

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on Thursday
the 14th of December 1749.

This Will was proved by the Oath of James Cary a Witness
thereto and is Ordered to be Recorded. *R. Helleck*

John Simmons In the Name of God Amen I John Simmons
of the Isle of Wight County Gentleman knowing the
uncertainty of Human Life and being now of sound and
disposing Mind & Memory Do make and Ordain this my
Last Will & Testament in manner & form as followeth.
to wit,
I *Imprimis* I Commit my Soul to God who gave it
trusting and surely hoping for Eternal Salvation through
the merits & Mediation of Jesus Christ my Saviour.
And as for my Body I desire it may have such Christian
Burial as my Executors hereafter named shall thinke
proper And for the Lands Tenements Goods and Chattels
as well Slaves as others which I am at present owner of
I Give Devise & Bequeath them as followeth Item
My Will & desire is that my Water Mill on Cupunhra
Swamp and the hundred Acres of Land I bought of Henry
Clark & seventy five Acres bought of John Newton and
also two hundred & eighty Acres of Land granted me
by Patent bearing Date the twenty eighth Day of June
One thousand seven hundred thirty one be all sold by
my Executors for and towards the payment of my Debts
Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Loving & Beloved
Wife Mary Simmons the Use and Property of the Plantation
whereon I now live during her Life all other things being
before provided for her by Deed of Trust to Charles Simmons
bearing Date the twenty eighth Day of April One thousand
seven hundred & forty & then Acknowledged & Recorded
I also give her a Mourning Ring Item I Give and
bequeath unto my Son William Simmons and to his
Heirs for ever all my Land lying in Surry County and