

Wm. L. Jones, Jr.

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Wake County February Term 1815

The within last Will and
Testament of Nathaniel Jones (M.P.) was in
open Court duly proven by the oath of
Robert F. Daniel William Daniel and
Himbranch Jones subscribing Witnesses
thereto and ordered to be Recorded

D. G. Thompson

State of N. Carolina In the Name of the most high God
Wake County Governor of Heaven and Earth, Amen.

I Nathaniel Jones (of White Plains) in the State & County
aforesaid, being in tolerable good health, but of perfect & sound
memory, blessed be the grate Governor of the Universe,
Being conscientious moved thereunto, do make & ordain this
my last Will and Testament. The seventh day of September in the
year one Thousand Eight Hundred & Eleven, in manner following

(That is to say)

First my Will is that all my Negroes male & Female, who
has arrived to the age of Twentyfour years, and their increase
as fast as they shall arrive to the said age of Twentyfour
years, be Emancipated or liberated, th ~~even~~ ~~ever~~ ~~the~~ ~~Law~~, or
~~Laws~~ of said State will admit or Tollerate it. —
and I do most solemnly Enjoin it as an Injunction on
my Executors herein after Named, and on all my Representatives
Not to sell, give, swap, or Convey, any of the Negroes, or their
Increase, in or out of said State, as I may die seized or
Possessed of. — and further, my Will is that until the
said State shall pass a Law, or Laws, for Tollerating Emancipati-
=ion or Liberation, that all my Negroes that I may die
seized or possessed of, may be divided among my wife and
Children agreeable to the Law, for the Distribution of Intes-
=tates Estates, due Notice being had to what has already
been given to my Children, of which I have kept a just
account of, for which see a small Memorandum Book.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Seth Jones, ^{the land} I purchased
of Geo Bradley, & Robert Temple, lying near where the said
Seth Jones now lives, amounting to Four Hundred acres, to him
his Heirs & Assigns Forever.

Item I give and Bequeath to my son Wesley Jones, a part of the Land
whereon I now live, Described and Bounded in the following
manner. (to wit) Beginning in the Straight Branch, in John Hinton
junior line, of the Land he Purchased of Micajah Muckleroy.
Thence up the said Branch, its Various Courses, to the Old Hillsborough
Road, Thence up the said Road to David Darnell's Dues' d's
line, thence East to the Ruddy Fork of Walnut Creek, thence down
the Various Courses of the said Ruddy Fork, to the mouth, at
Walnut, thence down the Various Courses of the said Creek, to
John Hinton's junior line, of the Land Purchased of Micajah
Muckleroy, lying on said Walnut Creek, thence South along the
Various Courses of his line to William Hills line, thence about a
South Course, along the Various Courses of the said line to
the Old Hillsborough Road, in a sandy bottom, Near Step
hill Creek, thence down the said bottom, to the said Creek
thence down the Various Courses of the said Creek, to the
Road ~~See my copy of Deed in Book~~ thence West, to the
line of the Land, I Purchased of Ruben ^{Hunter} including said Land,
Thence along the Various Courses of the line of said Land to
said John Hinton's line, thence along his line to the Beginning,
Containing by Estimation One Thousand Eight Hundred acres.
to him his Heirs & Assigns Forever.

My Will is that the following tracts, or Parcels of Land be
Equally divided among my wife & Sons & Daughters & their
Heirs & Assigns Forever, as near as may be, according to the
quality of the Land. The County Court of Wake, to appoint
two Justices, & three Respectable Freeholders, to make the division.

(to wit)
Fifty acres of Land where Phillip Jones lives, on Step hill Creek,
Five Hundred & sixteen by Estimation, adjoining the lines of
Edward Psidey & Bedding Jones, & is a part of the Land I
Purchased of Benjamin Lockhart, for which Isaac Hunter
made the Deed of sale, a part of this purchase I have given
to my son Timothy Watton Jones.

