

At New Hanover, October, 1771

The within Will of John Jones deceased was duly proved on the oath of John Kirkwood a subscribing witness to the same, who swore that he saw the testator, sign, seal, execute and deliver the same as his last Will and Testament, that at the time thereof he was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that Thomas Cunningham Sr. and John Jones signed as concurring witnesses thereto. At the same time Ann Jones Executrix therein named qualified as such agreeable to law.

John London. C. C.

North Carolina. Sp.

In the name of God Amen
I Thomas Jones of New Hanover County, in the Province
aforesaid, Gentleman, do make and declare this my last Will
and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say,
First. I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping
and believing a remission of my sins by the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ; and my body, I commit to the earth to be decently
buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named. And my
worldly estate I give and devise as follows,
Imprimis. I give, devise and bequeath the plantation whereon I now
dwell, containing about five hundred acres of land, to my beloved
sons, Frederick Jones and Thomas Jones, and their heirs and assigns
forever, equally to be divided between them by my executors herein
after named or the survivors or survivor of them, so as each of them
to have two hundred and fifty acres thereof; and after such division
made as aforesaid, my son Frederick to take which half part he
chooses to have of the land so divided.
Item, I give and bequeath to my said son Frederick Jones my Clock, Gun,
Sword, Hanger, and Buckle, and my silver shoe buckles, bree buckle,
stock buckle.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath to my said son Thomas Jones and his
heirs and assigns forever, my half part of a lot in Wilmington purchased
by Col John Swann deceased and myself of Daniel Dumbibun late
of Wilmington deceased, together with all my right, title and interest
in and to said whole lot, which may have accrued to me by sur-
-vivorship.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved son Maurice
Jones, and his heirs and assigns forever, my plantation containing
six hundred and forty acres of land lying in Bladen County, on
the North West river of Cape Fear, between the lands of the late Mr.

herewith paid and the late Mr Hugh Manning, being the plantation
formerly lived on; and also my three hundred acres of land
lying on the head of Prince George's creek, in New Hanover county,
also my negro girl called Frank, which (at the request of Mr Tho:
Merrick, grandfather, to the said Maurice, and executor of Mr John
Merrick, deceased), I agree to give to the said Maurice in payment
and discharge of a debt of about sixty pounds or upwards, due
from me to the said John Merrick, deceased.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Margaret Moore
widow, my negro girl called Phoebe.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Elizabeth, Merrick,
my negro girl called Judy.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Jane Howe,
my negro girl called Kate, and my riding chair.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Sarah Moore,
my negro girl called Kelly, and my negro boy called Harry, the son
of his.

Item. I give and bequeath to each of my said four daughters, Margaret,
Elizabeth, Jane and Sarah, after all my debts are paid, and my exec-
utors can conveniently raise the money, (to be paid them by my
executors, without breaking in on the principle of my estate) by the
labour of my slaves, seventy pounds proclamation money.

Item. I give to my beloved daughter, Martha Jones when she arrives
to the age of twenty one years or marries, which ever shall first happen,
two female and two male negro slaves, not under twelve nor exceeding
sixteen years of age, to be delivered to her, by my executors, out of my
stock of negroes not herein before given and bequeathed.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Mary Jones, when
she arrives to the age of twenty one years or marries, which ever
shall first happen, two female and two male negro slaves, not under
twelve nor exceeding sixteen years of age, to be delivered to her, by my
executors out of my stock, of negroes not herein before given and bequeathed.

Item. I give all my bees and beehives to my beloved children
Frederick Jones, Thomas Jones, Maurice Jones, Martha Jones, Mary
Jones, to be equally divided by my executors among them share
and share alike.

Item. It is my will, that all the rest and residue of my household
goods not herein before given and bequeathed, be sold by my executors
(except the family pictures and coat of arms, which I give to my son,
Frederick) and the money arising by the sale of them applied towards
the payment of my debts.

Item. I give and bequeath to my three sons Frederick, Thomas and
Maurice, all my negro slaves not in this my will before given, beque-
athed and disposed of, to be equally divided among them share and
share alike by my executors.

Now. It is my will and I request my Executors, four years after my
decease, to suffer and permit my negro man Tom (who used to
wait on me) to be placed with and serve such of my sons or
daughters, as he shall then choose to serve.
Lastly. I nominate and appoint my beloved friends and sons in law
George Moore, Thomas Merich, and Job Horn Executors of this my
last Will and Testament, hoping they will see the same duly executed.
In testimony whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament, set
my hand and seal this fifth day of January in the year of our Lord
one thousand seven hundred and sixty two.

Signed, sealed, declared, and published
by the said Thomas Jones, as and for his last
Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who
subscribed our names as witnesses in the testator's
presence, and at his request,

Thos. Jones. (Seal)

N.B. The words interlined (I give to my said son
Frederick, all my silver plate of what kind soever in
possession of) between the seventeenth and eighteenth
lines from the top, before signing and executing.

Frederick Jones

Sam Jones

Mica Marsden

At New Hanover, April Court 1774

The within Will was exhibited to the Court and proved in due form of
law, on the oath of Frederick Jones esq. a subscribing evidence thereto,
who swore that he saw the testator, sign, seal, publish and declare the
within to be and contain his last Will and Testament, and that at the
time thereof he was of sound and disposing mind and memory, & fit for
same time, George Moore esq. Executor, therein named qualified as such
agreeable to law.

John London. C. C.