

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 11th day of Aug 1836.
This Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of William Simpson a.d. was returned
as and ordered to be recorded.

Teste - J. H. Saunders s.c.

Wm. R. Strong
11th

In the name of God Amen. I Seth Strong of the County of Middlesex State
of Connecticut do hereby make & ordain this writing to be my last Will & Testament in
manner & form following - after my just debt & funeral charges shall have been paid
by my Executors herein after named,

Item I give & bequeath unto my Wife Rhoda Strong one thirds part of my Estate
both real & personal during her natural life allowing her the privilege of taking my
house & lot in Dusham, Connecticut at two Two thousand dollars and likewise my house
& hold & kitchen furniture at three hundred dollars as part of the one third.

Item It is my wish & desire that my son Charles have the sum of two hundred &
fifty dollars to finish his education) more than the rest of my children.

Item I hereby authorize & request my Executors herein after named (after taking my Wife
third) if they should think advisable to appropriate from one to four thousand dollars in
bonds Real stock or such other Speculation as they may think most advantageous to
my children. The above stocks to be kept by my executors in speculation until my son Charles
becomes of lawful age then to be equally divided between all my children or to be e-
qually divided between all my children or to be divided sooner if my Executors should
so cause & think advisable. It is my wish & desire that my children receive the
principal or gains of the above stock, & should the stock be unprofitable - I do not consider my execu-
tors bound for it. The residue of my estate to be equally divided between all my surviving
children or their heirs.

Item I leave my Executors hereafter named full authority either to close or continue my
mercantile concerns in Jerusalem, Virginia as they may deem best for the interest of my
Estate. It is also my wish & desire for them at the close of my mercantile affairs, to
to sell my house & land in Jerusalem Virginia on such terms as they may deem most
advantageous for my estate.

Item I hereby nominate & appoint Nathan Parsons Stephen L. Parsons & my son Eben
my Strong Executors to this my last Will & Testament. It is my further wish & desire
that no security be required. I wish them each to be security for the other.

Item I hereby appoint Nathan Parsons Guardian to my son Henry, Seth & Charles
& my daughter Harriet & that no security be required of him, as their Guardians, should
security be required I wish either of the executors to become as security. Given under my
hand and seal this 12th day of September 1835.

Seth R. Strong (S.R.)

Signa valde & schawabago 3
before us

Joseph W. Camp
Isaac Parsons

Paris Street road.

Middlesex County St. Dusham Jan 22. 1836

Personally appeared Joseph W. Camp Isaac Parsons & Isaac Parsons all of whom being
singly sworn as aforesaid & say that they saw the within named Testator Seth R. Strong, sign