

William F. Fanning
Henry Phair
Daniel Kane

Walter Smiley

In the name of God Amen. I James Simison of the State
of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County, being thro' the Abun-
dant Mercy & goodness of God tho' weak in body yet of
sound & perfect understanding & memory, Do constitute this
my last will & Testament & desire it may increase by
all as such Imprimis I most Humbly beseech my Lord
to God my Father beseeching his most gracious Acceptance
of it thro' the all sufficient merits & mediation of my most
compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ then to take me to
himself into that peace & rest which he has prepared for
all that love & fear his Holy name Amen. blessed be God
Imprimis I give my body to the Earth from whence it
was taken in full assurance of its Resurrection from thence
at the last day As for my burial I desire it may be
done without pomp or State at the discretion of my
dear wife & Executors hereafter named who I doubt not
will manage it with all decency, As for my 100
Pounds, I will & positively Order that all my debts be paid
Item I give to my dear & loving wife during her widow-
hood this house wherein I now dwell & the land & other
Tenements that lye about it & if she marries & begets
my Children together she shall have it for the space
of fifteen years & then to fall to my four youngest sons
James Raab, John Archer & Samuel to use & enjoy it
divided among them, I likewise bequeath to my loving
wife all my house hold furniture & horses, hounds cattle
sheep Hogs & farming tools for the consideration of which
I also Order that she shall give each of my daughters one
hundred worth of new fine & good quality
British linen & cloth & one hundred & one hundred

come of age, I like it that she shall give my children
 such English Learning as my Executors shall think fit
 if my dear wife should die in the space of fifteen years
 I do Order that the Estate shall be divided as the Executors
 shall think fit & if either of my above named sons -
 should die before the division of the land it shall be
 equally divided among the rest - I am given to my eldest
 son John all my body clothes, I desire that my
 Mother-in-law should have her living off the Estate
 & my wife should marry & not keep my children to
 sustain I do order that estate shall be sold for the sup-
 port of my children as have not received their part
 & my wife to have fifty pounds. I do constitute
 my kind & loving neighbours William Matthews
 & Benjamin Lowrie my Executors of this my last will
 & Testament & Testers, in my wife & children in witness
 whereof I have set my hand & seal this 26th day of
 November 1782 - Witnesses present

Joseph Darns
 Simon Poulson
 James Johnston

James Simeson

This is my last will & Testament, In the name of God
 Amen. Furthermore I bequeath to my grandson Moses
 Beatty fifty acres of land lying & being from Beatty & Dotts
 mens lands & Twenty pounds in Cash, also to my grand
 Son Beatty my saddle horse & Ten pounds in Cash, & to
 Mary Beatty my Grand daughter one bra & Ten pounds.
 To Beatty Beatty my Grand daughter eight pounds in Cash
 To Lavinia Beatty my Grand daughter eight pounds
 in Cash - To my son John Beatty my saddle & a pair
 of Blankets & a Coat - John Beatty is in my will in
 & made executor January the 16th 1783

Alexander Harrett
 David Mangus

James Slack