

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

This Writing purporting the last Will & Testament of John
Simmons deceased was proved by the Oaths of Howell Edmond
& Peter Butts two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be
Recorded

Jef. R. Hellock

Edw. Dren's
Will

In the Name of God Amen Edward Dren of
Mottonay Parish in the County of Isle of Wight being Sick &
weak of Body but thanks to Almighty God of Perfect Sence &
Memory do make this Writing to be my last Will & Testament
in form of manner followeth Viz.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Newitt Dren my
Negroes as followeth Viz. Joney Poll Benn & Mings I say I
give the said Negroes to him & his Heirs

Item I give and bequeath to my son Newitt Dren the Plantation
whereon he now lives and the Land that I now live on I say I
give the said Plantation to him and his Heirs likewise the
following Negroes Viz. Harry Dick & Jamey I say I give the
said Negroes to my said Son & his Heirs

Item I give and bequeath to my Grandson Newitt Harris Son
of my Daughter Mary Harris a Negro Girl Called Honour to
him & his Heirs

Item I give and bequeath to my Grandson Thomas Harris
a Negro Girl Called Judy I say I give the said Girl to him & his
Heirs.

Item I give and bequeath to my Grandson Dren Harris a
Negro Boy Called Hall gone Called Hercules I say I give said
Negroes to him and his Heirs.

Item I give and bequeath to my Grandson Nathan Harris a
Negro Boy Called Ned I say I give the said Negro to him & his
Heirs.

Item I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Ann Harris
a Negro Girl Called Aroos I say I give the said Negro Girl to her
& her Heirs

Item I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Martha
Harris a Negro Boy called Frank I say I give the said Boy
to her & her Heirs.