

**WILL OF ADAM JONES  
LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA  
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In the name of God, Amen, I Adam Jones of the County of Laurens and State of Georgia being weak in body but of sound mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of life so make this my LW&T.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> place I recommend my soul to that all good and just god who gave it to me and commit my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian like manner.

Secondly, I desire all my just debts may be paid and that my executors do take out such part and so much of my personal estate as they think can best be spared to my family and discharge my debts.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Serisey Jones the plantation which I now reside together with all the rest of the lands I possess during her natural life, likewise a negro woman slave named Sal during her natural life and likewise one twelveth part of my personal estate during her life and after her death I give and bequeath the said plantation and all the rest of the lands I possess and the said negro woman Sal and the one twelvth part of any personal estate to my sons Seaborn E. Jones and John Jones, to them and their heirs forever. Nevertheless, if my wife should be alive at the time my son Seaborn becomes 16 years of age then he shall have the privilege of working and cultivating one third part of my plantation and all the rest of the lands I possess for his own use and if my wife should be alive at the time my son John shall become age 16 shall have the privilege of working and cultivating one third part of my plantation and all the rest of the lands I possess for his own use. But if my wife Serisey Jones should marry at any time then my plantation together with all the rest of the land I possess is to be entirely for use of my two sons, Seaborn E. and John Jones.

4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son Seaborn E. Jones one negro man slave named Sam to him and his heirs forever but if my son Seaborn should die before lawful age of twenty one years of age and have issue unlawfully begotten of his body then I give and bequeath all I have given to my son Seaborn to my son, John Jones.

5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son John Jones one negro man slave named Jack to him and his heirs forever but if my son John should die before lawful age of twenty one years of age and have issue unlawfully begotten of his body then I give and bequeath all I have given to my son John to my son, Seaborn E. Jones.

6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Ellenor Ann one negro woman slave named Maria and all her future increase to her and her heirs forever.

7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Holly Ann one negro girl named Judy and all her future increase to her and her heirs forever. And to my daughter Laura Ann I give and bequeath one negro slave girl named Patience and all her future increase to her and her heirs forever.

8<sup>th</sup> It is my desire that the Executors do sell my negro man slave Maddun to the best advantage and the money arising from the sale of said negro they buy a negro in the place of Maddun for the use of the family and for raising the children till the youngest child comes of age.

9<sup>th</sup> It is my will and desire that my daughter Delia Ann, Susan, Margaret and Queen Ann have the following negros to be divided between them. Pen, Will and the negro to be bought in the place of Maddun and if Sal has another child after this, that child also but Pen and Will are to remain in the family till the youngest child becomes of age and then the division of said negros is to take place and not before.

10<sup>th</sup> I give to my daughters Delia Ann, Susan, Margaret, Queen Ann, Ellenor Ann, Holly Ann and Laura Ann to each and every one of them a feather bed, bed stead, and furniture and one trunk or chest.

11<sup>th</sup> I give to my daughters Jane Parramore and Liddy Crawford to each and every one of them 2 cows and 2 calves and nothing more are they to have from my estate.

12<sup>th</sup> All the rest and balance of my property and estate which is not heretofore disposed of I give and bequeath to my children to be equally divided among them at the time the youngest child becomes of age. That is Delia Ann, Susan, Margaret, Queen Ann, Ellenor Ann, Holly Ann, Laura Ann, Seaborn E. and John all to have each and every one of them an equal part.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my true, trusty and faithful friends, Benjamin Adams and Peter Adams Executors of this my Last Will and Testament and hereby revoking all and every other will which I may have made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of Christ one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight. Signed, sealed and in presence of the interlineation of the words together with all the rest, land, property and the rest of the lands I possess were made before signing.

Test: J. Blackshear  
Samuel Yopp  
M.G O'Neal

Adam Jones

Ga. Laurens County, Court of Ordinary, March term 1829 Joseph Blackshear, Samuel Yopp and Mastin G. O'Neal came into open court and being duly sworn saith that they saw Adam Jones sign seal publish and pronounce the within as his Last Will and Testament and that he was of sound and disposing mind at the time and that they assign the same as witnessess.

Attest Thomas Moore Clerk

Recorded February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1830