

A Court held for the County of Southampton the 12 day of January 1786. This Will was presented in Court, by the Executor, one of the executors therein named proved by the oaths of William Barrett Giles Joyner and Mary Joyner three of the witnesses thereto and Ordered to be recorded And on the motion of the said Executor who made oath according to law Certificate was granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form giving security whereupon &c

James
Jones's
Will

In the Name of God Amen I James Jones of St. Lukes County and Parish of St. Lukes being of sound and disposing memory

do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following—
First and principally I recommend my soul to Almighty God the Creator of all things and as for what worldly goods it hath been pleased God to bless me with I dispose of in manner following to wit—

I Give and bequeath to my Son Nathan Jones all the land that I bought of my Brother Abraham P. Jones also a Negro Boy name Peter which said land and Negro I give to him and his heirs for ever.

I Give and bequeath to my Son Howell Jones after the death of my wife the plantations whereon I now live with all the lands adjoining thereto except the lands that I have already given to my son Nathan Jones which said lands I give to my son Howell & to his heirs for ever.

I Give and bequeath to my loving wife Ann Jones all the remainder of my estate that I have not heretofore given away to my son Nathan Jones Such as Negroes Horses Cattle Hogs and such my household and kitchen furniture and all the remainder of my estate of what kind or nature so ever or wheresoever found to him and his heirs for ever also I give to my wife during her life the plantations whereon I now live which I have before given to my son Nathan after her death and lastly I constitute and appoint my wife Ann Jones and my Brother in law Jesse Joyner my sole and exclusive Executors to this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fix to my seal this 11 day of May 1786