

In the name of God Amen. I, Amos Jones of the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, being infirm, but in my perfect mind and senses, calling to mind the uncertainty of life, and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do make and publish this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following.

1st. I resign my soul into the hands of my maker, who gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my beloved wife.

2nd. I give and devise to my much beloved wife Hannah, her choice of my beds and the furniture thereof, one horse of her choice, and my riding chair and harness and mahogany table.

3rd. I leave to my said wife Hannah the following negro slaves during her life, to wit, Sophia, Beck, Kitty, Collins, George and Ben; and then to be divided between my daughters Nancy and Betsey, as follows to wit, Sophia, Beck, and Kitty to my daughter, Nancy and her heirs forever; Collins, George and Ben to my daughter, Betsey and her heirs forever; but it is to be understood that said negro slaves after they come to my said daughters are to be valued, and should there be any difference in said value, one is to pay to the other, said difference.

4th. I give and devise the following negro slaves, to wit, Hardy, Jacob, Hatty, Bunnet, Alfred and Matilda, and one bed and furniture thereof, to my daughter, Nancy and her heirs forever.

5th. I give and devise to my daughter, Betsey and her heirs forever the following negro slaves, viz, Violet, Mummy, Owen, Blary, Elsey, Jackson and Lucinda, and one bed and furniture thereof.

6th. It is my will and desire that should either of my said daughters die without leaving lawful issue, that the slaves given to them by their will shall go to the husband, and be by him enjoyed during his natural life, and then to go to the lawful heirs of the daughter in circumstances; and should both of my said daughters die before marriage or becoming of age, it is my will that such of the before mentioned slaves that belonged to me before marriage shall go to my lawful heirs, and such of them as belonged to my said wife Hannah to her, and her heirs.

7th. It is my will and desire that the hire of the negro slaves given to my said daughters shall be equally divided between them, until a marriage takes place on the part of either, or their becoming of age.

8th. It is my will that all the rest and residue of perishable property shall be sold at public auction, and the money arising therefrom applied to the discharge of my lawful debts.

9th. I hereby nominate and appoint my friends Ezeiel Lane and Edward Mellicum my Executors of this my last will and testament.

New Hanover County } County Court, May Term 1819
 The execution of this unexecuted
 will of James Jones, was proved by the oath of Bartolomew Walker,
 and ordered to be filed, at same time C. Williams qualified.
 Witness
 Thos H Davis. Clk.

In the name of God Amen. I William James of
 the State of North Carolina and County of New Hanover, being weak
 in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, considering the
 uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound judgment, blessed be
 thrice God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and test-
 ament, in manner, and form following, that is to say:
 First. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth James, the tract of
 land whereon I now live, during her life time, and all the improvements thereon
 and at her death to my son William James the same tract of land.
 I do also give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth James, all my
 stock, of cattle, and hogs, sheep, and household and kitchen furniture and
 beds, during her life time; and at her death to be sold and equally divided
 betwixt my beloved daughters Aggy James, Mary James, Sarah James &
 Catharine Caroline James.
 I do also give and bequeath unto my two sons John James & Alfred James
 the tract of land lying in the fork of Lewis Creek and North branch,
 containing two hundred acres more or less.
 I hereby appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth James Executor, and my son
 John James Executor, of this my last will and Testament, and hereby ren-
 -ouncing all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and seal this 27th day of May 1816.
 Test
 Owen Hillyar,
 Josiah C. Hillyar,
 William James. (Seal)

New Hanover County } County Court, June Term 1826
 The within last will and Testament, of William
 James was exhibited to Court and proved by Owen Hillyar, one of the sub-
 -scribing witnesses and ordered to be filed.
 Witness
 Thos H Davis. Clk.

New Hanover }
 County Court, } March Term 1842
 John James the executor named in the within will
 appeared in open Court, and duly qualified by taking the oath required
 by law.
 Witness
 J. H. Maister, Clk.