeth
Jones, Joshua Barker Jun^r my only & soul Executors
of this my last will & Testament & do hereby utterly
Disallow Revoke & Disannul all & Every Other Former
Testament Will & Legacies by me on any ways before
this time named Willed Bequeathed Ratifying and
confirming this & no other to be my last will and
Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & fix'd my seal & Dated this the Sixteenth day
of September One thousand seven hundred & Eighty four
Signed sealed & Delivered in
Presence of us

David Jones Seal

Test Stephen Barker
Ben^r Sills Jun^r
Jesse Moon
black

Halifax County 3^d Feb^y Court 1785
Then the aforesaid will was set
in Open ^{Court} & duly proved by ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Quintess~~ ^{Quintess}

of Ben. Sills One of the subscribing Wills who on his oath

in open
of Ben. Tills One of the Subscribing Witnesses
Did say that he saw the Testator, signed, Publish and
Declare this to be his last will & Testament and that at the
time of signing the same he was of sound mind & Memory
to the best of his knowledge & belief & also that he saw
Stephen Barker & Jeph Moon subscribe as Witnesses thereto
Upon Motion Ordered to be Recorded *Wm Woolten Clerk*

In the Name of God Amen. I Nedham Bryant of
Halifax County in North Carolina being infirm of body &
knowing that I must ere long Depart this Life do therefore
whilst in my perfect senses & memory make & Ordain this my
last will & Testament in the following manner
I promise to give my soul into the Hands of Almighty God
who made it & my mortal body to be committed to the grave
at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned

Nedham Bryant Clerk

90. I Give & bequeath to my loving wife Anna Bryant my small
man which I bought at James Bryants sale as her own property
for ever.

I Give & bequeath to my two Children Nancy Bryant and Nicholas
Bryant the remaining part of my Estate which must be equally
Divided between them both, my desire is that you would purchase
One Negro man for them with the money that is owing to me —
Lastly I constitute & appoint my friends Mr. Cawson, Henry
Dixon & Eliza Dixon joint Executors of this my last will &
Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal the 11th day of Feb^y 1785
William Daw Smith, Eliza Dixon } Nathaniel Bryant }
Hark

Halifax County 8th May Court 1785. Then the aforesaid
Will was Cd in Open Court in Order for probate & the
Witnesses sworn & Interrogated who on their Oaths did say
that the said Testator lived his last Instrument writing

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Witnesses sworn & Interrogated who on their Oaths (did say
that they) saw the Testator signing said this Instrument as
his last will & Testament & that at the time of signing the
same to the best of their knowledge & belief he was of full
mind & memory whereupon said Will was Ordered to be Revoked
Test Mr. Footton &c

In the Name of God Amen I Henry Cotton of