

In the name of God amen.

I Simmons Isler of the County of Jones & State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory (blessed be God), do this 21st day of September in the year of our Lord 1839, make & ordain this my last will and Testament in manner & form following that is to say -

I first I give and bequeath to my three eldest children Susan Herring Isler, Rebecca Harrison Isler, & John Williams Isler, the following Negroes, viz. Daniel & his wife Dinah & her two children Daniel & Isaac also Will & his wife & children, John, Emory, Anthony, and Chaney, also Beck & her children, Ned, George, Abby, Leah, and Winney, also Moarrie, Charles, Gattlin, Vassar, and old Charles, Primus (Jones), Hecia (Jones), with all their future increase to be equally divided between them and should either of my said children die before his or her arrival at lawful age or marriage or should more than one of my said children so die then I direct that the share or shares of him or them so dying shall go to the survivors or survivor of them.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife during her life and widowhood all the real & personal Estate of every description including all my Lands & Negroes Slaves (except those devised above) Rail Road Stock, money or debts due me Household & Kitchen furniture farming utensils, Crops of all kinds Horses, Cattle & Hogs. &c. in short every thing I possess (except as before stated) Subject however to the payment of all my just debts, and I hereby charge upon the property so given her the payment of all said debts & the support & education of my three youngest children the issue of my marriage with her and any other child or children the issue of said marriage & end at the death of my wife or termination of her widowhood I give & bequeath the said property so given to my wife to my three youngest children George Miller Isler, John Williams Isler and Simmons Harrison Isler and any other child or children born unto me the issue of my marriage with her to be Equally divided among them.

Item. Having sold to Edward Gilbert a small part of the unimproved part of the plantation belonging to my three oldest children descended to them from their mother I direct that my Executors herein after named pay over to them up on their arrival at lawful age the sum of one hundred & fifty Dollars with interest from the date hereof provided that they shall execute & deliver to the said Edward Gilbert a good & sufficient title in fee simple to the land so sold to him.

Item. I further direct that in case either of the children the issue of my last marriage should die before his arrival at lawful age or marriage or should more than one so die, that the share or shares of him or them so dying shall go to the survivors or survivor of them the issue of said marriage.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my worthy friends James W. Hicks & Council Nolen & my beloved wife Barbara Isler Executors & Executrix of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking and annulling all other & former wills by me made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & date first above written.

Signed sealed published & declared by the Testator to be his last will & Testament in presence of us
J. B. Bousley
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Simmons Isler

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State of North Carolina Jones County East of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
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There was the foregoing last will and Testament of Simmons Ester produced & proved in open Court in due form of Law and ordered to be Recorded at the same time Samuel Weston one of the Executors therein named Qualified as such and said that letters testamentary issued to him

Witness My Hand & Seal

I hereby Certify that the above is a true copy from the original filed in office December Term 1839

Witness My Hand & Seal

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I Lawson Mallard of the County of Jones & State of North Carolina being Old & infirm of body but of perfect sound mind & disposing memory and calling to mind the mortality of the body & that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make and ordain this to be my last will & Testament that is to say First of all I Recommend my soul unto Almighty God that gave it me & body to the mother dust from whence it was taken to be buried in a decent Christianlike manner at the discretion of my Executor herein after named and as touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with I give & devise in manner & form following

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Daniel Mallard all of the lands that I now own (on the condition that he shall support his mother Nancy Mallard during her natural life) to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Mallard the bed and reading Chair unto her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my grand Daughter Elizabeth Hancock one Colt that now sucks and about four months old one time prior the Clock now in the hand sleep one feather bed in addition to what I have already given her.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my grand Son John A. M. Daniel one feather bed bedstead and furniture to be delivered after the death of his grand mother Nancy Mallard or sooner if she please, to him his heirs & assigns forever.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my grand Daughter Nancy Hancock one feather bed bedstead and furniture (to be delivered after the death of her grand mother Nancy Mallard or sooner if she please) to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my grand Daughter Elenden Mallard half dozen silver tea spoons to her her heirs & assigns forever.

Item. it is also my will and desire that should I die before the crop that is now on the ground should be raised & disposed of that my Executor herein after named should have said crop & after taking one half of the Corn him self then sell the my Hogs and divide said pork and the balance of said Corn equally between his mother Nancy Mallard and the within named Elizabeth Hancock and a like the balance of said Crop to go in the hands of said Executor for the use of him self and mother —

Item. it is my desire that all of my property not herein given away or disposed of should be sold on a credit of six months and the money arising from such sale after paying my debts if any funeral expenses should be divided equally between my wife Nancy Mallard my Daughter