

**WILLS & CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTS  
RELATING TO VARIOUS JONES FAMILIES**

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~~~ The people of the State of New York by the Grace of God Free and independent  
L.S. To Richard Jones of Colchester in the County of Delaware and State of New York Send Greeting ~~~  
Whereas Jonathan Jones as is alledged lately died intestate having whilst living and at the Time of Death divers Goods Chattels and Credits within this State by Reason whereof the Ordering and disposing Administration of all and Singular the said Goods Chattels and Credits and also the Auditing and Allowing and final discharging the Account thereof doth Appertain unto us, and we being desirous that the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased may be well and faithfully administered applied and disposed of do grant unto You the said Richard Jones full Power by these presents to administer and faithfully dispose of all and singular the said Goods Chattels and Credits to ask demand recover and receive the Debts which unto the said deceased whilst living and at the Time of his Death did belong and to pay the Debts which the said deceased did owe so far as such Goods, Chattels and Credits will thereunto extend and the Law require Hereby requiring you to make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased which have or shall come to your Hands Possession or knowledge and the same so made to exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the Office of the Surrogate of the said County of Delaware at or before the Expiration of six Calendar Months from the Date hereof and also to render a just and perfect Account of Administration when thereunto required And we do by these Presents (———?) constitute and appoint you the said Richard Jones Administrator of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits which were of the said Jonathan Jones at the time of his Death In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of Office of our said Surrogate to be hereunto affixed.  
Witness Anthony Mawine Surrogate for the said County of Delaware at (*Kortright?*) the twenty fourth Day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine and of our Independence the twenty fourth (said) interlined (third) struck out

Anth Mawine Surrogate

Delaware County SS Be it remembered that on the twenty fourth Day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine personally came before me Anthony Mawine Surrogate of the said County of Delaware Richard Jones to whom I administered an oath in the words following to wit: You do swear that Jonathan Jones late of the Town of Colchester in the County of Delaware deceased died without any will as far as you know or believe and that you will well and faithfully administer all and singular the Good Chattels and Credits of the said deceased and pay his Debts as far as his Goods Chattels and Credits will thereto extend and the Law require You and that You will make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the said Goods Chattels and Credits as also a just and perfect Account of your Administration and exhibit the same within the Time for that purpose prescribed by Law.

Anth Mawine Surr

The preceding Letters of Administration to Richard Jones with the (*Memoran?*) of the oath administered to him (the widow of Jonathan Jones having previously consented that Richard Jones do administer on the Estate) were recorded the twenty Eighth Day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine.

Anth Mawine Surr

## The Will of Richard M. Jones

Be it remembered that at a Surrogates Court held at the Surrogate's Office in Stamford, in and for the County of Delaware on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1884, the last Will and Testament of Richard M. Jones, late of the town of Middletown, in the County of Delaware, deceased, was duly proved before Daniel T. Arbuckle Esq., Surrogate of said County, and was by said Surrogate adjudged valid and established as a Will of real and personal Estate, and the same, together with the proofs and examinations taken on the probate thereof, are pursuant to an order of said Surrogate here recorded, to wit:

I, Richard M. Jones, of the town of Middletown, County of Delaware and State of New York of the age seventy years, and being of sound mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner following that is to say.

First, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Isabella Jones, a home and life estate in all my real and personal esta and property so long as she remains my widow and in case she shall marry said real estate is to be sold by my said Executor hereinafter named and my wife's interest be paid to her within one year after her said marriage in the aforesaid real estate, but in case she remains single she is to live upon possess and enjoy all of the real & personal estate and to have the rents issues and profits thereof in and during her natural life.

Second, I give and bequeath to my daughter Isabella Jones the sum of One thousand dollars absolutely which sum is to be paid to her within eighteen months from the decease of my said wife by my said Executor

Third, I give and bequeath all the residue and remainder of my property both real and personal to my daughters hereinafter named at the death of my said wife. Christina Lasher, Mary Bryant, Jane Dimmick and Isabella Jones to be divided equally share & share alike

Lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint my said daughter Isabella Jones of Middletown N.Y. Executrix of this my last Will and testament, revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1884.

Richard M. Jones L.S.

