

December Term 1794

In The Name of God Amen.

Dickens Jones of  
Person County and State of North Carolina being in Perfect  
Health mind & memory thanks be to Almighty God for it,  
and calling to mind the uncertainty of his life. Do make this my  
Last Will and Testament in manner & form following. That is  
to say here I recommend my body to the ground. And my soul  
unto the hands of him that gave it, hoping to receive Immortal  
& Longevitie of my sins by the merits of my Saviour Jesus  
Christ, my body to be decently Buried at the discretion of my Exec-  
utors after my death. And touching such temporal Estate as hath  
pleased God to bestow on me. I give & bequeath as follows —  
Item. I leave unto my well beloved wife during her Natural life all  
my Estate Real & Personal after paying all my just debts & funeral  
Charges.  
Item. My Will & desire is that after the death of my beloved wife  
Nancy Jones that my personal Estate be equally divided amongst  
James Jones, Richd Jones, Bent Jones, & Sam'l Jones, my beloved  
sons. & Mary Lumpkins & Nancy Vandhook my beloved Daughters also  
After paying or giving to my son John Jones five Pounds and my  
Daughter Elizabeth Brown also twenty Shillings & my Daughter Mary  
Hedge likewise twenty Shillings.  
Item, I give & bequeath unto my blood son Bent Jones the tract of land  
nowise or after the death of my beloved wife when & her Heirs or  
Assigns for ever — partly I constitute & Appoint my beloved son  
Richard Jones, Bent Jones, & Jacob Vandhook Esq. of this my last Will  
& Testament. Plotching & marking said all other Wills by me  
made Hertofore, And appointing this my last Will & Testament In  
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty fourth  
day of December one thousand seven hundred & ninety two —

Signed Sealed & Published

Dickens Jones

in the presence of us —

Wm. Yarborough  
Jno. Brumfield  
Sam'l Wilson

This Will was duly proved in open Court  
and Ordained to be Recorded

Test. —  
John Dickens Esq.

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This Indenture made this 1 day of Decem. in the year  
our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred & Ninety four between  
James Wilson Esq. in behalf of the Trustees of the County of  
Person & their successors in office of the one Part and John  
Holloway Esq. of the Other Part, Rightfull heirs and executors  
of the estate of James Wilson Esq. deceased an Orphan  
of the age of fourteen years then June to Nine after the manner  
of an Apprentice & Servant until she shall attain to the  
age of twenty one years during all which time the said  
Master faithfully shall serve his said Master and his  
successors and they shall not at any time absent  
himself from the said Masters service without  
leave but in all things as a good & faithful Servant  
shall be have towards his said Master and the said  
John Holloway to the Covenants Promise and agree  
to and with the said James Wilson Esq. that he will  
work and his tools or cause to be taught & instructed  
the said John Holloway according to Law to  
read Write &c also the Art & Mystery of a Carpenter  
and that he will constantly find & provide for the  
said Apprentice during the term aforesaid sufficient  
Diet washing and Lodging & apparel, fitting for  
and Apprentice and servant to wear all the  
Year thereby both in discharge and in health to the intent  
the Parties to these Presents have Interchanged by  
both these hands & affix three seals to day & date above written  
Test. —  
John Dickens  
John Holloway Esq.

James Wilson Esq.  
John Holloway Esq.

John Dickens