

John Simon

In the Name of God Amen I John Simon  
of the Isle of Wight County Gentleman knowing the  
uncertainty of Human Life and being now of sound and  
disposing Mind & Memory Do make and Ordain this my  
Last Will & Testament in manner & form as followeth  
to wit

Imprimis I Commit my Soul to God who gave it  
trusting and surely hoping for eternal Salvation through  
the merits of Mediation of Jesus Christ my Saviour  
And as for my Body I desire it may have such Christian  
Burial as my Executors hereafter named shall think  
proper And for the Lands Tenement Goods and Chattel  
as well Slaves as others which I am at present owner of  
I give Devise & Bequeath them as followeth Item  
My Will & desire is that my Water Mill on Cusunkra  
Swamp and the hundred Acres of Land I bought of Henry  
Clark & seventy five Acres bought of John Newtons and  
the two hundred Acres of Land I bought of John Newtons and

I Give Devise & Bequeath them as followeth Item  
My Will & desire is that my Water Mill on Cusunkra  
Swamp and the hundred Acres of Land I bought of Henry  
Clark & seventy five Acres bought of John Kenton and  
also two hundred & eighty Acres of Land granted me  
by Patent bearing Date the twenty eighth Day of June  
One thousand seven hundred thirty one be all sold by  
my Executors for and towards the payment of my Debts  
Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Loving & Beloved  
Wife Mary Simmons the Use and Property of the Plantation  
whereon I now live during her life all other things being  
before provided for her by Deed of Trust to Charles Simmons  
bearing Date the twenty eighth Day of April One thousand  
seven hundred & forty & then Acknowledged & Recorded  
I also give her a Mourning Ring Item I Give and  
bequeath unto my Son William Simmons and to his  
Heirs for ever all my Land lying in Curry County and

a Mourning Ring. Item I give and bequeath unto my Son  
Benjamin Simmons and to his Heirs forever a Tract of Land  
containing three hundred and ninety Acres bought of the  
Nottoway Indians and adjoining unto his own Land. Item  
I give and Devise unto my Son Charles Simmons and his  
Heirs forever all the Remainder of my Survey in Low Grounds  
not already sold to Charles Brown and John Arrington and  
also the Land I now live on containing One hundred and  
eighty Acres being part of William Cocks Patent. Item I  
give and Devise unto my Daughter Ann Ruffin and to her  
Heirs forever a Negro Girl named Call and all her Increase  
which was lent her by my Wife and is now in her Possession  
and also to her Husband Edmund Ruffin a Mourning Ring.  
Item My Will is that my Executors do immediately  
after my Wife's Death deliver the Chaise and Chaise Boxes  
into the Possession of my Daughter Lucy Ruffin and her  
Heirs forever and also to her Husband Benjamin Ruffin.  
I give a Mourning Ring. Item I give unto my Daughters

Elizabeth Jones my White Horse which I had of M<sup>r</sup> Pleasant  
and also to her Husband Herberton Jones a Mourning Ring  
Item I give to my son Henry Simmons my best Great  
Coat and my desire in the Rest of my Wearing Apparel  
may be equally divided by Charles Simmons between  
Henry & Benjamin Simmons. Item My will & desire  
that all my Negro or House Cattle & Hogs that are not before  
disposed of be sold by my Executors and converted toward  
the payment of my Debts and if any Remainder desire it  
may be equally divided between my Executors hereafter named  
Lastly I appoint Nominate & constitute my two sons  
Benjamin Simmons & Charles Simmons my joint & full  
Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking  
disannulling & making void all former and other Wills  
whatsoever In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
Seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June Anno Domini 1746

Signed Sealed Published & Pronounced

in Presence of

Rob<sup>t</sup> S Morbank

Peter Butler

James P. Morris

William Little

J<sup>r</sup> Simmons

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of  
December 1749

This Writing purporting the last Will of Testament of John  
Simmons deceased was proved by the Oaths of Howell Edmond  
of Peter Butts two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be  
Recorded

Test J. Mallett

In the Name of God Amen Edward Dren of  
Nottonway Parish in the County of Isle of Wight being sick &  
weak of Body but thanks to Almighty God of Perfect Sence &  
Memory do make this Writing to be my last Will of Testament  
in form of manner followeth Viz

I give and bequeath to my son Newell Dren my  
Negroes as followeth Viz Joney Ball Benn & Mingo I say I  
give the said Negroes to him & his heirs

I give and bequeath to my son Newell Dren the Plantation  
whereon he now lives and the Land that I now live on I say I  
give the said Plantation to him and his heirs & his heirs the