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First I Release for the use of my wife Chief Simmons the land & Plantation whereon
 now live together with all the land I possess during her life. I also give Bequeath to
 my sons John Simmons and William Simmons all my Possessions in Land. After the
 death of my wife to be equally divided between them In its Value to them and
 their heirs forever. I also Give to my son John Simmons My Negro boy Mose also
 one feather Bed. - 1781. I also Give and bequeath to my son William Simmons
 my Negro boy Isaac also one feather bed to them their heirs & assigns forever. -
 1781. I also Give and bequeath to daughter Natharine Bessons My Negro boy Stephen
 to her and her heirs forever. - 1781. I also Give and Bequeath to my daughter
 Deborah Simmons my Negro boy Matt also one feather Bed. - 1781. I also Give
 to my daughter Nelly Logan Simmons my Negro Girl Mimi in Livery also one
 feather Bed. - 1781. I also Give to my daughter Lucy Simmons my Negro
 wench Sall after the death of her Mother with all her Increase arising from thence
 also one feather Bed. - 1781. All the rest of my estate I Give to my wife Chief
 Simmons after the Payment of my debts. I also decree that my wife Chief in my last will
 the Negro wench of above Natide my Children to which said is given be married
 or give from their Mother to set an end so for them unless Except that to Natharine
 she being above married. I also do constitute and Appoint my loving wife
 Chief Simmons and my son John Simmons & John Batty son of hers of this my
 last will and testament. My W. & T. of the same Joseph Simmons have
 herewith set his hand and sealed this sixth day of May. 1781.

Witness
 Joseph Pope
 Elizabeth Jackson
 Anne Croward

his
 Joseph J. Simmons Seal
 mark.

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 9th day of
 January 1782. - This Will was proved by the Oaths of Christ
 Croward and Joseph Pope two of the witnesses thereto and
 Certified for further proof. And at a Court held for the said County the 9th day of
 May 1782. On the Motion of the said Executors who made haste thereto to have
 Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form Given pursuant
 thereto as follows.

Jas. Hillis

Inventary of the Estate of the Estate of John Ferguson deceased taken the 17th day 1779

- 1 Shaw, 8 Cattle, 10 Sheep, 18 Hogs, 1 horse & cow, 1 new winged Knife, 3 Axes, 15 Antient Blankets
 - 5 Beds, 1 Green stone 1/2 in from Wauger, 10 Yards, 1 Pair Cant Wheel, 3 feather beds
 and furniture, 2 Chests, 1 Sawb, 1 shooting Glove, 1 Pair Iron, 1 Spinning Wheel
 - 2 Pair Harness & Chains, 2 Potts & 2 Pair Pot hooks, 1 Kettle, 1 Stodd, 1 frying
 Pan, 1 Saddle, 2 Bristles, 1 pair Spinnel, 1 Gun, 1 pair Boston & Pistle, 4
 Sides, 3 Barons & Plates, 1 Poringer, 12 Spoons, 1 Fox Scammel, 1 Cattle-Manner
 Wheel, 7 Baskets, 1 Pair of Hook, 2 Pair Short Shears, 2 Saws, 4 Pails, 1 Pair Eggs
 6 knives and forks, 1 Pair Knives, 1 handle Stick, 1 Pair Shovel and a 2 Pair Saw
 - 1 Pair Cotton & Thomas & 3 Baskets, 2 Hogsheads, 3 Baskets, 1 Pair Saw, 2 Hides, a
 Parcel of Bacon, 1/2 lb Iron Scales and Beavers, a Parcel of Cotton Dyed with 13 & 6
- At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 9th day of May 1782 -
 This Inventory of the Estate of John Ferguson deceased was this approved
 and returned to the Court

Jas. Hillis