

State of North Carolina } September Term 1855
New Hanover County } This paper writing purporting to
be the last will & Testament of Catharine Mills as such
offered for probate and is duly proved by the oath of James H
Alderman one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and as such
considered by the Court to be & contain the last will & Testament
of said Catharine and as such considered by the Court
sufficient to convey the bequests therein made and
ordered to be recorded at the same time R H Tate appeared in
open Court & was duly qualified as executor thereto

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State of North Carolina
New Hanover County }

To all who shall see these presents,
that I John D Jones of the County and State aforesaid. send
Greeting. Knowing, that, being in perfect health and memory
but mindful of the uncertainty of all human enjoyments,
and desirous of providing in season for the disposition of
my worldly estate after my decease. I do this thirteenth day
of January 1853 at Wilmington in the County and State
aforesaid, make ordain and declare the following to be
my last will and testament. It is in the first place
my will and desire, that all my just debts and funeral
expenses be paid; for that purpose I authorize and
request my Executor hereinafter to be named, to pay
and discharge the same out of the first monies
which shall come into their hands as a part and parcel
of my Estate. It is secondly my will and desire, that
my whole estate real and personal of every kind and
character and revenue the same may be situated shall
be equally distributed upon my decease, between my
two daughters Cornelia A wife of the Honorable Waddy
Thompson of South Carolina and Caroline A Jones of the
County of and State aforesaid and in case of their death
their heirs and assigns respectively, the said Caroline
And the said Cornelia, to share and share alike;
And the said estate to be preserved to their separate use,
for that purpose I give devise and bequeath to William
Butler Thompson of South Carolina, the one undivided
moiety or half part of my lands and of all my negroes
and of all my real and personal estate to have and
to hold the same to him and to his heirs and assigns -
forever in trust nevertheless that he shall take rise and

hold the same, to and for the sole and separate use of My daughter Cornelia A. Thompson aforesaid, and her heirs and assigns forever, to her only sole and separate use, and free from the Control of her present husband or any future husband, and not to be subject in any manner to the debts, Contracts, liabilities, or engagements of the same, and in further pursuance of the purpose already declared and here repeated, I give devise and bequeath unto My said daughter Caroline to Jones One undivided Moiety, the other half part of My lands and of all My negroes negroes whosoever the same may now be, and of all My personal and real estate to have and to hold the same unto her the said Caroline, and her heirs and assigns forever, and I give devise and bequeath to the said William Butler Thompson trustee as aforesaid, and to his heirs and assigns forever in trust as aforesaid, and to My daughter Caroline and to her heirs and assigns forever the whole rest and residue of my estate, as soon as practicable after My death, I will and direct that the said William Butler Thompson, and the said Caroline shall ascertain, divide and make partition of the same, and that my will concerning fair and equal division between the Cornelia A. Thompson and the said Caroline and their heirs and assigns may be perfected, the more valuable portion may be discharged with such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to that end, that the effect of this instrument, a fair and equal division of my entire ~~estate~~ Personal & real estate between my said daughters and their lawful representatives may be fully and satisfactorily attended, And I appoint the said Caroline, C. Jones and William Butler Thompson the executors of this instrument In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed My Seal at Wilmington aforesaid the day and year aforesaid

Signed sealed, published and
Declared by John D Jones personally
Known to us, as and for his last will &
testament, on this 30th day of Jan'y 1853
who at his request and in the presence
each other have affixed our names as
witnesses.

I D Jones Seal

Edw Cantrell }
Bushrod W Vick }
J H Pierce }

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court December term 1855

This paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of John D. Jones is exhibited in Court and is offered for probate, and is duly proved by the oath of J. W. Pierce one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and as such considered by the Court to be and contain the last will and testament of said J. D. Jones, and sufficient to convey the property therein bequeathed, at the same time Caroline D. Jones the executrix therein named was duly qualified according to law.

Teste

J. W. Pierce clerk

In the of God amen, I John Williams of Wilmington County of New Hanover & State of N. Carolina being of sound mind and memory, now being for advanced in years, and daily expecting to be summoned from time into eternity, do make publicly this my last will & testament in manner and form following, viz.

1st at my decease I wish my body to be placed in a plain-fine coffin painted black and laid alongside of my departed wife & her, and that my doctors bill and other funeral expenses, be paid as soon as convenient.

2nd My will is that after my decease that my executor herein-after named, shall take into his possession all my estate which consists chiefly in my houses & lots between third & fourth Streets & all other property which I own, for my heirs herein-after named I will, also that he rent out my houses by the year, beginning 1st of October payable Quarterly, giving notes with security. He will also pay from the proceeds, first, the Taxes, Insurance and repairs regularly, and do balance arising from said property, be applied to the payment of my own lawful debts first, which are but few, then all my other debts, for which, I am security and bound to pay for W. A. Williams.

3rd When all these lawful debts are paid and settled up then I do hereby will give bequeath and devise unto my grand children (John F. Robert D. Ellen Isabella & William A. with any others which may come, the children of my son William Augustus Williams) all my real & personal estate to them their heirs & assigns forever, as tenants in common in fee simple, which property consists chiefly of my houses & lots, with my five slaves & their increase, being Anne & her son John, Lany & her 2 children, Brouder