

In the Name of God. I shew I William Simmons of the county of Southampton
William and parish of Rottonay being sick tho' of sound mind and memory do make and ordain
this my last Will & Testament touching all former Wills by me made in manner
Simmons following to wit:

1st I give unto my wife Sarah Simmons during her natural life the use of the plantation
whereon I now live with the lands thereunto belonging lying between the Village branch
Copsenka branch and the road leading from Gary bridge to Wolf Pit being part of a
Tract of land brought of Henry Browne, I also give to my wife during her life the use of three
hundred & fifty acres land lying on the south side of Copsenka branch being a part
or parcel of land purchased by me of Thomas Langley. I further give unto my wife the
use & labour of the following negro's during her life to wit / great Jack great Lion John
Frank Cain man Lucy & Judy fifteen head of Cattle fifteen head of Sheep & thirty head
of hogs two horses my riding Chair & harness & as much of my household & kitchen
furniture as she shall think fit to keep

2^d I give and bequeath unto my son John Simmons a Tract of land lying on the south
side of the Apamococke as is in the county of Southampton containing six hundred
and seventy five acres more or less to him & his heirs forever I also give unto my said son
John my negro man Jacob and all my Blacksmiths tools

3^d I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Simmons the land and plantation purchased
of the late Henry containing by estimation three hundred acres more or less also all the
part of the tract of land purchased of Henry Browne aforesaid that lies on the
west side of Village branch containing by estimation one hundred acres more or
less also also seventy five acres more or less which I purchased of John Heacom and
adjoining the land of the said Heacom of Samuel Druery's land also on the
tract of land containing by estimation one hundred acres more or less which I purchased

part of the tract of land purchased of Henry Brown aforesaid that lies on the ~~part~~
west side of Village branch containing by estimation one hundred acres more or
less also also seventy five acres more or less of wheat I purchased of John. Heacom and
adjoining the land of the said Heacom of Samuel Quincy's land, also one other
tract of land containing by estimation one hundred acres more or less being a tract
purchased of James Ingraham and adjoining the land mentioned above ought
of Thomas Bluffin which said several tracts of lands together with my water grist mill

I do hereby give to my said son Thomas & his heirs forever

I give and bequeath unto my ^{eldest} son Daniel Simmons (after the death of my wife)
all the land here given heretofore of his heirs forever

I desire that after my just debts & legacies are paid all the real estate
of my estate of what nature or kind soever be equally divided between my three
sons above named and after the death of my wife all the estate here given her
(the land excepted) be equally divided between my ^{three} sons above named.
And as I am desirous that my negroes may not be sold to make the division of my
property ^{as} now without I desire that three indifferent men be appointed by the court to
divide them as equally as possible between my said sons or the survivors of them and
in case either of ^{of} my sons should die before they arrive to the age of twenty one years
or without lawful issue I desire that all the estate of what nature or kind
soever herein given such deceased son be equally divided between my ^{other} sons.
And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my executors Richard
Paine Esq & Benjamin Ruggles whole & sole Exors of this my last
will & testament during my said life or until he my three sons or one of
them can & will take possession of the same to the age of twenty one years

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this
 12 day of November one thousand seven hundred & seventy seven
 Signed sealed & delivered
 and declared by the testator
 as and for his last will &
 testament before us

Wm. Hammond

Thos Butts
 Henry Adams

A court held for the county of
 Southampton the April 1778

Benj^r Scarborough
 Sam^l Scarborough

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the
 9th day of April 1778 This will was presented
 in Court by the executors named therein and pro-
 ved by the oaths of Henry Adams Benjamin
 Scarborough and Peter Butts three of the witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded
 And on the motion of the said executor who made oath according to law
 Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat thereof in due form giving
 Security

Will^m Butts

Scarborough and Peter Butts

Sam^l Kello