

RECORD OF WILLS.

And I hereby make and ordain my worthy friend G. W. Melvin Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I the said John Melvin have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed published } John Melvin Seal
and declared by the said }
John Melvin the Testator }
as his last Will and Testament }
in the presence of us who were }
present at the time of signing }
and sealing thereof. }
W. Monroe.
Sauders Simmons }

In the name of God "Amen"

I, John Simpson of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God, do this the 12th day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following - That is to say -

- 1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Simpson all my stock of every kind Farming utensils, Household and Kitchen Furniture also the following negroes, Bill, Maundy, Jack, Dan, Sam, Sinter, Leah, Amy, Mary, Gray, and Martha, with all their increase to have and dispose of, as she may think proper, among the lawful heirs of her body.

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Simpson, see all my Real Estate and make sufficient titles to the same, and the proceeds thereof to pay my just debts, the balance to be paid in my said wife to remove her wherever she may wish to go.

- 2nd I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Frederick Simpson the following negroes, Tom, Hannah and Abby, with all their increase, to him his heirs and assigns forever.
- 3rd I give and bequeath to my son, Richard, the Simpson, the following negroes, Rachel, John and Abby, and their increase during the term of his natural life then to his lawful heirs, or.
- 4th I give and bequeath to the children of my daughter Margaret Ann Russ, and her future in law the following negroes, Patty, Frank, and Louisa with their increase to them and their heirs and assigns forever.
- 5th I give and bequeath to my son Miriam Simpson, Jasper, Becca, and Larcia, with their increase to him his heirs and assigns forever.
- 6th I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Simpson, Charles, Peggy, and Lucy, with their increase to him his heirs and assigns forever.
- 7th I give and bequeath to my daughter Caroline Simpson, Anthony, Caroline and Hannah, with their increase to her heirs and assigns forever.
- 8th I give and bequeath to my son James D. Simpson, Larry, Kent, and John and Sarah, and their increase to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

And should either of my said children die then it is my desire that the property bequeathed to them, should return to my said wife Mary Simpson.

And I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Mary Simpson Executor and Satrix Johnson to the last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

In presence of

Russell M. Maitre
Chas. M. Russell

John Simpson