The above instrument consisting of one sheet was at the date thereof signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Richard M. Jones as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Albert P. Carpenter Residing in Margaretville, Del. Co. N.Y.

James W. Kittle       “       “       “       “       “       “

DELAWARE COUNTY, ss

Albert P Carpenter of the town of Middletown in said County of Delaware, and James W. Kittle of the town of Middletown in said County, being duly and severally sworn in open Court, do severally depose and say, that they were acquainted with Richard M. Jones late of the town of Middletown in said County of Delaware, deceased, in his life time, and are the subscribing witnesses to his last Will and Testament. That the said Richard M. Jones did in the presence of these deponents, subscribe his name at the end of the instrument which is now shown to them and which purports to be the last will and testament of the said Richard M. Jones and bears date the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 1884; and that the said Richard M. Jones did at the time of subscribing his name to said instrument as aforesaid, declare the same to be

his last Will and Testament, in the presence and hearing of these deponents, who did thereupon at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other, subscribe their names at the end of the said Will as attesting witnesses thereto. That at the time thereof the said Richard M. Jones was of sound mind and memory, of full age to make said Will, and not under any restraint.

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| Sworn and subscribed before me this 4 <sup>th</sup> day of | } | Albert P Carpenter |
| December 1884, before me.                                  | } | James W. Kittle    |
| Daniel T. Arbuckle Surrogate                               |   |                    |

I, Daniel T. Arbuckle, Surrogate of the County of Delaware, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the whole of the probate of the last Will and Testament of Richard M. Jones deceased, together with the proofs and examinations taken on the probate thereof.

Daniel T. Arbuckle Surrogate

## Robert Jones' Will

Be it remembered that at a Surrogates court held at the Surrogate's Office in Delhi, in and for the County of Delaware on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1875, the last Will and testament of Robert Jones, late of the town of Andes, in the County of Delaware, deceased, was duly proved before Edwin D. Wagner, Surrogate of said County, and was by said Surrogate adjudged valid and established as a will of real and personal estate, and the same, together with the proofs and examinations taken on the probate thereof, are pursuant to an order of said Surrogate here recorded, to wit:

I, Robert Jones, of the town of Andes, County of Delaware and State of New York of the age Eighty-four years, and being of sound mind and memory do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament, in manner following, that is to say ~

First, I give and bequeath to my wife, Jane Jones, the use and occupation of the house where I now live, and the use and occupation of the farm where I now live, together with all the stock, farming utensils and personal estate, during her natural life.

Second, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Sarah Jones, her living and support, including wearing apparel, out of said real and personal estate during her natural life, providing she remains unmarried, but when married, she is to receive and be paid out of the proceeds of my property, (after the death of my said wife) by my Executors, the sum of one thousand dollars.

Third, I give and bequeath to my son, John Jones, what is called the Dotey Farm, being the farm on which he now resides.

Fourth, I give and bequeath to William Jones, one hundred dollars, to be paid by my said Executor, immediately after the death of my said wife.

Fifth, I give and bequeath to my son, Ephraim Jones, one hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid by my said Executor, immediately after the death of my said wife.

Sixth, I give and bequeath to my son, George Jones, five dollars, to be paid by my said Executor, immediately after the death of my said wife.

That after the death of my said wife, Jane, it is my will, that all the personal property shall belong to my said Son, Robert Jones, subject to the payment of funeral expenses, debts, and the support of my said daughter, Sarah.

Seventh, I give and bequeath to my Son, Robert Jones, at the death of my wife, Jane, the farm where I now live, known as the homestead, subject to the life estate herein bequeathed to my daughter, Sarah, and subject to debts and funeral expenses of myself and wife, and subject to the payment of the several legacies herein contained.

Lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint Robert Jones, sole Executor of this my last will and testament, revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1873.

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Robert x Jones L.S.  
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Witness

A. P. Carpenter, William O'Connor

The above instrument consisting of one sheet was at the date thereof signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Robert Jones as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

A.P. Carpenter, residing in Margaretville, Del. Co. N.Y.

William O'Connor, residing in Margaretville, Del. Co. N.Y.

