

Special legacy devised to be paid in many ways pro rata so as the deficit may be ratably deducted from each. If however any money shall remain after the above and bequest shall have been complied with, I give the residue to the following persons to be paid to them in equal parts by my Executors - viz. Blanche W. Lydon, Edward M. Claiborne, Elisha Bette M. Claiborne, Jam. M. Claiborne Jr., Elizabeth W. M. Claiborne, Mary Kate Wood and Thomas A. M. Claiborne

17. I desire as one of the conditions of the several bequests to Paul Jones, as Trustee in this will, he cause to be secured by the parties Beneficiaries a comfortable support to my old woman Mitty as long as she shall live

18. I do hereby constitute and appoint Elisha Bette M. Claiborne and Colin Bap. Executors of this my last Will & Testament, and having considered in their integrity, desire that no security be required of them. And I do hereby declare this my last Will and Testament, hereby writing, and annulling all other Will or Wills by me made at any time. Witness my Signature and Seal the 6th day of January One thousand Eight hundred and fifty seven - Subscribed before me Signed in the presence of us both being present at same time

Elisha B. Evans
Alfred N. Overstreet

Sarah Bette

At Roanoke March Court 1857 - The last Will and Testament of Sarah Bette, dec'd, was this day produced in Court and proved by the oaths of Elisha B. Evans, and Alfred N. Overstreet subscribing testifies there to as is ordered to be recorded. And as witness of Elisha B. M. Claiborne & Colin Bap, the Executors therein named, who made oath there to and entered into and acknowledged a Bond in the penalty of \$22,000 with Caution according to law, (the said Executors not being required by the said Will to give security) they and Appointed Executor of said Will

Teste

Johnston

Wm D Sims

I, William D. Sims residing for the time being with my relative Betty Read of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, being of sound mind and memory, but of feeble health, do make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made

1st After all my debts are paid, which are but few, the residue of my Estate I give, bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit - I give to my servant Billy Howard and Stephen fifty dollars apiece as long as they or either of them may live, with the hope that my relative Betty Read and David I Read will permit them to remain on their plantation, that they may be better cared of when sick. But should my relative not desire them to

remain on the plantation, or should Billy Howard and Stephen or either of them not desire to stay on the said plantation, I give to each of them five hundred dollars to enable them to go where they please. I give to my servant John who is now hired to S. B. Green near Richmond five hundred dollars.

2nd My property consists entirely of certificates of stock of the State of Virginia, and of Bonds, given me of King, W. Green of the County of Henrico and State of Virginia for the purchase of Westham. After my Executors have after named shall have paid my debts, and provided for the legacy to my servants, I give and bequeath to my beloved cousin Betty Read the interest on all bonds now in my possession, and the dividends on all stocks now in possession, or when they hereafter come into my possession or of my Executors, also my horse and watch during her natural life to do with as she pleases

3rd After the death of my beloved cousin Betty Read, I give and bequeath to her son David I. Read and to my nephew John D. Ridly all the bonds, and all the stock after which my beloved cousin Betty Read received interest and dividends, to be equally divided between them share and share alike. The Bonds are now deposited in the Farmers Bank of Virginia for collection, and the certificates of stock are left with Bacon, Backhouse & Co for safe keeping. It is my wish that as soon as the Bonds of Betty Green are paid my executor shall invest the money in some safe stock, and should any of the stock now held by me be deemed unprofitable by my Executors, or be paid off, it is my wish and will that he re-invest the same as soon as possible that my beloved cousin may have the benefit of the dividends. I hereby give to my Executors full power to sell and re-invest any stock belonging to my Estate that may come into my possession

4th Should my relative and friend David I. Read die without children by his mother, I give, devise and bequeath to my nephew John D. Ridly all the stock and Bonds, and other property which my beloved cousin may be receiving dividends and interest or may have in possession. Should my nephew die before my beloved cousin Betty Read, and without children, I give, bequeath, and devise to my niece Virginia Sims, wife of James B. Sims of Lodi Parrish, Louisiana, all and every interest he may or might have had under this my Will

I hereby make constitute and appoint my relative and friend David I. Read my sole executor of this my last Will & Testament, and having perfect confidence in him, request and declare it my wish that no security be required of him

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the 20th day of December 1856

W. D. Sims

At Roanoke June Court 1857

A Paper purporting to be the last Will & Testament of William David Sims, wa, this day produced in Court, and the said

