

26 October Court 1783 (38)
 In the name of God Amen, the 10th January 1782, Richard
 Jones of the State of North Carolina & County of Wayne
 being weak of body, but of sound & perfect mind & memory
 thanks be given to God for the same, and calling to mind the
 frailty of my body, and knowing that it is appointed
 to all men once to die, do make & ordain this Instrument
 to contain my last will & Testament in manner following
 In witness whereof I lend to my beloved wife Rebecca by the plan-
 tation whereon I now live, being about one hundred &
 Ten acres, lying in the fork of Walnut Creek, running
 up the Creek to the fork. Then along my prong to the
 mouth of the pen branch, then up the branch to the road
 then to the line of my last survey. Then with the said
 line down to my first Patent line, I also lend to my
 said wife my negro woman Winney, all my plantation
 tools, household goods & stock. During my said wife's widowhood
 and no longer, I then I give to my son John Jones one shilling
 sterling besides what I have heretofore given him, to him &
 his heirs for ever, I then I give to my daughter Williamouth
 & Maad one shilling sterling money besides what
 I have heretofore given her, to her & her heirs for ever, I then
 I give to my daughter Betty Smith one shilling sterling
 money besides what I have heretofore given her, to her and
 her heirs for ever, I give to my daughter Mary Ann Martin
 one shilling sterling money, besides what I have heretofore given
 her, to her & her heirs for ever, I then I give to my daughter
 Franky my negro girl Hannah, and one half of my land
 lying on the upper side of the pond branch & the swamp
 and
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and the Out line of the said Land being my last share
 to her and her heirs forever. Item I give to my son Robert
 the other half of my land, lying on the upper side of the
 pond branch, and the swamp and the Out line of
 my last survey, he having his choice of which half
 he pleases, and my negro boy George, to him & his heirs
 forever, Item I give to my son, Travers, all the
 Land on the East side of the branch that makes out of
 the Doxson, lying between walnut Doxson, the
 the swamps and Martin Johnsons line, being the
 Island Land, including the Land whereon Lydia
 Jones lives, with this reserve, that my said son
 Travers let Lydia Jones live on the place where
 she now is with about seven five Acres and
 belonging to said Plantation, till her youngest son Billy
 Jones comes to Lawfull age, and I give to my said son Travers
 my negro boy Sam, to him and his heirs forever. Item I give
 to my son Coleman all the land lying between the west
 side of the said branch making out of said Doxson and the
 said Swamp, being Island Land, to him & his heirs forever
 Item I give to my son Richard, the land & Plantation as
 I left my wife, after her widow hood is determined
 to him and his heirs forever, also my will is that if my
 wench winny as I left to my wife, should have
 children, that the first she has my devise is may
 go to my son, Coleman, and the next she has to
 go to my son Richard, to them & their heirs forever
 and my will is that all the Estate as I lent my
 wife at her death or ~~marriage~~ marriage
 may,

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 may be equally divided amongst all my five
 last mentioned children, meaning Franky Travise
 Robert, Coleman & Richard Jones, to them & their heirs
 forever, my will & devise is if either of my last men-
 tioned children should die under age or without
 any Lawfull heir begotten or issued from its own
 body, then I devise that the four surviving children
 may have ^{the} deceased Child part I left it, and so on
 if two should die, that the three surviving children
 to have the two deceased Children's parts, and so on
 to the last Child of my five last mentioned children
 if it should so happen meaning that my estate may go to my
 last Child or Child as it may so happen to his, her or their
 heirs forever, and my devise is that Lydia Jones may keep the
 place where she lives till her youngest son Billy Jones come
 to Lawfull age, and then to be equally divided between her
 two sons Friedrich, and said Billy Jones, to them & their heirs
 forever, and lastly I do hereby nominate & appoint my
 friend John Roberts, and my loving wife Pershaby Jones
 Executor & Executrix of this my last will & Testament
 do annulling, revoking and making void all other
 Wills and Testaments by me made, Ratifying and
 Confirming this and no other to be my last will & Testament.
 In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand
 and affixed my seal the day & year first above
 written

Signed, sealed & acknowledged } Richard Jones
 in presence of us John Lawton
 & Amos Parker, John Lawton