

to their grades in relationship. I do nominate and appoint my trusty friend John Shepard, to be my sole Executor of this my last Will and testament.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of July 1845.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Rachel James to be her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at her request and in her present, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Test John P. Sannerman

Saml. Payer

Rachel ^{husb} James (seal)
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State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court, June Term 1859

The within was exhibited in open Court, and propounded for probate as the last Will & Testament of Rachel James by John Shepard the executor named therein. Whereupon John P. Sannerman & Samuel Payer, the subscribing witnesses to said being duly sworn, proved the due execution of the same by the testator Rachel James, as and for her last Will & Testament, and it is thereupon considered, by the Court, that the said paper writing, is the last Will & Testament of said Rachel James, and the same be admitted to probate as such, and filed and registered as required by law. Whereupon John Shepard, the executor therein named, appeared in open Court and was duly qualified, according to law. And it is ordered that letters testamentary issue to him.

Test.

Saml. A. Sunting, Clerk

In the name of God, Amen: I, James Simpson, Planter of the County of New Hanover in the State of North Carolina, advanced in years and of feeble strength, but of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, considering the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament

First - I give, devise and bequeath, unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Ann, during her life the tract of land wherein I now live, containing by estimation four hundred acres more or less, with the privilege of making trespasses off of the eighty eight acres survey lying between Mrs. Shan & Ezekiah Sannerman's lands, my household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils, stock of all kinds, and the crop and provision on hand at my death, also a tract of land, bought of William Davis Wright, and the following negroes, and their

future increase viz. Dave, Sam, Louis, Susan and her children, Matilda, Washington, & Dallas, Lydia, Jimmy, Rachel, Hannah and child Nancy, with the power and privilege of disposing of Hannah and Nancy, and their future increase to our children James F. Thomas M. and Elizabeth Ann, or to whichever of them she may think proper, and after the death of my wife Elizabeth Ann, I give and bequeath my negroes aforesaid, (unless my wife disposed of Hannah & child Nancy, and their future increase) and the other personal property left my wife as aforesaid, unto my children, or grand children, her surviving, the grand children representing their father or mother and taking his or her share, to be divided among them accordingly. Secondly - I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Elizabeth Ann, during her life, the following negroes and their future increase viz. Jack, George, Jacob Louisa, and her children Lucy, Henry, Catharine, Fennell, & Mulda, and Clarissa and after her death unto her children living at her death. - And if she die without leaving children, I give and bequeath the negroes left her as above unto my sons or their children her surviving.

Thirdly - I give, devise and bequeath, unto my beloved son James F. Simpson, during his life (after the death of his mother the lands devised to her) the whole of my lands lying to the East of, or below Daniel Mac Duffies and the following negroes and their future increase, viz. Jim, Peter, Dick, Mary & Eliza and their children Amanda, Kelly, Eli and Sarah Jane and Pecton, and after his death to his children him surviving, & their heirs, but if he die without leaving children, I give devise and bequeath the aforesaid property left to him, unto his brother and sister him surviving or unto their children if they or either of them be dead - the children representing their parent - and their heirs forever.

Fourthly, I give, devise and bequeath, unto my my beloved son Thomas M. Simpson during his life except the privilege to his mother on the eighty eight acre survey, the whole of my lands lying to the West or above Daniel Mac Duffies, and the following negroes, and their future increase, viz. Bill, Tom Joshua, Nester & their children viz. Martha, Emily, Nester, Daniel, Colin & Ann, Jane Old Hannah and sons Sandy & Bob. - and after his death unto his children, living at his death, & their heirs forever - And if he die without leaving children, I give devise and bequeath the aforesaid property left to him unto his brother or sister or their children him surviving, the children representing their deceased parent & their heirs.

And lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved sons James F. & Thomas M. Simpson, Executors of this my last Will & Testament.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and

seal this the 30 day of Nov. A. D. 1846. Interlined before
 signed in 8th line of 1st page. 21st line of 2nd & 8th of 3rd page.
 Signed, sealed, published & declared by the Testator, to be his
 Last Will & Testament, in presence of
 us, who have subscribed our names
 as witness thereto, in his presence & in
 the presence of each other
 James McDuffie
 David Jones
 Patrick Murphy

May 25th 1848. I, James Simpson do make this cod-
 icil to my within last Will & Testament, viz. I give and
 bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth, all the cash, notes
 and accounts that may be left on hand at my death.
 Witness my hand & seal
 Signed, sealed, published
 & declared by the Testator,
 as his codicil, in presence of
 David Jones
 James McDuffie

James Simpson (Seal)
 his mark

State of North Carolina
 New Hanover County Court. June Term. A. D. 1859.
 This paper writing was exhibited in open Court and pronounced
 for probate as the last Will and Testament, with the codicil
 thereto attached of James Simpson by James F. Simpson
 his son, the executor therein named. Whereupon James
 McDuffie & Patrick Murphy, two of the subscribing
 witness thereto named, having been duly sworn, proved
 the due execution of the same by the Testator James
 Simpson, as and for his last will & testament, with the
 codicil thereto attached, and it is thereupon considered by
 the Court that said paper writing is the last Will & Testa-
 ment, with the codicil of said James Simpson, and that
 the same be admitted to probate as such, and filed &
 registered, as required by law. Whereupon James F. Simpson
 the executor therein named was duly qualified as such
 in open Court.

Test. Saml. A. Bunting, Clerk