Delaware County Surrogate's Court

In the matter of the probate of the last }  
Will and testament of Robert Jones, late } Delaware  
of said County deceased, as a will of real } County ss.  
and personal estate. }

Albert P Carpenter of the town of Middletown in the County of Delaware, being sworn deposes that he saw the above named Robert Jones, late of the town of Andes in the county of Delaware, deceased, subscribe and execute the instrument shown here and which purports to be the last Will and testament of the said Robert Jones, and bears date the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 1873; and that he heard the said Robert Jones declare the same to be his last Will and testament, and that he, this deponent together with William O'Connor, the other subscribing witness, subscribed his name as a witness to said Instrument, at his request, and at the time thereof the said Robert Jones was of sound mind and memory, of full age to make said will and not under any restraint.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 5<sup>th</sup> }  
day of June 1875 } Albert P Carpenter  
Edwin D. Wagner Surrogate }

Delaware County Surrogate's Court

In the matter of the probate of the last }  
Will and testament of Robert Jones, late } Delaware  
of said County deceased, as a will of real } County ss.  
and personal estate. }

William O'Connor of the town of Middletown in the County of Delaware, being sworn deposes that he saw the above named Robert Jones, late of the town of Andes in the county of Delaware, deceased, subscribe and execute the instrument shown here and which purports to be the last Will and testament of the said Robert Jones, and bears date the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 1873; and that he heard the said Robert Jones declare the same to be his last Will and testament, and that he, this deponent together with Albert P Carpenter, the other subscribing witness, subscribed his name as a witness to said Instrument, at his request, and at the time thereof the said Robert Jones was of sound mind and memory, of full age to make said will and not under any restraint.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 5<sup>th</sup> }  
day of June 1875 } William O'Connor  
Edwin D. Wagner Surrogate }

I, Edwin D. Wagner, Surrogate of the County of Delaware do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the whole of the probate of the last Will and testament of Robert Jones late of the town of Andes deceased together with the proofs and examinations taken on the probate thereof.  
Edwin D. Wagner

Surrogate

## Robert Jones Will: Citation Against Robert N. Jones

Citation ag't Robert N Jones

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Executor of Robt. Jones  
To enforce payt of Legacy

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& Proof of service

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W. A. Ten Broeck for Petitioner  
A. R. Henderson for Executor  
Dec. 3 10 AM

Filed July 31. 80  
I H Maynard  
Surrogate

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The People of the State of New York:  
By the Grace of God Free and Independent.

To Robert N. Jones Executor of the last will & Testament of Robert Jones Late of the town of Andes in the County of Delaware, deceased, send GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED personally to be and appear before our Surrogate of the County of Delaware, at his office in the village of Stamford on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, and then and there to render an account of your proceedings as such Executor or show cause why an ATTACHMENT should not issue against you.

In Testimony Whereof, We have caused the seal of office of our said Surrogate to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, ISAAC H. MAYNARD, Surrogate of our said County, at the Surrogate's office in the village of Delhi, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1880.

(signed) John B. Murray,  
Clerk to the Surrogate's Court

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State of New York  
Delaware County ss:

George H. Jones of Griffins Corners in said County of Delaware being duly sworn says that at the town of Middletown in said county on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1880, he served the annexed citation on Robert N. Jones the person herein named by personally delivering to & leaving with him a copy thereof, & at the same time showing to him the annexed original citation. That deponent knew the

person so served to be the same person named & herein described, & that deponent at the time of that service was over twenty one years of age.

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| Sworn to before me June 26 <sup>th</sup> 1880 | { | George H. Jones |
| W. A. Ten Broeck                              | { |                 |
| Notary Public, Del. Co.                       | { |                 |

## Robert Jones Will: Heirs and Next of Kin

Delaware County Surrogate's Court

In the matter of the Probate of the last  
Will and Testament of  
Robert Jones  
Late of Andes deceased.

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Petition

Filed April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1874  
Edwin D. Wagner, Surrogate

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County of Delaware ... Surrogate's Court.

To the Surrogate of the County of Delaware:

The petition of Robert N. Jones in said County, respectfully showeth: That Robert Jones late of Andes in said County, died on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 1874, having previously, as your Petitioner is informed and believes, duly made and executed his last Will and Testament: That your Petitioner is the sole Executor named in said Will: That said deceased was a citizen of the United States, and at or immediately previous to his death, was an inhabitant of said County, and his Will relates to both Real and Personal Estate.

