

I James L. Jones of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia being in a sound mind and memory do make and constitute this my last will and testament to be in force and effect from the day of my death.

Act 1 It is my will that all my just debts shall be paid.

Act 2 I give to my daughter Sarah Branch \$500 dollars out of my policy in the Piedmont and Arlington Insurance Company to her in fee simple.

Act 3 I give to my daughter Nancy Council 100 dollars of my policy in the above named Company in fee simple all so I give to her two children Minnie Ada Branch and James Richard Branch 400 dollars out of my policy in the same Company to be equally divided between them if either of them should die before the age of age 21 then the other surviving or is to have the whole amount and in the event that both die then their mother Mrs. Nancy Council is to have the whole amount in fee simple.

Act 4 I give to my daughter Minnie Sweeney Branch 500 dollars of my life Policy in the above named Piedmont & Arlington Insurance Company in fee simple.

Act 5 I give to my daughter Martha James Herriot 500 dollars of my policy in the above named policy to be paid to her and used at her disposal in fee simple.

Act 6 I give to my granddaughter Almecia E. B. Jones 500 dollars of my policy in the above named policy, feather Bedstead and covering, 1 Bedcurtain and 1 Cherry Table in the event she dies and leave no child from her Birthday then the whole amount to go to my estate and to be equally divided between my then living heirs all so I leave to my daughter Martha J. Herriot the plantation whereon I now reside or lived during her life all my old tracts lying on the West side of the gate nearest to the road to gather with the Avenue to the road a strait line from Thomas Drury's line north to John's line south also 18 ^{acres} ~~acres~~ ^{more} of Thomas Drury's lying north of my house and a joining Martha Joyner's land the ground spared excepted for the use of all the family and the plantation to be vested by the same means that values the rest of my estate at the death of Mrs. J. Herriot I give the above named land to her children if any no child to return to my estate and be equally divided between my then living children and ^{should} ~~and~~ the land should not run in value Mr. J. Herriot's portion of my estate equal with the other heirs namely J. Branch, M. S. Branch and N. Council and her Branch children.

The land to be vested out to pay the deficiency or the other heirs istowait three years for the money without interest and Martha J. Herriot have possession of the plantation Martha J. Herriot shall not have the power to sell or dispose of the land in any way other than to rent to pay her deficiency in equal shares I also give to daughter Martha J. Herriot 1 feather Bed with the usual furniture 1 marble top Bedcurtain 1 Cherry table 1 common dining table 1 tin safe 1 cooking stove that we have in use 6 flag Bottom chairs 1 Clock now in use 4 sheep 1 Buggy and harness in fee all the remainder of my estate both real and personal leave to be sold and equally divided between my children namely Sarah Branch Nancy Council Minnie S. Branch and Martha J. Herriot share and share alike and the money to be paid in to the hands of the above named legates this clause I wish observe also I leave A. S. Stephens my seal executor of this my last will and testament with full power to sell and convey all right title and claim to all my land not otherwise disposed of and not to get no order of Court for the sale of such land and the title made by A. S. Stephens shall be as good as the I made it myself and I pay to A. S. Stephens Fifty Dollars for his services attested by my own hand and I wish it to be a sufficient evidence given under my hand whereunto I have affixed my seal this 23rd day of March 1872.

James L. Jones