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In the name of God amen I Benja Simmons of
Southampton County being in good health and perfect memory
thanks be to god. Therefore do make & confirm this my Last Will
& Testament as follows viz

First I principally bequeath my soul to Almighty God my
Creator and Jesus Christ my Redeemer fully trusting in his
merits for Remission of all my sins & for what Estate he
hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I do dispose
of as is hereafter Express

Secondly I give to my son John Simmons all that part of my Land
of the upper side of the deep Bottom on the Creek going
up the sd Bottom ya cross the Road to the branch that he
made his Bucks on & Down the Branch to the Popson
branch & up the Popson branch to include all my Land
above the said mentioned bounds To him and his heirs
forever. and what other Estate I have put him in possession
of that is not mentioned in my will hereafter I give to him
& his heirs forever

Thirdly I give to my son Benjamin Simmons all my Land in
Bumswick County To him and his heirs forever — Likewise
all the Estate I have put him in my son Benja in possession
of that is not mentioned in my will hereafter I give to him
and his heirs forever

Fourthly I give the use of one young Negroe wench named Easter to my
Daughter Mary Simsona and after my sd Daughters Death
then I give the sd negroe and her Increase if any to be Equally
Divided Among all the Children my sd Daughter leaves
at her Death to them and their heirs forever

Fifthly I give My Daughter Elizabeth Simmons one Negroe girl
named Liady to her and her heirs forever

Sixthly I give to my Daughter Lucy Simmon one Negroe girl named
Drip to her and her heirs forever

Seventhly I give to my Daughter Sarah Simmons one Negroe girl named
Milly to her and her heirs forever

Eighthly I give to my Daughter Rezia Simmons one negroe girl named
Patt to her and her heirs forever

Ninthly I give to my Daughter Martha Simons one Negroe girl named
Charlott to her and her heirs forever

Tenthly I give to my son Sprally Simmons all my Land below the
deep Bottom that makes up the hill from the River down ground
and from the head of the deep Bottom a straight line to where
my son John Simmons line crossed the Road from ye Creek
the said lands above mentioned I give to my sd son Sprally
and his heirs forever I likewise give one good Feather Bed
and furniture twelve head of good Cattle four sows and piggs