

In the name of God, Amen. I James
Simpson of Chatham County in the State of
Georgia Planter, being very sick & weak, yet of
Sound & disposing mind, and Memory. Under-
standing through the mercy of God. ---
Do make and ordain this my last Will & Testa-
ment in manner & form following. First I prin-
cipally I assign my soul with the utmost humility
into the hands of Almighty God, my Creator
humbly hoping for a blessed immortality through
the merits & meditation of my blessed ^{Saviour} Redeemer Jesus
Christ; & my Body ^{I desire} may be decently buried at
the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, & as
for such temporal Estate as the Lord in his great
goodness & mercy has blessed me with, I give & devise
& dispose of as follows. First, it is my Will that all
my Just debts be well and truly paid as soon as possible
after my decease. - Item, I give my Negro which names
Magg, his freedom. I give and bequeath to Richard Shingleton
Son of Richard Shingleton of South Carolina Bond O
When he arrives at the age of twenty-five years or
and not before. The Negro Slaves George, Jack,
Tony, Wadmon, and the fellow called Holmes horse
Margaret a young Mare, and Aster and a Black horse.
The Present crop standing in the yard I wish to go to the pay-
ment of my debts. The Crops or yearly income, of the

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works of my Estate, whilst they continue in the hands of my Executors
to be appropriated and paid for the education and improvement
of these children - I hereby direct above mentioned Item, I
request that my friend Richard Healey do take
immediate possession of all my Estate and that he will
beat out my Crop of Rice at W. H. Stotters planta-
tion, or remove it to the place where he lives, if
he shall think most convenient and proper -
I give my Working apparel to my Negro fellows.
And I do hereby appoint Mr. Henry Wood, Colonel
James Stuart and Mr. Richard Healey my
Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof I the said James
Simmons have set my hand and Seal this 18th
day of December in the year of our Lord One
Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-eight

Signed Sealed Published & Declared
by the said Testator

Witness.

(L.S.)

Georgia.

Before me Edward Warren
Register of Probate for the County of
Chatham in the State of Georgia -

Appeared Solomon Benjamin Smith, who being duly
sworn saith that he was present and did see
James Simmons late of Chatham County Chattan
deceased declare the foregoing Instrument of
Writing to be and contains his last Will and Testament,
and that he was of sound mind at the time he so
but of the deponents belief, that he the Deponent was
required to be bear Witness to his said intentions.

but that previous to the same being placed in proper form for his signature he the said testator expired and that at the time the testator aforesaid made the declaration as expressed in the aforesaid instrument of writing, Richard Heating Sen. and Richard Heating Junr. were also present and can bear testimony thereof.

Sworn to before me
26th Decr. 1798. Sol. B. Smith
Dr. P. C. C.

George B. J. me Howard White, Pastor of the Baptist Church for the County of Chester in the State of Pennsylvania, appeared Richard Heating Junr. who being sworn said that he was present and did hear James Livingston late of Chester County, Pennsylvania deceased, declare the foregoing instrument of writing to be and contain his last Will and Testament and that he was of sound mind at the time, to the best of this deponent's belief - That he the deponent was required to bear witness to his said intention - But that previous to the same being placed in proper form for his signature he the said testator expired - And that at the time the testator made the declaration as expressed in the aforesaid instrument of writing, Richard Heating Sen. and Solomon Benjamin Smith, were also present and can bear testimony thereof.

Sworn to before me }
26th Decr. 1798. Rich^d. J. Heating
H. White
Dr. P. C. C. At same time Rich^d. Heating sub
scribed the foregoing.