Your Petitioner further shows that the heirs and next of kin of said deceased are

Jane Jones widow of deceased of the town of Andes, Del. Co. N.Y.

Richard Jones of the town of Andes, Del. Co. N.Y.

Sarah Jones of the town of Andes, Del. Co. N.Y.

Robert Jones of the town of Andes, Del. Co. N.Y.

Catherine Suttle of the town of Andes, Del. Co. N.Y.

John Jones of the town of Middletown, Del. Co. N.Y.

Ephriam Jones of the town of Middletown, Del. Co. N.Y.

William Jones of the town of Middletown, Del. Co. N.Y.

George Jones of the town of Middletown, Del. Co. N.Y.

Elizabeth Fisk of the town of Middletown, Del. Co. N.Y.

Jane Fiero of the town of Middletown, Del. Co. N.Y.

Grand Children of Robert Jones & Children of Abel Jones deceased. Viz:

Eugena Jones of Westfield Sullivan Co. N.Y. of the age of about twenty two years

Ellen Jones of Westfield Sullivan Co. N.Y. of the age of about twenty years

Ellen Jones her mother of Westfield Sullivan Co. N.Y. and that no general guardian has ever been appointed as deponent verily believes

Grand Children of Robert Jones and children of Permelia daughter of said Robert Jones and wife of Noah Beadle. Viz:

Elizabeth Beadle of the town of Holcott, Green Co. N.Y.

Mary Beadle of the town of Middletown, Del. Co. N.Y.

Sidney Beadle of the town of Middletown, Del. Co. N.Y.

Andrew Beadle of the town of Middletown, Del. Co. N.Y.

All of whom are minors under the age of twenty one years and that no general guardian has been appointed as deponent is informed and verily believes.

Your Petitioner therefore prays that said last Will and Testament may be proved, and Letters Testamentary granted thereon according to law. (signed) R. N. Jones

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Delaware County, ss:

I, Robert Jones the Petitioner named in the foregoing Petition, being duly sworn, do depose and say that I have read the foregoing Petition subscribed by me, and know the contents thereof, and that the matters of fact therein stated are true; and the matters therein stated on my information and belief I believe to be true. (signed) R. N. Jones

Sworn before me this 11<sup>th</sup> }

Day of April 1874 }

George A. Fisher Notary Public

## Robert Jones Will: Petition of Ephraim Jones

In Estate of  
Robert Jones of Middletown

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Petition for order & citation

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to discharge legacy

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Delaware County  
Surrogates Court

To Hon. I H Maynard surrogate of the county of Delaware

The petition of Ephraim Jones of Griffins Corners Delaware County NY respectfully showeth that your petitioner is one of the Legatees under the last will & testament of Robert Jones late of the said town of Middletown deceased. That the said last will & testament was duly proved before the Surrogate of the County of Delaware June 5<sup>th</sup> 1875 & that letters testamentary thereof were on the same day duly granted & — by the said Surrogate to Robert N Jones sole executor in the said will named, & that more than eighteen months have expired since the time of such appointment of the said Executor, that in & by the said will the said Robert Jones deceased did give & bequeath to Ephraim Jones your petitioner the sum of one Hundred & fifty dollars to be paid by his executor immediately after the death of his wife Jane that his said wife Jane died on the third day of January last past, & your petitioner prays to make reference to said will if it becomes necessary so to do.

That in & by the terms of the said will, the payment of the said sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to your petitioner Ephraim Jones, is made a charge upon the real estate devised to Robert N Jones the above named Executor. That there is or should be a large amount of personal property in the hands of the said Executor after paying the debts of the said Testator. That said real estate of said Testator is more than ample & sufficient to pay, satisfy & discharge all the liens, encumbrances & charges against it, including all the legacies, devices, & bequests contained in said will. Your petitioner further shows that he has frequently since the death of the said testators wife Jane, applied to said Robert N. Jones Executor as aforesaid for the payment to him of the aforesaid legacy due to your petitioner under such bequest aforesaid, but that the said Robert N. Jones Executor aforesaid has refused & neglected to make such payment.

