

In the Name of God Amen I William Simmons of the County of Raleigh in the State of North Carolina being sick and in a low state of Health and from Home but in perfect mind and Memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows &c &c

Imprimis - I desire that my Estate Real and Personal remain in the hands of my Executors untill they can raise money enough to pay and settle all my debts, for them to sell and dispose of the same as they may deem most properly and agreeable to law so as to settle my Debts aforesaid - Then

Item - I leave to my wife Sarah Simmons the use of one hundred acres of Land including where my Dwelling House now stands also one Negro Man Isaac, one Negro Woman Betts during her natural life also as much of my Household and Kitchen furniture & Stock & Navigation tools and Carriage as will serve her or be deemed sufficient for her -

Item - I give to my Daughter Rhoda Miller and her Husband Reuben Miller, Fifty acres of Land adjoining to the Fifty Acres of Land which I have before given ~~them~~ a Seed for making one hundred acres of Land, whereon he now lives also one Negro Woman Sally, with all the other property he has already received, & after all my debts are paid, I give Negro Man Bob to my Daughter Rhoda -

Item - I give to my Daughter Mourner and her Husband John Etheridge a certain piece of Land whereon they now live, beginning at the end of a new Ditch at John Pitrans line thence running along said Ditch a West course to the main Road thence along the main Road to an Oak, thence a southerly course to the creek, so as to contain one hundred and Eighty Acres of Land, also one Negro Girl Lett with her

you Negro Man Bob to my Daughter Rhoda -

Then - I give to my Daughter Mourner and her husband John Etheridge a certain piece of land wherein they now live, beginning at the end of a new ditch at John Pittmans line thence running along said ditch a westerly course to the main Road then along the main Road to an oak, thence a southerly course to the creek, so as to contain one hundred and eighty acres of land, also one Negro Girl Lett with her children Bob & Samuel & also what other property they have already had from me.

Then - I give to my Daughter Sally & James Bunt her husband the land and plantation wherein they now live beginning at the end of a new ditch John Pittmans line then running along the said ditch John Etheridges line to the main Road then along the main Road to a cypress swamp and sweet gum an old mark^d line in a small swamp called the Maple Swamp then up the Maple Swamp a westerly course to the Short Swamp, then the various courses of the Short Swamp, and back from Lewis Road to me, round to the first Station, containing two hundred and twenty acres of land also one Negro Girl Frank with her child Grace which they have already in their possession also what other property they have already had from me.

Then - I give to my Daughter Lydia Simmons a certain piece of land commonly called Vicks beginning at an oak John Etheridges corner at the main Road then a westerly course along the Road until a southerly course to the creek will make one hundred acres of land adjoining to John Etheridges - also one Negro Girl named Matilda one Feather Bed & furniture, two cows

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and values one young Horse & two -

Then - I give to my son William Simmons all the residue of my Land on the South side of the main Road containing two hundred Acres including of the one hundred Acres of Land I have left the use of to my wife during her life - also one young negro Man named Subeter one young Horse two Cows & calves one Feather Bed and Furniture &c.

Then - I give to my Daughter Linnies Simmons all the remainder of my Land on the North side of the main Road adjoining the Land of Rhoda Mellers. I give also one Negro Girl Peter, one Feather Bed & Furniture two Cows & calves one young Horse & two - All the remainder of my Estate I leave to be equally divided amongst or between my wife and all my other Children, except my Daughter Rhoda after my Debts be are paid -

I nominate and appoint my Brother James Simmons my Friend John Putman John Whitacre and my son William Simmons Executors to this my last will and Testament - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th Day of October 1814 -

Signed Sealed Published & Declared by the
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Then this will was exhibited in open Court by William Simmons one of the Executors & a Certificate entered thereto by Nathan Mulder - Whereupon a Jury being duly sworn & sworn in and returned say that they find the paper bearing bearing date the 8th Day of October 1814 & attested by Hilda Bogier & Samuel Ferebee is the last will & Testament of the Executor William Simmons as to his real Estate but not as to his Personal Estate - and ordered by the Court in said will named came in and was duly qualified Jurors -

Teste - Richd and Eppes Clerk