

as directed by the said Order Given under our hand this 12 day of 11/17/78

William M. Brown
Richard Black
John Smith

At a court held for the county of Southampton the 12 day of March 1778
This Copy of app^t of the estate of William M. Brown deceased in the day
returned and ordered to be recorded

Samuel Killo &
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In the Name of God. I shew William Simmons of the county of Southampton

William and parish of Rottonbury being with the profound mind and memory of me and under
Simmons the last Will & Testament making all former Wills by me made inanner
Killo following to wit

1 I give unto my wife Sarah Simmons during her natural life the use of the plantation
wherein I now live with the lands thereunto belonging lying between the village branch
of Church branch and the road leading from Church branch to the Old being part of
land bought of Henry Browne, I also give to my wife during her life the use of the
hundred fifty acres land lying on the south side of Church branch being a tract
or parcel of land purchased of the late Thomas Langley. Further I give unto my wife the
use & tenure of the following negro's during her life, to wit, great Jack great Sam John
Frank Cain and Lucy & duty fifteen head of Cattle fifteen head of Sheep & thirty
of his two horns my riding Chair & harness & as much of my household & kitchen
furniture as she shall think fit to keep

2 I give and bequeath unto my son John Simmons a Tract of land lying on the south
side of the Apamameo swamp in the county of Southampton containing six Acre
and seventy five acres more or less to him & his heirs forever I also give unto my said son
John my negro man Jack and all my Black smelter tools

3 I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Simmons the land and plantation & Church
of that blessed containing by estimation three hundred acres more or less all the
part of the tract of land purchased of Henry Browne aforesaid that lies on the
west side of Village branch containing by estimation one hundred acres more
or less also also seventy five acres more or less which I purchased of John Mearns and
adjoining the land of the said Mearns & Samuel Duncans land, also one other
tract of land containing by estimation one hundred acres more or less it being a tract
purchased of James Ingraham and adjoining the land on the west about eight
of Thomas Mearns which said several tracts of land together with my water great mill
I do hereby give to my said son Thomas & his heirs forever

4 I give and bequeath unto my son Daniel Simmons after the death of my wife
all the lands herein given her to him & his heirs forever

5 My wife and I desire that after my just debts & legacies are paid all the residue
of my estate of what nature or kind soever be equally divided between my three
sons above named and after the death of my wife all the estate herein given her
(the land excepted) be equally divided between my three sons above named
I wish as I am desirous that my negroes may not be sold to make the division of my
property (as without) I desire that the said different may be appraised by the court to
divide them as equally as possible between my said sons or the survivors of them and
in case either of my sons should die before they arrive to the age of twenty one years
or without lawful issue I desire that all the estate of what nature or kind
soever here in given such deceased son be equally divided between my said
sons I do lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends John Butler
Percy Gray & Benjamin Rogers joint and sole Executors of this my last
will & Testament desiring my said Executors to take my then and under
them and to execute the same they arrive to the age of twenty one years