

47th In the name of God amen I Benjamin Simmons of
S. By Southampton County being in good health and perfect memory
Will thanks be to god Therefore do make known this my Last Will
& Testament as follows Viz

First I principally bequeath my soul to Almighty God my
Creator and Jesus Christ my Redeemer fully trusting in his
merits for Remission of all my sins & for what Estate it
hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I do dispose
of as is hereafter expressed

Secondly I give to my son John Simmons all that part of my Land
of the upper side of the upper Bottom on the Creek going
up the 2^d Bottom & across the Road to the branch that he
made his Beck on & Down the Branch to the Popson
branch & up the Popson branch to include all my Land
above the said mentioned bounds To him and his heirs
forever. and what other Estate I have put him in possession
of that is not mentioned in my will hereafter I give to him
& his heirs forever

Thirdly I give to my son Benjamin Simmons all my Land in
Barneswick County To him and his heirs forever Likewise
all the Estate I have put him and his son Ben^a in possession

This heirs forever

Thirdly I give to my son Benjamin Simmons all my land in
Brimmick County To him and his heirs forever — Likewise
all the Estate I have Put him my Son Benja in possession
of that is not mentioned in my will hereafter I give to him
and his heirs forever

Fourthly I give the use of one young Negroe wench named Easter to my
Daughter Mary Kinson and after my sd Daughters Death
then I give the sd negro and her Increase if any to be Equally
Divided Among all the Children my sd Daughter leaves
at her Death to them and their heirs forever

Fifthly I give my Daughter Elizabeth Simmons one Negroe Girl
named Liddy to her and her heirs forever

Sixthly I give to my Daughter Lucy Simmon one Negroe girl named
Topsy to her and her heirs forever

Seventhly I give to my Daughter Sarah Simmons one Negroe girl named
Nelly to her and her heirs forever

Eighthly I give to my Daughter Pezia Simmons one negroe girl named
Patt to her and her heirs forever

Ninthly I give to my Daughter Martha Simons one Negroe girl named
Charlott to her and her heirs forever

Tenthly I give to my son Spratty Simmons all my Land below the
deep Bottom that makes up the hill from the River down to the

Fourthly I give the care of one young Negroe woman named Easter to my
Daughter Mary Kinson and after my sd Daughter's Death
then I give the sd negro and her Increase if any to be Equally
Divided Among all the Children my sd Daughter leaves
at her Death to them and their heirs forever
Fifthly I give My Daughter Elizabeth Simmons one Negroe Girl
named Leah to her and her heirs forever
Sixthly I give to my Daughter Lucy Simmon one Negroe Girl named
Topsy to her and her heirs forever
Seventhly I give to my Daughter Sarah Simmons one Negroe girl named
Milly to her and her heirs forever
Eighthly I give to my Daughter Fiza Simmons one negroe girl named
Patt to her and her heirs forever
Ninthly I give to my Daughter Martha Simons one Negroe girl named
Charlott to her and her heirs forever
Tenthly I give to my son Spratty Simmons all my Land below the
deep Bottom that makes up the hill from the River down to
and from the head of the deep Bottom a tract done to when
my son John Simmons died crossed this Road from ye Creek
the said lands above mentioned I give to my sd son Spratty
and his heirs forever I likewise give my sd Feather Bed
and furniture to above head of good Cattle five cows and Hogs

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1764 Fourteen Barrels of Corn and two Pintor Dishes two Basons of Silver
plates six Spoons one Hair Shad of Rich^d Hamblin Brute and
Saddle one Gun and four Negroes named Paddy Elair, Phiba, Nath^l &
Charles at home I give the above Mentioned goods Stock and Negroes
to my s^d son Spratly Simmons and his heirs forever
I give to my son Henry Simmons my Land where I now live from my son
Johns line Down to the line of my son Spratlys and up his line to
my son Johns line Including all my Land I have not give away before
in my will I give the said Land to him and his heirs forever I likewise
give my son Henry Simmons four Negroes named Muscadine,
Jacob, Charles from Brunswick those Negroes I give to my son Henry
and his heirs forever I likewise give my s^d son Henry Simmons
two Pintor dishes two Basons and six Plates six Spoons one young
Storrel Hair Brute and saddle twelve head of good Cattle four
sows and piggs fourteen Barrels of Indian Corn and one good Breasted
Bed and furniture one gun I give all the above Effects to my s^d
son Henry Simmons and to his heirs forever

At about held for the County of Southampton the 14th day of May 1772
This will was presented in Court and the said Court on them
being read did thereupon order that the same should be

Jacob Charles from Brunswick those Negroes I give to my son Henry
and his heirs forever. Likewise give my s^d son Benjamin
two Porter axes two Basins and six Plates six spoons one young
Sorrel Mare Brate and saddle twelve head of good Cattle four
sows and piggs fourteen Barrels of Indian Corn and one good feather
Bed and furniture one gun. I give all the above Effects to my s^d
son Henry Simmons and to his heirs forever

It about held for the County of Southampton the 14th day of May 1772
This will was presented in Court and the said Court on their
own knowledge certify that the same is wholly wrote by the said
testator and agreed to be Recorded but no Executor being
appointed thereon and Elizabeth the Widow and Relict of the
said Benj^a refusing to sue out letters of Administration on
the s^d estate or the motion of John Simmons son and heir at
law of s^d Benj^a who made oath according to due Certificate
is granted him for attaining letters of Administration on the
estate of the s^d Benj^a with this well annexed giving security
whereupon &c —

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