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THE WILL OF WILLIAM EMERSON JONES
Will Book C, p. 1 & 2, Chicot County, Arkansas

This will was transcribed due to the unusual instructions given by the testator for the disposition of his mortal remains. We think you will find this material rather interesting.

Being at this present time in good health and sound mind, and not knowing what moment I may be called into the other world and being a great distance from my relatives, I do appoint Neesom Lamb to take possession of the following articles so as my dear father may get them as he sett much store on them the articles to be sent home are the violin and Books, my boot hook my Breast pin as it contains the hair of three persons most loved by me. Send also part of my clothes as my family may wish to have them Mark the above articles to Thomas L. [S.?] Jones No. 136 West Broadway or 75 Franklin Street New York. The next thing for you to have my body put into a good strong Coffin and a Box to be made large enough to contain the Coffin with sufficient room to have a layer of Charcoal say four inches around the sides Ends top and bottom ship me to New York Mark me to T.S. Jones care of some house which you may hear of and advise my family the name of house. mark on the box this side up and with care you will have to go onto New Orleans with it and you will require some money so Save sufficient from the concern to pay all expenses which will be say first the Coffin & Box and myself in it \$30.00 Next freight to New Orleans and your passage down & up \$70.00 freight to New York & arrange \$10.00 Money you must send to New York for funeral Expenses as I wish to pay that myself \$150.00 [Total - \$260.00] the charcoal I already have

Be sure and not fail in the above for sending my body was a request made by my dear Mother and sister which I have always told them should be done if I had sufficient to bear the expenses - Grand Lake July 10th 1840

W.E. Jones

Now we proceed with the other articles the first is the walking stick which Balenteen [?] gave us take charge; my ???? what few I have Keep also the remaining part of my clothes Keep what little furniture I have which is at this time a Beadstead a table a Bureau 6 chairs sundry cooking utensils and a good quantity of chickings. My horse Charles if I should own him at my death belongs to your good wife or if I should not own him any other that I should my oxen make use of as your own but they belong to your son Thomas. My book accounts and notes of hand you may pay my debts which debths you will find standing against me on my ???? the balance of goods do the best you can with my house and Lot sell to the best advantage and if any of my family should come hear to see about my property if there should be any funds in your hands pay it over to them or