

In the name of ~~God~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Lord~~ <sup>Lord</sup> I ~~Eljah~~ <sup>Eljah</sup> ~~Simmons~~ <sup>Simmons</sup>  
of the County of ~~Andover~~ <sup>Andover</sup> & State of ~~Massachusetts~~ <sup>Massachusetts</sup>  
Planting being in a reasonable state of health &  
of perfect mind & memory being a be good for the same  
& calling unto mind the mortality of my body and  
knowing that it is now appointed for all men to  
die do make & declare this my last will and  
testament that is to say, principally and first of all  
I give & recommend my soul into the hands of ~~Almighty~~ <sup>Almighty</sup>  
God that gave it & my body to the earth to be  
buried in a decent Christian manner at the dis-  
cretion of my Executors & Administrators, nothing doubting  
but at the general resurrection I shall receive the  
same by the mighty hands of God & as touching  
such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to give  
me with in this life I give & devise & bequeath of  
the same in the following manner, to wit: —

Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife ~~Abraham~~ <sup>Abraham</sup>  
~~Simmons~~ <sup>Simmons</sup> two negro girls ~~Samuel~~ <sup>Samuel</sup> ~~Sammy~~ <sup>Sammy</sup> two ~~Gracie~~ <sup>Gracie</sup>  
beds, Sheds and Furniture half dozen stool chairs  
two flag chairs & all my Crockery ware, one smock-  
any table also chairs of my house one yoke of Oxen  
one hand mill one grind stone one chair & ~~Harvey~~ <sup>Harvey</sup>  
chairs of cast, three covers & Calico eight head of  
Sheep all my kitchen furniture one large hound  
& two small ones, I bind unto my beloved wife  
~~Abraham~~ <sup>Abraham</sup> ~~Simmons~~ <sup>Simmons</sup> my saved & plantation all my  
woodland, Sack lands, one cotton Machine one still

one negro man called ~~Butler~~ <sup>Butler</sup> during his natural life or otherwise  
I give unto my son ~~Henry~~ <sup>Henry</sup> ~~Simmons~~ <sup>Simmons</sup> one negro girl named  
I called ~~Vina~~ <sup>Vina</sup>  
Item I give unto my son ~~Samuel~~ <sup>Samuel</sup> ~~Simmons~~ <sup>Simmons</sup> one negro man named  
I called ~~Pinus~~ <sup>Pinus</sup>  
Item I give unto ~~Robert~~ <sup>Robert</sup> ~~Simmons~~ <sup>Simmons</sup> son of ~~John~~ <sup>John</sup> ~~Simmons~~ <sup>Simmons</sup> one  
negro girl called ~~Pinus~~ <sup>Pinus</sup>  
Item I give unto my son ~~Eljah~~ <sup>Eljah</sup> ~~Simmons~~ <sup>Simmons</sup> two negroes ~~John~~ <sup>John</sup>  
& ~~John~~ <sup>John</sup>  
Item I give unto my son ~~David~~ <sup>David</sup> ~~Simmons~~ <sup>Simmons</sup> two negroes ~~Sam~~ <sup>Sam</sup>  
& ~~Beck~~ <sup>Beck</sup> one ~~Gracie~~ <sup>Gracie</sup> bed  
Item I give unto my daughter ~~Anna~~ <sup>Anna</sup> ~~Smith~~ <sup>Smith</sup> of ~~Wright~~ <sup>Wright</sup> son  
one negro woman & called ~~Vina~~ <sup>Vina</sup> —  
Item I give unto my daughter ~~Jeff~~ <sup>Jeff</sup> ~~Simmons~~ <sup>Simmons</sup> one negro  
called ~~John~~ <sup>John</sup>  
Item I give unto ~~Elizabeth~~ <sup>Elizabeth</sup> ~~Woods~~ <sup>Woods</sup> I have given two negroes  
Girls ~~Pharad~~ <sup>Pharad</sup> & ~~John~~ <sup>John</sup> also two cows —  
Item I give unto my son ~~John~~ <sup>John</sup> ~~Simmons~~ <sup>Simmons</sup> two negroes ~~Gracie~~ <sup>Gracie</sup>  
& ~~John~~ <sup>John</sup> also one ~~Gracie~~ <sup>Gracie</sup> bed & ~~Gracie~~ <sup>Gracie</sup> furniture —  
Item I give unto my son-in-law ~~William~~ <sup>William</sup> ~~of Davis~~ <sup>of Davis</sup> one negro  
girl called ~~John~~ <sup>John</sup> to him this girl I have given a lot of my  
land lying in the north side of ~~Wolf~~ <sup>Wolf</sup> ~~Simmons~~ <sup>Simmons</sup> —  
Item I give unto my wife ~~Abraham~~ <sup>Abraham</sup> ~~Simmons~~ <sup>Simmons</sup> one Room at  
my Shop & ~~harvey~~ <sup>harvey</sup> also all my ~~shanty~~ <sup>shanty</sup> ~~cards~~ <sup>cards</sup> also one  
year provision out of my Estate  
Item I give unto my son ~~Eljah~~ <sup>Eljah</sup> ~~Simmons~~ <sup>Simmons</sup> to him this his  
I nominate & appoint my son ~~Eljah~~ <sup>Eljah</sup> ~~Simmons~~ <sup>Simmons</sup> & my wife

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Asahene Simmons my sole Executor this my last will  
of testament hereby writing and annulling all other  
wills by me heretofore made declaring this to be my  
last will & testament in writing of which I am sensible  
at my hand & seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day December 1827

signed sealed published & declared by said Asahene Simmons  
this to be his last will & testament  
in the presence of us

But John Davis  
John A. Harrison  
State of North Carolina Court of Pleas Justice of the Peace  
Charles County } November Term 1827  
There was this will of Asahene Simmons duly presented  
in open Court by the Clerk of said Court & read  
Alfredson gave

And the said Clerk

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In the name of God Amen I the Son of Asahene Simmons  
being in a very poor state of body & health but of sound  
mind & memory & knowing it is appointed for all men once  
to die do make this my last will & testament in the fol-  
lowing words that is to say

First of all I recommend my soul to the hand of my Father  
in Heaven & my body to its parent earth to be buried in a decent Christian  
like manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named  
and as touching or concerning such worldly estate as it  
may please God to bless me with in this life I dispose of  
in the following manner that is to say

First I bind unto my beloved wife Susan all & singular  
the property, negroes, stock of every description furniture & every  
other thing or thing of any description be it now in  
my hand that I have in possession or have any right by law  
in the hands of the administrators of the German Church  
not bound & divided nor reduced to possession or divided  
whereas it may be that I got by my Intermarriage  
with her the said Susan God & during her natural life  
I at her the said Susan's death I thus give said property  
so bound to her the said Susan with its increase if  
any to the child with which my beloved wife is  
now pregnant be it its heir & assigns forever  
Second I direct my wife Susan should pay whatever debt  
or debt by her contracted before our marriage & now  
remaining unpaid without taking any of my property  
owned & held by me before our marriage to satisfy the