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In the name of God Amen. The sixt^h day of June in the year
of our Lord 1783. I Samson Simmons of Craven County in the pro-
vince of North Carolina Planter being very sick & weak in body but
of full & sound disposing mind & memory thanks be given unto God
my maker calling unto mind the Mortality of my body & knowest that
is appointed for all men & to die. Do make & Ordain this my
Last Will & Testament that is to say principally First of all. Give
Thou my soul into the hands of God that gave it. For my
body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner
Never at the discretion of my Executors however named nothing
doubtless but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same
again by the mighty power of God & as Touching such mortali-
ty Estate wherewithal it hath pleased God to bless me with in this
life. Give divine blessing of the same in the following manner
Item. Item. I bind the use of all my Estate Lands & Tenements
Goods & chattels in doors & out to my dear & well beloved wife
Maryann Simmons during her natural life & after her decease
to the equally devoted among my six children Thomas, Sarah
John, Caleb, Mary & Gipe. And I do hereby further depose &
constitute & appoint my son Caleb alias Maryann Simmons
my only & sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament & do further testify
I do now revoke & cancel all & every other former testament
Will & legacies bequeath & Executors by me in any way made before this time now
cancel & bequeath his & children & continuing his & mother to be my last Will
& Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
the day & year above written.

Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced, and ———
delivered by the said Samson Simmons ———
as his last Will & Testament in the presence
of us the Subscribing Witnesses

Asahel Simmons Jurat.

Thomas Simmons

Received & Examined May
15th 1783

John E. Nichols

Notary Public

State of North Carolina, vs. Thomas John Robertson & Margaret Robertson the said Justly &
Chancery Court —
Chancery & made oath upon the Holy Evangiles of Allegiance God that John
Robertson & his then late wife that she give her daughter Thomas Robertson her
Childs of 15 & 16 & the other Mary Robertson appeared to be in her proper senses
December the 21st 1784 also the above said Mary Robertson deceased this day
that of the year of December 1784

John E. Robertson
Notary Public
John E. Robertson
Margaret J. Robertson

In the Name of God Amen. The Twenty fourth day of January One Thousand seven
hundred & thirty three, I, Nichols, Nichols being sick & weak of Body but of sound disposing mind
and to Almighty God for it. And calling to remembrance the uninter-
esting Estate of this Mortality life, having been put quite to death when it shall please God
to call him; Therefore commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it & give
my body to the ground to be buried in such Christian like manner as my Executors shall
think proper, where touching concerning what Mortality Estate it hath pleased God to be
mine with. Give thy health at my next ^{17th} Item. I give Bequeath unto Elizabeth Glasgow
One part or parcel of Land I bought of Ann Cox Scobell in her husband beginning at a
Tree standing in Samuel Cravens line there running straight course to the end of
an old ditch thence along said ditch to the other end of the same there on a ridge
long same course the ditch runs into the old swamp to the extent of said Part of land
for a division line between I, Elizabeth Glasgow her Sister & myself Nichols,
being on the South East side of said land that I purchased of said Ann Scobell
in natural life this to descend to her Daughter Polly Glasgow in her first marriage
Step. Since Glasgow with Franky Nichols. Daughter of Franky Nichols the remaining p-
t. of the above said Part of Land lying & being on the North West side of said division
line being that part of the said Land where the River Standish comes into the River
Rocky River, but dying without issue this to be equally divided between me &
Nichols the Daughters of Franky Nichols. — Item. Since Bequeath unto James
— — — of Franky Nichols the Mannor plantation house & orchard all that lies
between each fifty acres of the said Land lying & being on the South side of the
plantation to him this River known, but dying without issue this to be equally
divided between all his children after the decease of his Mother.

Item. Since Bequeath unto Oliver Nichols Daughter of Franky Nichols Fifty acres of Land
Job Forester now lies on lying there on the South side of the River, — — —
know lies on this my whole Right to that parcel of Land that I have it by Survey
given which was formerly the property of Hobart Courtney. Item Since Bequeath unto
Nichols & Margaret Nichols Daughters of Franky Nichols all that Part of Land lying
Viz. on the North East side of the main Road to be equally divided between the
two & both of them should die without issue then to be equally divided between
the other Sisters. Item Since Bequeath unto James Nichols son of Franky Nichols
One full only his Mother is to have the use of it to till his living with no income
one long gun called the bullet gun. One Chaff of Tools one small barrel gun &
White Horse called Flower & Coal with all her increase. One Negro boy named
to call it Jim which he is of the age of Twenty One years, if he should die before
Issue than the above mentioned Jim to be sold & the money equally divided
even all his debts. — Item Since Bequeath unto Abby Nichols Daughter of
Nichols one Negro girl called Jane but of the dies without issue than the said Abby
girl with her increase & any the total & the money to be equally divided to her
husband. Item Since Bequeath unto Franky Nichols for her use her Lifetime
not to be sold or Embogged away Next for the use of supporting the young Ch-
ildren. One Negro man named Tom. One Negro woman named Lucy & But
the said Franky Nichols should die in the Minority of his Children or any of
the above named Negroes they to call to Margaret Nichols daughter of said Franky
Nichols & the above mentioned Negro woman to be his doneg & the money abled to
use of buying up the young Children till they are able to take care of them
than above said Negro woman should have any money they had left

