

In the name of God Amen I Richard Simpson Senior of the
County of Mecklenburg being at present indisposed but of a perfect sound
mind and memory do think fit to make and ordain this as my last will
and testament (revoking all others heretofore made) First, my will and desire
is that all my negroes be kept together and work upon my plantation as
usual until January 1790 and no longer in order to procure a sufficiency
wherewith to discharge all my just debts, then I dispose of my estate in
manner and form following To wit I give and bequeath unto my son
Thomas Simpson the plantation and land whereon I now live containing
seven hundred and seventy five acres more or less to him and his heirs forever,
upon proviso of his paying to my Executors herein after named the sum
of fifty pounds when my son William Mattoiy shall arrive to the age
of sixteen years to be by them laid out in amonition for him; and the
further sum of two hundred pounds when he shall arrive to the age
of twenty one years but if my said son William Mattoiy shall not
attain the age of twenty one years then the above sum of two hundred pounds

wherein to discharge all my just debts, then I dispose of my estate in
maner and form following. I give and bequeth unto my son
Thomas Jefferson the plantation and land whereon I now live containing
seven hundred and seventy five acres more or less to him and his heirs forever,
upon proviso of his paying to my Executors herein after named the sum
of fifty pounds when my son William Mattoley shall arrive to the age
of sixteen years to be by them laid out in any one boy for him; and the
further sum of two hundred pounds when he shall arrive to the age
of twenty one years but if my said son William Mattoley shall not
attain the age of twenty one years then the above sum of two hundred pounds
to be paid to my two daughters Lucy and Charity. I give and bequeth unto
my said two daughters Lucy and Charity and to their heirs forever any one
woman named Lucy her Child Isaac and all her future increase to be
equally divided between them when either of them shall marry or come
to the age of eighteen years. but if either of them should die before that

time to descend to the survivor of them and if both of them should die
before that time to go and descend to my son William Mallory I give unto my
two sons Richard and John Simpson the sum of twenty shillings each to be
paid them by my executors I give all the rest of my estate both real and
personal to my six following children to wit, Elizabeth Whitehead Anne
Boyd, Sarah Sims, Jane Young, Thomas Simpson and Jeremiah Davis and to
their heirs forever to be equally divided between them - I do hereby appoint
Alexander Boyd, Leonard Sims and Richard Simpson executors to this
my last will and testament In Witness whereof the have hereunto set
my hand and seal this fourth day of May 1787

Witness
John Winchester
Benjamin Harrington
Major Zutter
Robert Harrington

Richard Simpson LS

John Winchester

Benjamin Summington

Major Butler

Robert Summington

At about held for Mecklenburg County the 11 day of February 1788

This will was proved by the oaths of Benjamin Summington Major

Butler and Robert Summington witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. (in)

On the motion of Alexander ~~Doyle~~ one of the executors thereof named & he

made oath thereto and together with Richard Simpson his surety entered into

and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of eight thousand pounds

conditioned as the law directs Certificate was granted him for obtaining a

probate of the said will in due form and Richard Simpson junior another of

the executors therein named personally appeared in court and refused to take upon himself

the execution of the said will. Liberty being reserved for Leonard Since the other

executors therein named to join in the probate when he shall think fit