

Allen Jones's Will

In the name of God amen. I Allen Jones of Northampton County, Va. State of North Carolina being in good health & possessing my usual understanding, do make my last will & Testament as follows.

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As I am morally certain I shall die in debt and am desirous to do justice to all my creditors, it is my will & desire, that one or two remain undivided for three years from the first day of January succeeding my death, or until my debts are paid under the management of my executors hereafter named, and it is my will and desire that they apply the whole of the profits of my estate to the payment of my debts annually, except four hundred dollars to be paid out of said profits annually on the first day of March during the said three years to my dear wife Mary Jones for the support of herself & my Grand Daughter Rebecca Jones Long & Mary Allen Long Let it be my will and desire that my said wife & Grand children reside during that time at Mount Gallant & be supported in our usual style of living and have the same servants carriages & Houses.

Item

At the expiration of the said three years or sooner if my debts are paid, it is my will and desire that my whole estate real and personal be divided as follows. I leave to my dear wife Mary Jones during her life and no longer, all the Lands called Mount Gallant and those tracts adjoining the said plantation, consisting of the Lands I bought of Mr. Dawson, Anthony Tucker, Benjamin Fuller & his wife, Henry Hanson and his wife, a small tract I patented & a tract I bought of John Kirk & others for which I have not yet got a deed, and all the Island I own on the North side of Roanoke river, with the Mills House & Lumbermill there & belonging, also the furniture in the House & Kitchen, all the plate, China and crockery ware, and at her death I give the said Lands and all the other articles to my Grand Daughter Mary Rebecca Allen Long her heirs & assigns for ever provided she dies leaving issue alive, but if she dies without leaving lawful issue alive then I leave & bequeath the said Lands to my Grand sons Allen Jones Junr, and Allen Jones Davis, to be equally divided between them, on the same terms & contingencies in which I leave the Lands herein afterwards bequeathed to them.

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I give to my said wife Mary Jones, the Coach, two Carriages, Horses, my riding Chair, five work Horses, an Cart, & two yoke of Oxen with all the cattle sheep & hogs at Mount Gallant not of age for market to her and her heirs & assigns forever.

Item

I give and bequeath to my Grand son Allen Jones Davis the following Lands and plantations in Accomack Neck, Beginning on Accomack swamp at the mouth of Saver's Spring branch, then up the various meanders of said branch to an old pole bridge in William Boons & Braswell line, then along William Boons line to a white Oak at the back of Saver's field in a pond, thence to a pond back of Collins field, thence through another pond to a Maple in the left prong of the West Pitt meadow branch, thence nearly N. 20. E. along a line of marked trees, to the right prong of the West Pitt meadow branch, to a white Oak in said branch, then along the middle of the said branch to the crossing place where Davis joins from Duck Halls, then along Davis join to the window which separates Smith from Duck Halls then along the center of said meadow to Longs old line near the pole bridge on the Halfway road thence along Longs line to the Accomack swamp and thence thence the various meanders thereof to the first station containing by estimation two thousand Acres more or less, and subject to the payment of One hundred fifty dollars to my wife Mary Jones, annually on the first day of February, my wife Mary Jones, annually on the first day of February, and to be commenced on the first February after my death & to cease on the death of my said wife Mary Jones & all the said Lands I give & bequeath to my said Grand son Allen Jones Davis his heirs & assigns forever provided he dies leaving lawful issue alive, but if he dies without lawful issue living I give & bequeath the said Lands to my Grand son Dyson M. Davis to him his heirs & assigns forever subject to the annuity to my wife and provided he dies leaving lawful issue alive, but if he dies without lawful issue living I give & bequeath the said Lands to my Grand son William Richardson & bequeath the said Lands & restrictions as before mentioned to his Brother, and in case he dies without lawful issue living I leave & bequeath the said Lands to be equally divided between my Grand Daughters, Mary, Sarah, & Rebecca Davis share & share alike, to them their heirs & assigns forever.

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In the name of God amen I Allen Jones of Northampton County Va. slave of North Carolina being in good health & possessing my usual understanding, do make my last will & Testament as follows.

As I am morally certain I shall die in debt and am desirous to do justice to all my creditors, it is my will & desire, that my whole remain undivided for three years from the first day of January succeeding my death, or until my debts are paid under the management of my executors hereafter named, and it is my will and desire that they apply the whole of the profits of my estate to the payment of my debts annually, except five hundred dollars to be paid out of said profits annually in the first day of March during the said three years to my dear wife Mary Jones for the support of herself & my grand daughter Rebecca Jones Long & Mary Allen Long I do as Daughter Rebecca Jones Long & Mary Allen Long I do as my will and desire that my said wife & Grand children reside during that time at Mount Solant, & be supported in our usual stile of living and have the same servants carriages & Horses.

