

debts; wife Mary the use of the property on which I now live and all other things provided for by deed of trust with my son Charles on April 28, 1740; son William my land in Surry County; son Benjamin 390 acres bought of the Nottoway Indians, adjoining his own land; son Charles all my land in the low grounds not already sold to Charles Brown and John Arrington and 180 acres on which I live, being part of William Cock's patent; daughter Ann Ruffin and her husband Edmund Ruffin; daughter Lucy Ruffin and her husband Benjamin Ruffin; daughter Elizabeth Jones and her husband Elberton Jones; son Henry Simmons. Charles to divide my wearing apparel between Henry and Benjamin Simmons.

Exs. sons Benjamin and Charles Simmons.

D. June 25, 1746 R. Dec. 14, 1749

Wit. Robert S. Woobank, Howell Edmunds, Peter Butts, William Little.

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(Note: Several genealogists have claimed that the above will and the one on page 2 proved there were two John Simmons, who died in 1749. I feel after comparing the text of the two and taking into consideration the following items from the Order Books of the County that they were the wills of the same man and the second one found at a later date and also filed.----- Col. John Simmons of Southampton County died Sept. 21, 1749. Virginia Gazette. Mary Simmons was granted administration on the will of her husband John Simmons. Resigned and administration requested by Benjamin Simmons. Will proven by Mary Wainwright a witness. Security for Adm., Joseph Gray and Peter Butts. Appraisers appointed, Benjamin Clements, Peter Butts, Thomas Westbrook and Charles Barham. Southampton Order Book I, page 22. ----- A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Simmons, Gent. was presented and proven by Howell Edmunds and Peter Butts. 1749 Order Book I, page 31. ----- Thomas Lee, William Nelson and als. versus Benjamin Simmons with will annexed of John Simmons decd., with Charles Simmons and William Simmons an infant under the age of 21. Frances Simmons of the County of Surry appointed guardian to deft. William Simmons. 1750. Order Book I, page 60. B. A. C.)

DREW, Edward of Nottoway Parish. Leg.- son Newitt; grandson Newitt Harris, son of my daughter Mary Harris; grandson Thomas Harris; grandson Drew Harris; grandson Nathan Harris; granddaughters Ann and Martha Harris; daughter Mary, wife of John Harris; grandson William Turner; granddaughter Frances Drew; grandson Edward Drew, son of of Newitt Drew; granddaughter Mary Harris, wife of Henry