

Lewis Jones.

In the name of God. Amen. I, Lewis Jones of the State of North Carolina and County of Jones being of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) do this 3rd day of February, 1853, make, ordain and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following, viz:

Item 1st. I leave to my wife, Matilda, during her natural lifetime, or widowhood, my plantation on which I now reside, which said plantation I then give and bequeath to my son William H. Jones.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath unto my son George H. Jones and my son in law, Ardas Williams, a tract of land lying on the Marsh branch to be equally divided between them.

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath unto my son George H. Jones the four following negroes and their increase hereafter, viz: Margaret, Mary, Vero and Josiah.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath unto my son in law Ardas Williams the three following negroes and their increase hereafter, viz: Dinah, Julia and Minerva.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath unto my son William H. Jones, the two following negroes and their increase hereafter viz: Moore and Hannah.

I leave to my wife Matilda (Item 6th) during her natural lifetime, or widowhood, the four following negroes, viz: Cuffee, York, Niece and Jim, which said negroes at her death, or marriage, I desire to be equally divided among them and their increase among my three children.

Item 7th. I give and bequeath to my son William H. Jones one horse named Pierce, two cows and calves, two steers, one bed and furniture, ten head sheep, three bee hives, two sows and pigs and half dozen chairs.

Item 8th. I leave to my wife Matilda, during her natural lifetime, or widowhood, all my crop, stock furniture provision, tools carts &c. (except what I have above bequeathed to my son William H. Jones) which, at her death or marriage, I desire to be equally divided among my three children.

Item 9th. I desire that all my money on hand, and the debts due me, be equally divided among my wife and my three children.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the testator, as his last will and Testament, I hereby affirm in our presence. Ardas Williams, James H. Jones, John H. Jones, Edward Jones, &c.

We, George H. Jones and William A. Jones, do solemnly swear that we believe this writing to be and contain the last will and testament of Lewis Jones, deceased, and that we will well and truly execute the same by first paying his debts and then his legacies as far as the said estate will extend, or the law will charge us, and that we will well and truly execute the office of Executors agreeably to the trust and confidence reposed in us and according to law: so help us God.

Subscribed and sworn to) E. H. Jones,
before me this 2nd day) W. A. Jones.
of November, 1868.

R. D. Green,
Probate Judge.

Lenoir County. In the Probate Court.
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Lewis Jones, deceased, is, on the 2nd day of November, 1868, exhibited for Probate before the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County, by E. H. Jones and W. A. Jones, the executors therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Lewis Jones is proved by the oath and examination of Sherwood Grady, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is also proved by the oath and examination of Sherwood Grady and W. A. Jones that A. O. Grady the other witness to said will is dead, and that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said A. O. Grady, having often seen him write, and that the name of the said A. O. Grady, subscribed as a witness to said will is in the proper handwriting of the said A. O. Grady. And it is further proved by the oath and examination of the said Sherwood Grady and W. A. Jones that they are also well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Lewis Jones, having often seen him write and that the name of the said Lewis Jones to said will is in the proper handwriting of him the said Lewis Jones. It is, therefore, considered by the undersigned Judge of Probate, as aforesaid, that the said paper writing and every

part and clause thereof is the last will and testament of the said Lewis Jones.

R. D. Green,
Probate Judge.

Recorded in due form of law February 16, 1869.

R. D. Green,
Probate Judge.

James M. Beaton
(Mia.)

In the name of God, Amen
The Lord liveth, and the Lord taketh away
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

I James M. Beaton being of sound mind and good memory, in view of the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say,

Item First, I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my dear and lawful friend E. B. Nash to be my lawful administrator to this my last will and testament, to take charge of all my estate both real and personal at my death, and dispose of the same in manner as herein after directed.

Item Second, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Maria P. Beaton the following property in addition to her distribution share of the remainder: one silver watch, my gold spectacles, one bed and bed clothes, bed dress, wash-dress, dressing sack, work-book and patches, the same to be delivered to her representative at my death.

Item Third, I give and bequeath to my faithful nurse, Maria Beaton (the same) one barrel of corn & one hundred pounds of brown Rice, the same to be delivered to her as early as practicable after my death.

Item Fourth, I give and bequeath to my son-in-law, E. B. Nash, \$1000 Dollars in cash to be paid at my death, the same I give in token of his kindness during my affliction.

Item Fifth, I give and bequeath to my eight living children, John M. Beaton, Caroline Bellish, William B. Beaton, Gertrude B. Beaton, Mary E. Mills, Edward S. Beaton, Sarah A. Nash and Alice O. Beaton all the balance and remainder of my entire estate, by me to be interred in my husband's Thomas Beaton's estate and remains committed on the hands of his administrator to house hold and kitchen furniture, one mule and one and a half fine hogs and measure together with and all other and accounts of my husband at my death.