

Joseph Simons

North Carolina Rockingham County August
18th 1824. I Joseph Simons in the name of God
am now being very weak in body but sound mind and
judgement and calling to mind the mortality of my
body and knowing that it is appointed for all men
to die do make and ordain this to be my last will
and testament that is to say principally and first
of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands
of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it
to the earth to be buried in christian like and decent
manner at the discretion of my executors nothing
availing but at the general resurrection I shall
receive the same again by the mighty power of
God and as touching such worldly estate where-
with it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give
and dispose of the same in manner and form
following that is to say in the first place I
give and bequeath to my dear and beloved wife
Margaret Simons one third of the land I now live
on with the dwelling house her life time in order
to help to raise the children likewise one mare
and colt four cows and calves two hogs and furni-
ture and as much house hold and kitchen furni-
ture as is necessary also the present crop to support
all the family and likewise as much beef and
pork as will support all the family and likewise
all the above property bequeathed to my loving
wife Margaret at her death to be equally
divided between my sons James Ananias and William
John. Joseph Gu Simons also my daughters
Sally and Patty the Land excepted from Ananias

Sally and Polly secondly I give and bequeath to
my daughter Isabel Scott to her and her society
heirs one negro given name part of which she has
in possession thirdly I give and bequeath to my
daughter Elizabeth Mapey and her society heirs
one negro girl named milly which she has in
possession fourthly I give and bequeath to my son
James his horse named Joe saddle and bridle bed
and furniture fifthly I give and bequeath to my
son Andrew one mare named Citegan saddle
and bridle also one bed and furniture
Sixthly I give and bequeath to my four sons
Ananias William John and Joseph Gu Simons
the balance of the Land I own.
Seventhly I give and bequeath to my Daughter
Nancy one negro girl named Leticia to her and
her society heirs and one bed and furniture
Eighthly I give and bequeath to my daughter man-
tha one negro girl named Lucy to her and her
society heirs and one bed and furniture
Ninthly I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sally
and Polly two hundred dollars each to be raised
out of two negroes yet to be disposed of such and
hemnah and likewise my smaller tools. I beque-
ath them to my five sons and after my lawful
debt is paid the balance of the money to be
given to my children with the exception of
Isabel Scott and Elizabeth Mapey I do confirm
this and no other to be my last will and testame-
nt in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal the day and year above written signed
sealed and published as my last will and testa-
ment in presence of us the subscribing.

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Margaret and James Semons my son my only
and soul executors
Just
Robert Barr +
Wm Dinnell

Joseph Semons Dead

David Scott +
State of North Carolina 3 Decemr Sepmber 1824.
Rockingham County The execution of the will
in last will and testament of Joseph Semons was
only proved in open court by the oath of Robert
Barr and David Scott & on motion ordered to
be recorded & executor qualified as such and
took out letters testamentary in the same

Robt Barr

Prayer King

In the name of God amen I Sir King in the
County of Rockingham and State of North Carolina
being of sound mind and memory thank God for
those mercys and taking into consideration the
weakness and frailty of my body knowing that death
is a certain portion of our existence and any period
affixed to our time uncertain think proper to make
this my last will and testament in manner and
form following that is to say I do commend my soul
unto almighty God who gave it existence and
my body to be buried in a christian like decent
manner at the discretion of my executors whom
I here in name

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Them first I will that my last will be fairly
paid out of my estate

Item 2^d I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy
King the plantation wherein I now live during
her natural life the debts I owe I have money in
hand and owing me to pay those debts against me
which I want paid in that way further I give to
my wife Nancy my negro man slave Simon and
my negro girl named easy to her own use for and
during the time of her natural life and then
sell out the disposed of said negroes with as many
pieces as they may have amongst any or all of my
children begotten with her and the plantation
with the land appertaining to be equally divided
amongst the said children or the survivors of them
Equally share and share alike

Item 3^d I give and bequeath to my daughter
Sally Martin half the land I formerly lived on
to be equally divided with her sister my daughter
Betsey containing in all two hundred and forty
acres to them their heirs or assigns forever

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my son Joseph
one hundred and three acres adjoining the land
of Joshua Williams and Ezekiel Pharis also
sixty nine acres adjoining James Mabry the
above named division of land to Sally Martin is
in a deed to what I have already given her
to my daughter Betsey over and above the land I
give her one cow and calf the tree commonly
called her own and furniture one chest called her
own and saddle and bridle one flax wheel two
sheep and some furniture purchased for her and