

I, John Sims of S.ampton County being of sound disposing mind and memory
do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner & form following
I give and bequeath unto my son Edwin Sims two negroes namely Jim and
Amey with their increase from this date to him and his heirs forever—
I give and bequeath unto my daughter Lydia Simsbrough two negroes Patt
and Matthus to her and her heirs forever—

I give and bequeath unto my grandson Jesse Sims son of Isaac Sims the
land and plantation I purchased of my son Edwin Sims to him and his
heirs. But in case he should not survive his mother nor leave no law
ful issue I give it is my will and desire that the s^d land should be sold
by my Executors thereafter mentioned and the money arising from the
sale thereof be equally divided amongst all my s^d Daughters & Milley
children of their legal Representatives—

I lend unto my daughter Milley the aforesaid land and plantation during
her natural life and after her death to go and pass in the manner aforesaid
I also give and bequeath unto my s^d Daughter Milley one negro
Gino Celio with her increase from this date to her and her heirs forever—

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Pompey two negroes Ned and Dick
with their increase from this date to her and her heirs forever—

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Peggy three negroes Kitty
and Rhoades with their increase from this date to her and her
heirs forever—

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy three negroes Jack, Fendley and
Angelo with their increase from this date to her and her heirs forever— also the
land and plantation I own on the Mussock Swamp to her and her heirs forever—

I lend unto my wife Ann the use and labor of four negroes Sam, Michel, Leo
and Sham, also the Curator of my estate not held given away under
the use of the land and plantations I purchased of Thomas Clement Butler
during her life and after her death I direct that the s^d negroes so lent as aforesaid
and their increase to gether with all the estate lent as aforesaid (except the
land) be sold and the money arising from the sale thereof to be equally divided
amongst all my children or their representatives—

I give and bequeath unto my two daughters Pompey & Peggy the land &
plantations I purchased of Thomas C. Butler Subject to their mother's use
during her life, to be equally divided between them to him and their heirs forever—

It is my will and desire that if either of my daughters, Nancy Pompey & Peggy should
die without issue I give that in that case the land given to them should
go and pass to the survivor or survivors of them—

I do constitute and appoint my wife Ann and my son Edwin my Executors to this
my last will and testament and it is my last will and desire that my estate
be appraised— In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my seal this Twenty fourth day of October in the year 1797

John Sims Seal
Witnesses
Wm. D. Johnson
J. D. Bailey
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