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At the expiration of the said three years or sooner if my debts are paid, it is my will and desire that my whole estate real and personal be divided as follows I leave to my dear wife Mary Jones during her life and no longer, all the Lands called Mount Solant and those tracts adjoining the said plantation, consisting of the Lands I bought of Mrs Sumner, Anthony Tucker Benjamin Puller & his wife, Henry Wenson and his wife, a small tract of potatoes & a tract I bought of John Rife & others for which I have not yet got a deed, and all the Island I own on the North side of Branch river, with the Mills Houses & enclosures thereto belonging, also the furniture in the House & Kitchen, all the plate, China and crockery ware, and at her death I give the said Lands and all the other articles to my Grand Daughter Mary Rebecca Allen Long her heirs & assigns for ever provided she dies leaving issue alive but if she dies without leaving lawful issue alive, then I leave & bequeath the said Lands to my Grand sons Allen Jones here, and Allen Jones Davis, to be equally divided between them, on the same terms & contingencies on which I leave the Lands herein afterwards bequeathed to them.

Allen

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I give to my said wife Mary Jones, the Carriage, two carriages, horses, my riding chair, five work horses, six Cows, five yoke of Oxen with all the cattle, sheep & Hogs at Mount Solant not of age for market to her and her heirs & assigns forever. I give and bequeath to my Grand son Allen Jones Davis the following Lands and plantations in Oceanichy Neck, Beginning on Oceanichy swamp at the mouth of Davis Spring branch, then up the various meanders of said branch to an old pole bridge in William Beams & Braswell line, then along William Beams line to a white Oak at the back of Sarah's field in a pond, thence to a pond at back of Collins field, thence through another pond to a Maple, in the left prong of the West Pitt meadow branch, thence nearly N. 20. E. along a line of marked trees, to the right prong of the West Pitt meadow branch, to a white Oak in said branch, then along the middle of the said branch to the crossing place where Davis's line joins Dick Halls line along Davis's line to the meadow which separates Smith's from Dick Halls then along the center of said meadow to Long's old line near the pole bridge on the Guilford road thence along Long's line to the Oceanichy swamp and thence by various meanders thence to the first station containing by estimation two thousand acres more or less, and subject to the payment of One hundred & fifty dollars to my wife Mary Jones, annually on the first day of February and to commence on the first February after my death & to cease on the death of my said wife Mary Jones & all the said Lands I give & bequeath to my said Grand son Allen Jones Davis his heirs & assigns forever provided he dies leaving lawful issue alive, but if he dies without lawful issue living I give & bequeath the said Lands to my Grand son Byrd Allen Davis to him his heirs & assigns forever subject to the annuity to my wife and provided he dies living issue alive, but if he dies without lawful issue living I give & bequeath the said Lands to my Grand son William Richardson & bequeath the said Lands on the same terms & restrictions as before mentioned to his Brothers, and in case he dies without lawful issue living I leave & bequeath the said Lands to be equally divided between my Grand Daughters, Mary Sarah, & Rebecca Davis share & share alike, to them their heirs & assigns forever.

I give & bequeath to my Grand son Allen Jones Green, the
 following Lands on the conditions herein named, to wit: Beginning
 at the center of the mery meadow nearly opposite his farm, thence
 to a gum on the side of the meadow, thence to two Red Oaks
 in the field near an old well and his house fence, thence
 the same course continued to the line herein laid down for
 Allen Jones Davis back line, then along that line to the right
 spring of the wolf pit meadow branch, (Site) on said branch
 and Allen Jones Davis line to Smiths meadow (along Smiths
 meadow and Allen Jones line to large old line on Halifax road
 then down the said line to three stumps below the canteway)
 on the mery meadow, a corner between Christian Camps, then
 along a line of marked trees on the south side of the mery
 meadow to the center where my line crosses it then down the
 center and the meadows of said meadow to the beginning,
 also all that tract or parcel of Land on which he resides,
 all these Lands I give and bequeath to my said Grand son
 Allen Jones Green his heirs and assigns forever provided
 he dies leaving lawful issue alive, at his death, but if he
 dies without lawful issue living at his death, I give and
 bequeath the said Lands to my Grandson John Stiggeus
 on the same contingencies, and if he dies without lawful issue
 living I leave the said Lands to my Grand daughter
 Amosilla & Emily Stiggeus on the same contingencies and
 provision to them their heirs and assigns forever. The aforesaid
 Lands I give and bequeath to my Grandson Allen Jones Green
 as aforesaid subject to the payment of One hundred Dollars
 to my wife Mary Jones annually during her life and so
 longer on the first day of February in each year, and to
 commence on the first day of February after my death, I leave
 also a life estate to my daughter Martha Cold Halls in that
 part of said Lands now in possession of Doctor Hall (lying
 West of the meadow running below the Dunsen house) on said
 plantation, the said life estate subject to the payment of
 fifty dollars annually to my wife, at the same time as aforesaid
 and to cease with her death, and on failure of paying the said
 fifty dollars the life estate to cease and the Lands to go to my
 Grand son Allen Jones Green subject to the payment of the said
 fifty dollars annually as above.

