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Thomas
Jones
Will

In the Name of God Amen ^{this} ~~the~~ ^{third} ~~the~~ ^{Day} ~~the~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{February} ~~the~~ ^{In} ~~the~~ ^{Year} ~~of~~ ^{our} ~~the~~ ^{Lord} ~~of~~ ^{Christ} ~~one~~ ^{thousand} ~~seven~~ ^{Hundred} ~~and~~ ^{Seven} ~~Seven~~ ^{Thomas} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~County~~ ^{of} ~~Washington~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{Colony} ~~of~~ ^{Virginia} ~~being~~ ^{Very} ~~and~~ ^{weak} ~~in~~ ^{Body} ~~but~~ ^{of} ~~Perfect~~ ^{mind} ~~and~~ ^{memory} ~~and~~ ^{being} ~~to~~ ^{mind} ~~my~~ ^{mortality} ~~and~~ ^{that} ~~it~~ ^{is} ~~appointed~~ ^{for} ~~all~~ ^{men} ~~to~~ ^{Die} ~~Do~~ ^{make} ~~and~~ ^{ordain} ~~this~~ ^{to} ~~be~~ ^{my} ~~last~~ ^{Will} ~~and~~ ^{Testament} ~~Item~~ ^{First} ~~of~~ ^{all} ~~I~~ ^{Recommend} ~~my~~ ^{Soul} ~~to~~ ^{God} ~~who ^{gave} ~~it~~ ^{me} ~~And~~ ^{my} ~~body~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{Earth} ~~to~~ ^{be} ~~buried~~ ⁱⁿ ~~its~~ ^a ~~Christian~~ ^{manner} ~~at~~ ^{the} ~~Discretion~~ ^{of} ~~my~~ ^{Executors} ~~and~~ ^{as} ~~touch~~ ^{such} ~~worldly~~ ^{Estate} ~~where~~ ^{with} ~~it~~ ^{hath} ~~pleas'd~~ ^{God} ~~in ^{his} ~~Good~~ ^{will} ~~to~~ ^{Wife} ~~me~~ ^I ~~order~~ ^{and} ~~Dispose~~ ^{of} ~~in~~ ^{the} ~~manner~~ ^{and} ~~form~~ ^{following} ~~Wiz~~ ~~First~~ ^{of} ~~all~~ ^I ~~give~~ ^{and} ~~bequeath~~ ^{unto} ~~my~~ ^{well} ~~belov'd~~ ^{Wife} ~~Diana~~ ^{the} ~~third~~ ^{Part} ~~of~~ ^{all} ~~my~~ ^{Estate} ~~both~~ ^{Real} ~~and~~ ^{Personal} ~~After~~ ^{that} ~~all~~ ^{my} ~~Just~~ ^{Debts} ~~and~~ ^{Funeral} ~~Charges~~ ^{are} ~~paid~~ ~~Item~~ ^{and} ~~to~~ ^{my} ~~son~~ ^{Laughly} ~~I~~ ^{likewise} ~~give~~ ^{and} ~~bequeath~~ ^{the} ~~sum~~ ^{of} ~~Ten~~ ^{Pounds} ~~to~~ ^{be} ~~levied~~ ^{out} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~remainder~~ ^{of} ~~my~~ ^{Estate} ~~Item~~ ^{And} ~~the~~ ^{remainder} ~~of~~ ^{my} ~~Estate~~ ^{shall} ~~be~~ ^{Equally} ~~Divided~~ ^{between} ~~my~~ ^{Wife} ~~Diana~~ ^{my} ~~son~~ ^{Laughly} ~~Robert~~ ^{William} ~~James~~ ^{and} ~~Thomas~~ ^{Jones} ~~and~~ ^{my} ~~three~~ ^{Daughters} ~~Agary~~ ^{Melia} ~~and~~ ^{Elizabeth} ~~Jones~~ ~~Item~~ ^{But} ~~if~~ ^{either} ~~Eight~~ ^{of} ~~them~~ ^{For} ~~mentioned~~ ^{Legacies} ~~Laughly~~ ^{Robert} ~~William~~ ^{James} ~~or~~ ^{Thomas} ~~Agary~~ ^{Melia} ~~or~~ ^{Elizabeth} ~~Jones~~ ^{shall} ~~die~~ ⁱⁿ ~~their~~ ^{minority} ~~it~~ ^{is} ~~my~~ ^{Will} ~~therefore~~ ^{that} ~~their~~ ^{Part} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~Estate~~ ^{shall} ~~be~~ ^{Equally} ~~Divided~~ ^{between} ~~the~~ ^{seven} ~~Surviving~~ ^{one} ~~and~~ ^{or} ~~more~~ ~~Item~~ ^I ~~likewise~~ ^{make} ~~and~~ ^{ordain} ~~my~~ ^{Wife} ~~Diana~~ ^{Jones} ~~to~~ ^{be} ~~my~~ ^{sole} ~~Executrix~~ ^{of} ~~this~~ ^{my} ~~Will~~ ^{and} ~~Testament~~ ~~Item~~ ^{Likewise} ~~all~~ ^{other} ~~Wills~~ ^{and} ~~Testaments~~ ^{by} ~~me~~ ^{heretofore} ~~made~~ ~~Do~~ ^{renounce} ~~and~~ ^{Declare} ~~all~~ ^{them} ~~Void~~ ^{and} ~~of~~ ^{none} ~~Effect~~ ^{and} ~~do~~ ^{Declare} ~~this~~ ^{and} ~~mean~~ ^{other} ~~to~~ ^{be} ~~my~~ ^{Last} ~~will~~ ~~Signed~~ ^{Published} ~~and~~ ^{Proounced} ~~in~~ ^{the} ~~Presence~~ ^{of} ~~us~~
Benjamin Gray
John Osburn
Luring House
Thomas Jones *(Signature)*
At a Court held for Washington County the 30th day of September 1777
This last Will and Testament of Thomas Jones Deceased
Was Exhibited in Court and ~~read~~ ^{proven} ~~by~~ ^{the} ~~oath~~ ^{of} ~~Benjamin~~ ^{Gray} ~~a~~ ^{witness} ~~there~~ ^{unto}.~~~~

