

Georgia I hope Simmons being weak
Meriwether family of body but of sound mind
and Memory and knowing that it is deemed
for all men to die, thus it is just and proper to
make the following my will and testament.
I thus set I resign my body to the tomb and my
Soul I commend to God through our Lord Jesus
Christ. Item 1st To my son Henry J. Simmons
I give and bequeath a certain negro girl called Candis.
Item 2^d To my son William L. Simmons I give
and bequeath a certain negro girl called Rachel.
Item 3^d To my son John H. Simmons I give and
bequeath a certain negro girl called Mary.
Item 4th To my daughter Mary F. Simmons I give
and bequeath a certain negro girl called Abby.
Item 5th All my just debts I request and require
to be extinguished by money due me and out of
my Property and stock, it being discentenary with my
wife, what or which property she can best spare
as ad to become to her the household and kitchen
furniture, or a sufficiency to aid her in living. -
Item 6th To my beloved wife Frances S. Simmons I give
a bay mare and Colt, together with the sale of the
following named negroes viz. a negro woman called
Patsy, Chapa a boy, Aaron, a boy, Robt, and Emanuel
a boy, to be Equally divided between her and my
Widow in case of her marriage the property
embraced in this item is given in such manner
that my said wife during her Widowhood shall
give off to each Child such part as she can
conveniently spare.
& I appoint my wife Frances S. Simmons
my sole Executrix and revoking all others
I declare this to be my last will and
Testament.

In testimony whereof I have

Set my signature and affixed my seal this 21st
Oct. 1844.

Signed in presence of 3
James Hunter 3 J. S. Simmons
Mark H. Crowder 3
Wilton Clayton 3

Georgia Meriwether County
Court of Ordinary Jan'y Term 1844
The Within Last Will and Testament of
J. S. Simmons having been duly proven at this
regular Term in open Court upon the oaths
of Mark H. Crowder and Wilton Clayton.
Ordered that the same be admitted to record

Davis C. Gresham
Clt. C. C.

Recorded this 9th Jan'y. 1844.
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