Item I give & bequeath to my son Joel Lane Jones, the land I purch-
-ased of Isaac Atkins, adjoining Hutchings Atkins, Hops Sugg,
and others, containing seven hundred & twenty acres, to him
his heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Alfred Jones the land I
purchased of John Bradford, lying on both sides of Crabtree
Creek, adjoining the lands of Henry Jones, & Fanning Jones, amount-
-ing to eight hundred & seventy acres, to him his heirs and
assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Gurwell Perry Jones, the land
I purchased of Micajah Muckleroy, & Isaac Hunter Senior, lying
on both sides of Mine Creek, for which Isaac Hunter made the
Deed of Sale, and a small quantity of land purchased of Andrew
Hartfield Senior, & Green Davis, adjoining the lands of the said
Hartfield & Davis, the whole amounting to eight hundred &
seven & a half acres, to him his heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Timothy Walton Jones, a part
of the land adjoining whereon I now live, described & bounded
in the following manner. (to wit) Beginning in the straight branch
in the line of the land John Hinton Junior, purchased of
Micajah Muckleroy, thence up the various courses of the said
Branch, to the Old Hillsborough Road, near the head of said
Branch, thence up the said Road, to the line of the land I
purchased of David Darnell Deear, thence North, along the
line of the said Land to George Cole's line, on the North side
of Walnut Creek, thence west along said Cole's line to Edwards Pridie's
line, thence South along said Pridie's line to his corner, thence West along
said line to Pridie's other corner, thence the same course, to Shadrach
Cole's line, thence South along said Cole's line to Fanning Jones's line,
thence along his line, including Three hundred & twenty acres, by me
taken up on the heads of Walnut & Swift Creeks, thence to Joseph
Lane's line, thence along his line to said Hinton's line, thence along
his line to the beginning, containing by estimation One thousand
five hundred ^{or fifty six} acres, to him his heirs & assigns forever.

Eight Hundred & Thirtynine acres lying on both sides of Brazos
Creek, Purchased of Sheriff Lodwick Afford sales & Joseph
Lane, & is the land where Thomas Phillips formerly lived
Six Hundred & ten acres Purchased David Justice Sheriff, on
account of an Execution against John Bradford and lying
on the head of Beaver Creek. Fifty acres Purchased of Thomas
Hudson, Adjoining the last described tract. Seventy seven
acres purchased of Christopher Babb, Adjoining the land
Purchased of Sheriff Justice at Bradford's sales. Forty one
acres, Purchased of Edwin Holding, Adjoining the land of Drury,
Blake & Zachariah Smiths. Two Hundred & Twenty five
acres, Purchased of Drury Joiner, & the Deed of Sale made
by Garrett Goodlow, lying on Beaver Creek, Adjoining the land
of the Heirs of the said Goodlow. One Thousand Six Hun-
dred & four acres, Purchased of John Lane lying on both sides
of Beaver Creek. One Hundred & thirty nine acres, Purchased
of Sigism Jones Sheriff to the best of my Remembrance, and
lying on Neuse River, & is a part of the land where Major
James Moore formerly lived. Six Hundred & Thirteen
acres Purchased of Joseph Lane, Adjoining Henry Jones,
and the Heirs of John C. Jones.

And it is further my Will that my wife have the use
of my Plantation & Mills on Crabtree Creek, containing
Five Hundred & twelve acres, during her Natural life,
and after her Decease, to be Equally divided among my
Sons & Daughters, ~~equally~~ & their Heirs & assigns forever.

And lastly my Will is, that my wife have the use of my
Manor Plantation, Orchards & Houses, untill my son Medley
Jones, arrives to the age of Twenty one years, and after
he arrives to the age of Twenty one ^{years,} my wife is to have the
use of half my Dwilling House, & all out Houses, & half the
Plantation & Orchards, during her Natural life, and after
her Decease, to my son Medley Jones, his Heirs & assigns forever.

and further I leave the use of my title, to my wife during
her life, and after her decease, to my son Wesley Jones forever.

And I do hereby nominate, constitute & appoint,
The following named Friends Executors, of this my last
Will & Testament. to wit Edward Pridley, Jeremiah Perry,
and Gurrell Perry, (my two Brothers in Law) Simon Turner,
Jeth Jones, & Joel Lane Jones.

I suppose it will be asked my reasons for Emancipating
my Negro Slaves upon the laws of the State will admit
or tolerate of it. (Which reasons are as follows. to wit)
Reason the first, agreeable to the rights of man, every
Humane Person, be his or ^{her} colour what it may, is intitled to
Freedom, when he she or they arrive to mature years.

Reason the second, my conscience the grate criterion
condemns me for keeping them in slavery.

Reason the third, the Golden rule directs us to do unto
every Humane creature, as we would wish to be done
unto, and where I am, that there is not one of us,
would agree to be kept in slavery, during
a long life.

Reason the fourth & last, I wish to die with a clear
conscience, that I may not be ashamed to appear
before my master in a future world.

These are the reasons for Emancipating my slaves, & wish every
Humane creature to serious deliberate on my reasons. —
and so farewell to this terrestrial world

Signed Sealed and Declared
by me Nathaniel Jones to be my
last Will & Testament in the
Presence of

Nath. Jones

Robt T. Daniel)
Wm Daniel)
Him brough Jones)
John Wotton)
Red eye Jones)
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