

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 12 day of September 1793. This will was presented in Court by Jacob Lawrence one of the longtime being a ^{thine} ~~thine~~ ^{to qualify} by the oath of John Bishop Nathan Lound & Lawrence Williams their ^{the} witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of the said Executor who made oath according to Law Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form giving security whereupon &c.

Samuel D
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William
Simmons
will

In the name of God Amen William Jones of St. John County & State of Virginia being very sick & weak of body but of sound and disposing mind & Memory thanks be to Almighty God for this favor and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life & knowing that it is appointed once for all men to die do make & ordain this my Last will & Testament in manner & form following

Imprimis

I give and bequeath unto Nancy Simmons daughter of Mason Simmons my Negro man Dary & his wife Beck & their two sons Ned & Lem & my Negro girl Nanny and future increase of them, to her & to her heirs forever.

Item

I Give & bequeath unto Henry J P Westbrooke sons of Parsons Westbrooke deceased my Negro girl Tabb & her increase to him & to his heirs forever.

Item

I Give and bequeath unto Mason Simmons Westbrooke daughter of said Parsons Westbrooke my Negro girl Nell & her increase to her & heirs forever.

I Give and bequeath unto Richard H. Simmons Son of William Simmons my Negro man Pompey & boy Amos to him & his heirs forever.

Item

I lend the use of my old wench Amy to my mother during her natural life & after her death for her to pass to my Brother Edwin Simmons to him & his heirs forever.

Item

I Give and bequeath unto my Brother Edwin Simmons my Negro man Tony & the use & labor of my Negro wench Eady & her son Bob until his oldest daughter shall come of lawful age or marriage & then for the said wench to pass to her absolutely & for her future increase then to be divided equally between the rest of his children to them each of them separately & distinctly & their heirs forever.

Item

I Give and bequeath unto my Brother Edwin Simmons all my Lands & to appurtenances & my Riding horse to him & his heirs forever.

Item

My will & desire is that after all my just debts are paid that the remainder of my Estate be equally divided between my Brother William Simmons & Edwin Simmons to them & their heirs forever.

Lastly I constitute & appoint my two Brothers William & Edwin Simmons my whole & sole Executors to this my Last Will & Testament Revoking & annulling all former wills or wills by me heretofore made & allowing this the other to be my last will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 22 day of July 1793.

Witness the said William Jones to be his last will &c.
James Butts
So Read
Wm. H. Fisher
Edwin Simmons

Wm Jones. Seal