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In Chil'd the 20th to last to Namey Nichols Daughter of Franky Nichols. Also
Leave One Horse called Bupper One Cow call'd Mary, One Cow cal'd fooley for the
use of the Plantation. Likewise leave fourteen head of Cattle here Six Cows -
Thirteen small Dogs, Sheep, Pigs & sheads with all the Farming utensils.
At which Work & Farming utensils leave to the use of bringing up the chil-
dren. Also my will & desire is that when any of the above named Children of Franky
Nichols does die up dividing that the the said Franky Nichols should give
them a cow & calf & as many articles as she can conveniently spare. Also
my will & desire is that all the Corn Beans, Potatoes & all other & care be
done what shall be wanting for the necessities use as sold & the Money to be
used up to pay of Debts or Debts which I have contracted. Also my will & desire
is that the above named Franky Nichols if she should live till the day before her
decease care of themselves & Franky Nichols should be sold. That she without
any Household Furniture should be sold & the Money equally divided between
to the children of Franky Nichols son & daughter. Distinguishing all other
as above by me made I acknowledge this to be my last Will & Testament
& I do hereby nominate & appoint Franky Nichols & John Townsend my
Executor & Executor to settle this my last Will & Testament as witness my
hand and seal the day & year above written.

George Brooks, Jr.
Edward Daughtry, Sr.
Jacob Townsend

Nicholas Nichols



Recorded & Examined August 20th 1785

J. M. Webster

In the Name of God Amen, Sarah Chittim of the County of Craven &
State of North Carolina being very sick & weak in body but sound of mind in
memory considering that I was appointed for all time to do & after Death the
foregoing, I do as for my mortall goods which it has pleased God to deprive me
with leave as follows, - Give Bequeath to my son James Chittim One
Bed & Furniture, One Bed & three plates, One Case Bottle, One half of the Hogs, One
Mile, - Give Bequeath to my son John Chittim One Bed Furniture, One
dish & three plates, One Table, One Cauldron, Two Chairs, One half of the Hogs -
Give Bequeath to my Daughter Mary One Bed Furniture, One dish & three plates
One Bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Chittim One Linnen Sheet & one Ruttie, One dish
three plates, One red rock & Emanuel One pair iron, One pair of Scythes, Two Harts,
One Jas' Thos, One Lenn, One Great Whet, - Give Bequeath to my daughter
Vivah One Hand Mill, One Hatchet, - Give Bequeath to my daughter Sarah Butler an
Elevated Chittim all the remainder of my Household goods to be equally divided
Give Bequeath to my son William Morris One Chair, James Chittim & John
Chittim Executors.

John Barker
J. Phillips, Jr.
and
J. Saage

Sarah J. Chittim Esq.

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State of health last of me I mind
This instrument of writing take my last
will & death bed Please God to settle on me of this world's worth. Give
of in the manner I have followay,

I do Give Bequeath unto my Son Thomas Miller Fifty acres of land on Hatter
it being the pastermost end of George Clark's new patent to him there &
ever. - I do Give Bequeath unto my Daughter Ruthie Clark One Bed
Furniture with a night Bed, One small Trunk which I can put into
to her the above severall.

I do Give Bequeath unto my Son William Miller Fifty acres of land from
Eastmost end of Clark's Land for his Patent Also my House, Kitchen
Porch into sum & his forever.

I do Give Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Brooks Fifty acres of land
George Clark's line of his new patent, less One Bed Furniture, One
Porches to her the same forever,

I do Give Bequeath unto my Daughter Betty Taylor Fifty acres of land
and Mary Brooks & William Miller, the One Bed Furniture for her
Spous English ones to her the same forever,

I do Give Bequeath unto my Daughter Fanny Jeant One Sixth
Furniture, One Bed & bedding, One Copper Tea Kettle
Porches Castle to her the same forever. All the rest of my Estate
to be divided equally amongst my children except one can choose my
Mill & One hon' pott of about ten gallons which I give unto my son Willi-
am Miller hon' pott of about ten gallons which I give unto my son Willi-
am Miller to her the same forever. She also appoint William Miller my son Whole
Executor to this my last Will & Testament.

Signed sealed pronounced published &
Declar'd in the presence of -

Joseph Williams

Israh. Nicholson
Priscilla Miller

Thomas Miller

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J. M. Webster

Carteret County, N.C. by Sammons son of Amy Berry deceased
by verbal will Twenty pounds to be paid out of his Estate
of John Barker and Betty Butler which was proved in Court
after the death of the said Amy Berry dec'd November 11th 1785
sworn to before John Humphries J.P.

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J. M. Webster