

Georgia
Columbia County In the Name of God Amen I William
this time in tolerable ^{health} of body and of perfect mind and dis-
-posing ^{memory} but calling to mind the uncertainty of life and certainty
of death and wishing to preserve perfect harmony and concord
in my family after my departure from this life do make
constitute and appoint this to be my last Will & Testament
herby revoking and annulling all former Wills & Testaments
heretofore by me made either written or verbal and this
and this only to be taken for my last will and Testament;
First I bequeath my soul to my God creator & Redeemer and
my body to the grave to be buried decently and at the order
of my family as to me shall seem meet.

and negro girl by the name of Selina to her to dispose of
death as she thinks proper.

2nd I lend to my beloved wife Margaret Sims during her
natural life or while she remained my widow all the remainder
my Estate both real and personal of whatsoever nature or
it may be after the payment of my just debts and the
cost of carrying out my last will and testament Intoxicated
after her death or intermarriage which ever may first happen
my will and desire that the following distribution except
if contained in the first will may take place & provided
that should my beloved wife think proper after my
death and before her death or intermarriage to give off any of
hereafter named legacies to any of my children she is

to be valued of Fifty dollars and a new saddle & bridle
and harness & a new speed and should be did without leaving
children or a child the more man expense to be sold and if money
arising from the sale to be equally divided among my three
living children who have any due to them and their children
My dear son,

June 14th I send to our son John Sims instruct of Land in
the County of Warren in Georgia. Also containing the name of
my dear son or left, and a dear woman by the name of Sarah
and her child Cinda and their future increase to themselves
in a natural life and after his death to the eldest child
to be born and then to the next and so on.

yet the purpose of securing the payment of these judgments be in
It is my will and desire that if he should pay off the same
= ments within any reasonable time after my decease that he be
exonerated from the mortgage. I Will of bequeath to these two negroes and
living with the first to be vested in him during his natural life and
after his death to the issue of his body, to them and their heirs and
assigns forever and having heretofore Deeded to him a tract of
land on the waters of Greenbrier Creek he is to have nothing
further out of my Estate other than is specified in this my bequest.
His property of the residue of my Estate as hereafter named:

Item I do bequeath to my daughter Susan Pettin one negro man by
the name of George, One negro girl by the name of Kelly and
her future increase, and five hundred dollars to be raised out
of my Estate before during her natural life and after her death.

thirty dollars, and two hundred and fifty dollars a year income
of my Estate; two Cows & calves and a Sow & pig, to him during
his natural life and after his death to the issue of his body if any;
if not to his brothers and sisters, who have
Item 8th. I give to my beloved daughter, Margaret Lind, four
negatives by the name of Jane, Mary, Sidney & Mary & house
to be worth fifty dollars, a good Saddle & bridle, two Cows, calves
and a Sow & pig, the Cows to be separated or divided in the
following manner; That is to say, the oldest to have first
choice, of the next oldest to have the next choice of one, and the
youngest to have the next choice of one and last choice of
the next one, and the next to have the next choice and the next

It is my will and desire after the death or intermarriage of my
belov'd wife, which ever may happen first, that all the residue
of my Estate both real and personal of whatsoever nature or kind
it may be other than is before bequeathed to my children and grand
children as before named may be sold by any accounters hereafter
named for the purpose of raising the Cash legacies above named
and purchasing Horses, breddes and Saddles to pay off the above named
legacies; and the residue after the payment of these legacies if any
be divided amongst my then surviving Children share & share alike
I do hereby nominate appoint my belov'd wife, Margaret
and my son John Sims & Horatio Sims and my friend Arthur
Foster my lawful accounters for the purpose of carrying into my last
will and testament into effect. I hereby ratifying and confirming
what a third man lawfully do in the same; In testimony whereof

Presence of
Henry Foster
John Davis
Jacob ^{his} Davis
Markos
Arthur Foster.

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De. nullo County Be Arthur Foster one of the subscribers
witnessed to the within instrument of writing and after being
duly sworn deposed & said that he saw Mann being the
testator sign seal & acknowledge the same to his last will
and testament and that the testator was of sound mind and
memory at the time of signing the same, and that he also

Norwich

Columbia County

3. Of the Court of Ordinary of said County
To all whom these Presents shall come greeting;
Know ye, that on the third day of March in the year of
our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty three before
will and Testament of Hannu Sims late of said County deceased
was exhibited in open Court, and in common form of Law
and admitted to record, a copy of which is hereunto annexed
administration of all and singular the goods, chattels, &c. of
said deceased, was granted to Margaret Sims, the said
Herculee Sims, the executor in and by said will named &c.
having first taken the Oath, and performed all other requisites
required by Law &c. in order of said Court, and by virtue of these
Presents he doth and shall

Chattels, and credits of the said decedent, and approved & returned
to this Court according to Law, and to render a true and correct
account to the said Court, of their actings and doings, now
and every year until their administration is fully completed.
Witness the Honorable B. M. Sanders one of the
Judges of the said Court of Ordinary this 3rd day of
March 1823.
J. C. Crawford
Clerk