John

I give & bequeath to my Grand daughter Rebecca Jones Long all the
 remainder of my Lands in County bounded by the mery meadow
 Occurich Swamp and the line of Allen Jones Davis. I Allen Jones
 Green herein mentions to his son and assigns forever provided
 she dies leaving lawful issue alive at his death, but if she
 dies without lawful issue living at his death, I give &
 bequeath the said Lands to my Grand daughter Mary Rebecca
 Allen Long to her heirs and assigns forever provided she
 dies leaving lawful issue living at her death, but if she
 dies without lawful issue living at her death, I give &
 bequeath the said Lands to my Grand son Allen Jones Davis
 & Allen Jones Green to be equally divided between them
 to their heirs and assigns forever, on the same
 terms and contingencies as the Lands herein before devised
 to them.

It is my will & desire that until my Grand daughter Rebecca
 Jones ~~Long~~ marries or comes of age, her Land be jointly
 cultivated by the slave of her sister Mary Rebecca Allen
 Long and her son, and after paying the expenses of a
 my wife and I leave that my wife Mary Jones have one
 third of the profits, the remainder to be placed at interest
 to be distributed them yearly by their Guardians hereafter
 named, and to be divided equally between my aforesaid
 Grand children Rebecca & Mary Long when either marries
 or comes of age, when Mr Jones should be dead.

I leave to my wife Mary Jones during her life and no longer my
 little plantation in Halifax County opposite Mount Pleasant
 of whomsoever purchased with all emblements thereto belonging and
 at her death I give and bequeath the said little Land and
 plantation to my Grand son Allen Jones Green on condition he
 pay to my Grandson John Stiggeus five thousand dollars
 in three payments, the first payment within twelve months after
 the death of my said wife and the other two payments, annually
 on the same day in each of the two succeeding years, I give
 the said Land plantation to my said Grand son Allen
 Jones Green his heirs and assigns forever on the same terms
 and condition as the Lands herein before devised to
 them.

John

Item I give and bequeath to my Grandson John Setgrouse five thousand Dollars to be paid at once by his Brother Allen Jones Green

Item I leave to my wife during her life and no longer my Estate Sonney and my sonship lot, and at her death I give the said slaves to my Grand son Allen Jones Green & Allen Jones David

Item I give to Mrs Mary Cole one hundred Dollars Sale gain thirty dollars to Anthony, Lot, Sonney, Sabina & each of them thirty, to be paid by my executor before the final settlement of my estate, and I take this opportunity to desire and beg all claiming any of my slaves to treat them with humanity and kindness, never forgetting that the same God and good God made us all.

Item I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Jones one fourth part of my slaves to her and her heirs forever, her fourth part to be taken according to value out of the slaves I had by her and their increase, with power to wife away any part of them she may think proper before a division of my slaves takes place agreeable to this will.

Item I give and bequeath to my Grandson Allen Jones Davis one fourth part of my slaves, subject to the payment of seven thousand dollars which I lent him as Guardian of Robert Allen Jones which sum of money is to be paid out of his share, or otherwise secured to the said Robert Allen Jones by my said Grandson before he takes possession of said slaves at the direction of my Executor.

Item I give and bequeath to my Grand children John Setgrouse, Annelle & Emily Setgrouse one eighth part of my slaves to be equally divided between them share and share alike, the survivor & survivors of them to their heirs and assigns forever, reserving to my Daughter Martha Cobb Hale, the use of one half of them during her life and no longer.

Item I give and bequeath to my Grand son Allen Jones Green one eighth part of my slaves to him his heirs and assigns forever

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I give & bequeath one fourth part of my slaves to my Grand daughter Rebecca Jones Long and Mary Rebecca Allen Long to be equally divided between them, and in case of the death of either of them under age and without lawful issue living give the said slaves to the survivor, and in case of the death of both of them under age and without lawful issue living give & bequeath their said portion of slaves to my Grand sons Allen Jones Green and Allen Jones David to be equally divided between them to them their heirs and assigns.

