

In the Name of God Amen

I Griffith Jones of Bladen County in the Province of North Carolina Esq. being weak of body but of perfect understanding, considering the uncertainty and transience of my life and the many hazards and dangers that it is ordained to meet being desirous to leave that small estate and fortune which God almighty has been pleased to bless me with in my family with as much peace and quiet as may be and that I may have nothing of the Troubling World or the unquietness thereof to trouble my thoughts and contemplations prior or subsequent of let but think and meditate of the great mercies and inestimable blessing and comfort that are there enjoyed

I do make this my last will and Testament in manner following hereby making all former wills by me made and first to resign my soul to the great and merciful God that made it being through the alone merits of my blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to have a joyful entrance to life eternal in Heaven and my body to commit to the grave to be decently interred as near as may be to my beloved Wife as the direction of my last will herein after mentioned and as to my temporal estate and goods whereof I am seized in fee and in Bladen County Tennessee and Hereditaments situate lying and being in the parish of Saint Mark's and County of Bladen

Imprimis - I give devise and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret W. Rice the plantation that I now dwell in with all the houses and Barns it being the same parcel of land that I gave my son in fee a constitutional deed of gift between William W. Rice my daughter Margarets husband and me in the presence of witnesses and being duly recorded and being the better provision of said daughter Margaret

RECORD OF WILL

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Patent bearing date the 5th of September 1798 being had may fully appear during her life inclusion of her husband who is to be found to give dispose of or to intermeddle with same or any part thereof neither the same to be her husband's debt, disposal or incumbrance after her decease to the first second third or fourth male for ever, and in default of such issue to her daughter or daughters unless females as tenants in common not as joint tenants if the said daughter or daughters should marry or their husbands, is to be made the same not as the husband of any said daughter Margaret McRae and in default of their issue unto the issue of my daughter Mary White and Anna Strain and

Thus

I give devise and bequeath unto Griffith White my grand son one tract of land containing two hundred acres, on the North east side of Church Street, being part of one hundred and 75 acres as well fully appears by patent bearing date the 5th day of September 1795 out of which I have reserved one hundred and fifty acres lying at a Bay North West, the corner of the same line and running upwards for the same unto the said Griffith Jones during his natural life and the heirs of his body, and in default of his heirs to the heirs of my daughter Mary White forever, and in default of her heirs to the heirs of my daughter Anna and Mary forever.

I Thus

I give devise and bequeath unto Griffith Strain one tract of land containing three hundred and fifty acres, of land on the east side of the Church Street being reserved to the heirs of my grand son Griffith Jones and in default of his heirs to the heirs of my daughter Margaret McRae forever, and in default of her heirs to the heirs of my daughter Anna and Mary forever.

And in default of such issue to the heirs of my daughter Mary White and Margaret McKel

And whereas I am seized in fee of and in (1) lands which I have surrendered to the use of my wife situate lying and being in Bladen County on the west side of the South Branch of Pedee River containing one hundred acres as will appear by Patent bearing date the 15th day of October 1751 as likewise another tract lying on the West side of the lower end of the White Marsh in fronting John Russ's land containing three hundred and twenty acres as will fully appear by Patent bearing date the seventh day of June 1739 to be disposed of to the best advantage by my executors and the money arising to be equally divided between my daughters Mary White Anne Houston and Margaret McKel their and their heirs

I give my negro called Election to my son John White.

I give my other negro fellow called George and my negro wench called Hannah unto my daughter Anna Houston.

I give my other negro called Larry unto my daughter Margaret McKel.

I give unto my Son and Elizabeth Houston if she should continue in my service or no, three Cows and Calves.

I give all my House hold stuff and dog plant tools and moveables unto my daughters Mary White Anna Houston and Margaret McKel share and share alike they being first appraised by three different persons upon each chosen by my Executors to that purpose and it is my Will and pleasure that I hereby declare the same to be and do therefore hereby appoint that if any of the before mentioned shall contract or

I do hereby utterly exclude and debar all my
 Legatees & Legatees from all manner of benefit
 or advantage to be by them or their heirs
 by this my last Will and Testament or any
 and I do hereby revoke and make void
 any Legacy and Legacies hereby given
 or bequeathed to the and or either and say
 that the said Legatee that shall contest or
 bring or shall attempt or endeavor to bring
 contest or controvert this my last Will and
 which I again declare to be my last Will and
 hereby revoking and making void all former and
 other Wills by me at any time made.

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I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my
 Law. John White William Houston, William
 my Executors and Trustees of this my last
 Will.

In witness whereof I the said Griffith
 have hereunto set my hand and seal the first
 day of March in the year of Our Lord
 1782 declared published and
 declared by the Testator Griffith
 to be his last Will and
 Testament, in the presence of us
 who in the presence and sight
 of him the Testator have hereunto
 subscribed our names.

Isaac Jones
 Richard Grech
 Peter Crane

Griffith Jones

Bladen August Term 1782
 This will was proved in open Court by
 oath of Isaac Jones Esq and was
 recorded

Samuel