

Jeremiah

In the name of God Amen I Jeremiah Sims of the County

Will of Culpeper being sick and Weak but of perfect mind and

Memory blessed be God for it, Do Constitute Ordain and

Appoint this my last Will & Testament in manner & form

following (to wit) In the first place I bequeath my soul to God

who gave it, and my Body to be decently Buried

Item I send unto my beloved Wife Agatha Sims one half

of my Estate both Real & Personal during her natural life

after my Just Debts are Paid

Item I give & bequeath unto my loving son James

half of my Estate both Real & Personal after my Just Debts

are Paid

Item my Will and desire is that if my said son James

should die without Issue that my Wife have the use of my

whole Estate during her Natural Life and then to be equally

divided between my two Nephews Thomas Graves and

Jonathan Sims or their Heirs

Item I do Constitute name & appoint my beloved Wife

My Executrix and my loving friends Edward Sims

I, Nathaniel Henry Pendleton Executors of his my  
Will & Testament, Witness my Hand & Seal this

fourth Day of March 1768

I signed Seal & Acknowledged  
in presence of us

Thomas Griffin

Jeremiah Sims

Moses + Spicer

Mark

Henry Pendleton

John Halle 17

(At a Court held for the County of Culpeper on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1768

The last Will and Testament of Jeremiah Sims dec. was exhibited to  
the Court by Edward Sims and John Halle jun<sup>r</sup> one of the  
therein mentioned and was proved by the Oaths of Thomas Griffin  
Spicer & Henry Pendleton three of the witnesses thereto & Ordered

Recorded. The said Henry Pendleton & Moses Spicer made Oath  
following Effect (Viz<sup>t</sup>) That said Henry Pendleton made Oath that he was

assigned by the Testator to write the said Will and that he was instructed by  
the said Testator in the third Clause, of the said Will to declare,  
thereby.

167. thereby "That if the said Testator Son James Sims should die, without Heirs Lawfully begotten of his Body" That his Wife should have the Use &c. but that the words Lawfully begotten of his Body were through the Omission of the said Henry Pendleton, left out of the said Will; The said Moses Spicer deposes that he was present when the said Will was wrote that he heard the above mentioned instructions given by the said Testator and that the said Words were Omitted contrary to the said Testators Intention declared to him. And on the Motion of the said Edward Sims & John Halligan Certificate is granted them for Obtaining a Probate thereof in due form they having sworn to the Same and given Bond & Security according to Law, Liberty being returned to Agatha Sims & Harris Pendleton Executors Executors in the said Will mentioned to payn in the Probate when they shall think fit.

Examined

Attest

James Liron Clerk

Haffering  
Will.

In the name of God Amen

I Michael Kaffer of the Parish of Springfield County of Culpeper County, Virginia Wills 1749-1770  
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