Item It is my will and desire that in the division of my slaves, my Grand daughter Rebecca Jones Long have Anthony, Angelah and all their children, and Mary Rebecca Allen Long have London, Sabina, and all their children.

Item It is my will and desire after my debts are paid, that all my personal estate be sold (except what is herein willed away) and the money arising from the sale thereof and the profits of any arising from my estate, during the aforesaid three years, be divided into five shares of which I give one share to my wife Mary Jones, one share to my Grand son John Setgrouse, one share to Allen Jones Green, one share to Allen Jones Davis & one share to Rebecca Jones Long & Mary Rebecca Allen Long to be divided equally between them.

Item I constitute and appoint my dear wife Mary Jones Long friend Lunsford Long Trustees and guardians of the estate herein devised to my Grand daughter Rebecca Jones Long and Mary Rebecca Allen Long until either of them marry or come of age and it is my will & desire that they remain with my dear wife Mary Jones, who has been a tender parent to them and I make no doubt will continue to be so, and I desire that the surplus profits of their estate after maintaining them, be placed at interest and accumulated for annually with the Court of Southampton County.

Item I constitute and appoint my friend Lunsford Long & David Thomas Hale and my dear wife Mary Jones, Executors of this my last will & Testament, and I desire that my said Executors have & receive each of them that is to say Lunsford Long &

and Thomas Hall One hundred pounds Virginias money for their trouble in managing my estate.
 Having thus divided my estate with all the parties in my power I now more recommend my slaves to the care and protection of my children, and I again declare this to be my will and testament written with my own hand and sealed with my seal this fourth day of July Anno Domini One thousand eight hundred and seven 1807.
 Allen Jones Seal.

Signed, sealed & delivered
 I declared his last Will in
 presence of his
 Mary & Cecelia
 David Arnold
 Elsie Webb

Northampton County J^{ts}
 December Court 1807
 The foregoing Will of Allen Jones was exhibited into Court & duly proved by the oath of David Arnold & Elsie Webb two subscribing witnesses, whereupon Lunsford Long one of the Executors therein named was duly qualified, Ordered to be Certified & Remitted
 Witness E. Haynes C^l

To the Clerk of the Court of the County of Northampton
 I the undersigned the Justice of the County of Northampton do hereby certify that the said Allen Jones was duly qualified as Executor of the said Will of Allen Jones and in view that the business of the estate may be facilitated with every possible care to the said estate and conserving from the eluding or interference of Creditors that the adjoining and settling the said estate may be prosecuted as Executor thereof, I do therefore signify to your Honors that I will not act as Executor under the said Will and continue to act as Executor of the said last Will of Allen Jones until my hand and seal the 25th day of November anno Domini 1807.
 Witness my hand and seal
 Mary Jones Seal

Northampton County J^{ts} December Court 1807
 The above relinquishment was proved in open Court by the oath of M^{rs} E. Dancy & ordered to be Recorded
 Witness E. Haynes C^l

I have first very solemnly taken an Oath to the Will of Allen Jones & I certify that the said Will is the last Will of Allen Jones & I have first very solemnly taken an Oath to the Will of Allen Jones & I certify that the said Will is the last Will of Allen Jones

Martha Waldens Will

In the name of God Amen I Martha Walden of Northampton County Carolina being in a sound disposing memory being of mind that all matters must be done so make forain this to be my last Will & Testament and directing all others by me made or done of what it pleases the Creator to do me with in the following manner (to wit) -
 My desire is that my soul be taken from within & come very early to be buried in a Christian like manner, at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named -

Item I leave to my son Arch Franklin during his Natural life Two beds & furniture on horse on Cow & one hundred dollars with the value one half of a Vile of One Cent & one Centence all my Duties on from my spinning thus all the income of my estate I leave to my son Arch Franklin & his heirs & assigns forever after his death then I give the said property to my son George (Viz) Martha Sams by Margaret Sams to them & their heirs forever.

Item I bequeath the Blue Chest I have bought to Martha Sams to her & her heirs forever I nominate & appoint John Nicholas to be Executor of this my last Will & Testament & directing all others this 18th day of August 1807
 Signed Sealed &c
 Rachel Walden
 Martha Walden Seal
 Mark

Northampton County J^{ts} March Court 1807
 The foregoing Will of Martha Walden a/c/o has exhibited into Court & duly proved by the oath of Rachel Walden & ordered to be Recorded
 Witness E. Haynes C^l

Witness E. Haynes C^l