Washington County, Virginia, Will Book 1, p. 25; image, *FamilySearch*, "Will books, Vol. 1-3, 1777-1812," (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C9PX-29Q9-Q> : accessed 26 May 2021), [image 36](#); FHL microfilm 34,356, DGS 7,645,887.

TRANSCRIPTION

In the Name of God Amen, this twen[.] Day of February In the year of our lord Christ one thousand seven Hundren and Seven I Thomas Jones of the County of Washington in the Colony of Virginia being Verry [...] and weak in Body but of Perfect mind and memory and Caling to mind my mortality and that it is appointed for all men to Die Do make and ordain this to be my Last Will and Testament~~~~~[...]
primos or first of all I recommend my Soul to God who gave it me And my body to the Earth to be buried in a Cristian maner at the Discretion of my Executors and as touch such worldly Estate wherewith it hath Pleased God in his Goodness to Bless me I order and Dispose of in the manner and form following Viz.

First of all I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Wife Diana the third Part of all my Estate both Real and Personal After that all my Just Debts and Funeral Charges are paid ~~~~~Item and to my Son Laughly I likewise Give and Bequeath the sum of Ten Pounds to be levied out of the Remainder of my Estate ~~~~~
Item And the Remainder of my Estate shall be Equally Divided between my Wife Diana my five Sons Laughly, Robert William James & Thomas Jones and my three Daughters Agasy Millia and Elizabeth Jones ~~~Item But if Either Eight of them Forementioned Legatees viz. Laughly Robert William James or Thomas Agasy Millia or Elizabeth Jones shall Die in their minority it is my Will therefore that their Part of the Estate shall be Equally Divided between the seven Surviving ones and so on~~~Item I likewise make and ordain my Wife Diana Jones to be my whole Executrix of this my Will and Testament~~~Item
Likewise all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made [I] Do Renounce and Declare all them Void and of none Efect and do Declare this and none other to be my Last will~~~~~Signed Published and Pronounced in the Presence of us.

Thomas Jones {SEAL}

Benjamin Gray

John Owins

Luraing House

At a Court held for Washington County the 30th day of September 1777 This last Will and Testament of Thomas Jones Deceased Was Exhibited in Court and proven by the oath of Benjamin Gray a witness thereto.