— now that the said Robert N Jones Executor as aforesaid may be required to pay your petitioner the amount of your said petitioners said claim or legacy under the said last will & testament of said Testator, your petitioner asks that an order may be granted requiring the said Robert N Jones at a — day to be therein specified personally to appear in this court & show cause why he should not discharge the legacy due to your petitioner as aforesaid, or show cause why an attachment should not — against him & that such other & further proceedings may be had herein as may be lawful & requisite, & as to the Surrogate shall seem just & equitable.

Dated June 11<sup>th</sup> 1880

(signed) Ephraim Jones

Delaware County ss:

Ephraim Jones

The foregoing named petitioner & whose name is subscribed to the foregoing petition being duly sworn says that he has heard the foregoing petition by him subscribed, read & that he knows the content thereof, & that the same is true of his own knowledge except as to the matters therein stated to be alledged (sic) on information & belief & as to those matters he believes it to be true.

Subscribed & sworn before me

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(signed) Ephraim Jones

This 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 1880

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W A Ten Broeck

Notary Public

Del Co

## Robert Jones Will: Ruling for Ephraim Jones

At a Surrogates Court held at the office of the Surrogate in the village of Stamford in  
and for the County of Delaware on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1880  
Present Isaac H. Maynard Surrogate

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In the matter of the legacy of }  
Ephraim Jones under the last }  
Will and Testament of }  
Robert Jones late of Andes Middletown }  
Deceased }  
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Ephraim Jones of the town of Middletown in said County having on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1880 presented his petition to the Surrogate of the County of Delaware by which it appears that he is a legatee under the will of Robert Jones late of the town of Andes aforesaid deceased in and by which will he is bequeathed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars which legacy has become due and payable and payment thereof having been demanded of Robert N Jones the sole Executor named in said will who has refused to pay the same and the said petitioner also setting forth the fact that more than 18 months have elapsed since letters testamentary upon said will were duly granted by the Surrogate of said county to the said Robert N Jones Executor as aforesaid and that sufficient amts have come into his hands as such Executor properly applicable thereto to satisfy and discharge said legacy in full and praying a decree against the said Executor requiring him to pay said legacy in full or show cause why an attachment should not issue against him and the said Executor having been duly cited to appear in this court on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July last first to render an account of his proceeding as such Executor or show cause why an attachment should not issue against him and upon the return of the said citation the said petitioner having duly appeared in this court by W A Ten Broeck Esq his Atty and the said Executor having also duly appeared by A R Henderson Esq his Atty and not having rendered any account of his proceedings as he was by said citation required or thereon any cause why said attachment should not issue and the said matter having been thereupon duly continued by consent of the attorneys for the respective parties in open court and by the order of this court duly made and entered until the present time and the said petitioner having again appeared in this court at this time in person and by W A Ten Broeck Esq his atty and the said Executor not having appeared nor rendered any account of his proceedings as such Executor nor shown any cause why such legacy should not be paid or an attachment issue against him and having taken proofs of the truth of the matters alleged in said petition It is now on motion of W A Ten Broeck Esq Attorney for said petitioner ordered adjudged and decreed that Robert N Jones the Executor aforesaid pay to the said petitioner Ephraim Jones the amount of his said legacy, to wit: the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars with interest from the 3d day of January 1880, on or before the first day of April 1881 upon the demand of the said petitioner and upon being served with a certified copy of this decree. And it is further ordered adjudged and decreed that in case the said Robert N Jones shall make default in the payment of the said legacy as herein before required upon filing due proof of such default in this court an attachment issue out of and under the seal of the court against the said Robert N Jones Executor as aforesaid to be directed to the sheriff of the county of Delaware commanding him to attach the said Executor and commit him to the common jail of this county there to remain until he shall render an account of his proceedings as such Executor according to law. And it is further ordered and adjudged that the said Executor pay to the said petitioner the sum of thirty dollars costs of this proceeding at the time and in the manner in which he is hereinbefore required to pay said legacy. It is further ordered and adjudged that this decree shall be

without prejudice to any action or proceeding on the part of the said petitioner to charge the real estate of the testator the said Robert Jones deceased with the payment of the said legacy and to sell the same to enforce such payment.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first above written.

Isaac H. Maynard  
Surrogate

