

Florida, Wills and Probate Records, 1810-1974 for George M T Simmons
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State of Florida, Sumter County

In the county Judge's Court of Sumter County, to the honorable A.C. Clark, County Judge of said county, the petitioner George W Bigelow respectfully sheweth that he is a resident of Sumter County, State of Florida, that on the 14th day of April A.D. 1897, George M.T. Simmons of Bushnell in said Sumter County departed this life, at Sumter County Florida, leaving a last will and testament, duly signed and attended, as your petitioner believes, which he now presents to your honor for probate.

That said testator in said will nominated your petitioner, one of the executors thereof. That said deceased left property and affects as follows: Real estate in Sumter County, a stock of cattle, one horse, a stock of hogs, piano, house hold and kitchen furniture.

That said deceased left him surviving, James R Simmons, Philix Simmons, Sue Agnes, Annie Martha, & Troupe Augustine his only heirs at law.

That your petitioner resides at or near Bushnell Florida and he is willing to accept and undertake the trust confided to him and James R. Simmons in said will wherefore your petitioner prays that the said will may be admitted to probate, and the letters testamentary thereon may be issued to George W Bigelow (James R Simmons being an heir) after proper hearing and proof; and that all other order necessary may be made. He makes this application, nume?? aratuna??, as of the **19th of April A.D. 1897**

George W Bigelow

State of Florida, County of Sumter

George W Bigelow being duly sworn, says the foregoing petition by him subscribed is him. Sworn to and subscribed before on this **10th day of July A.D. 1897**

A.C. Clark County Judge

State of Florida, County of Sumter

By the County Judge of said county:

In the matter of the last will and Testament

of George M.T. Simmons Deceased, Late of Sumter County Florida

The said last will and testament having been duly established by the sworn testimony of D.C Hill? one of the subscribing and attesting witnesses, thereto, as being the true Last Will and Testament of the said George MT Simmons and no objection being made to the probate thereof; And it appearing to the County Judge at said county by due proof that the said George M. T. Simmons died on the 14th day of April A.D. 1897.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the said last will and testament, bearing date April 12th A.D 1897 and attested by WH Crenshaw and D C Hill as subscribing witness thereto be and the same is hereby admitted to probate according to law, as and for the true Last Will and Testament of said George M. T. Simmons deceased, and that the same with proof thereof, be duly record in the Book of Wills.

Given under hand and seal at Sumterville? in said county, this **19th day of April 1897.**

A. C. Clark, County Judge

State of Florida, County of Sumter

Be it remembered, that on this **19th day of April A. D. 1897**, I duly recorded the foregoing last will and testament in the public Records of said County

A. C. Clark County Judge

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State of Florida, County of Sumter

Before me A.C. Clark County Judge in and for said county, personally appeared D.C. Hull? who being by me duly sworn, says that he was personally present, as a subscribing and attesting witness with W H Crenshaw who was also present as a subscribing and attending witness and saw the testator George M.T. Simmons subscribe has name to the instrument at writing here to assessed as and for his last will and testament and that the said George M T Simmons did, then and there, in the presence of said D C Hull? and WH Crenshaw publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament. That the said DC Hull? and WH Crenshaw witnesses did, then and there, at the special request of said George MT Simmons and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, subscribe their names thereto as attesting witnesses, and the said D C Hull further swears, the he verily, believes the said instrument of writing hereto announced? so subscribed, published, declared and attested as aforesaid, to be the true Last Will and Testament of said testator the said George M T Simmons.

D.C. Hull? seal

Sworn to and subscribed before me this **19th day of April A.D. 1897.**

A.C. Clark, County Judge

State of Florida, County of Sumter
Be it remembered that on this **19th day of April A.D. 1897**, I duly record the foregoing Oath in the public records of said county.
A.C. Clark, County Judge

I **George M.T. Simmons** a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County of Sumter and the State of Florida being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

Item 1.

I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be promptly paid as soon after my death as practicable.

Item 2.

I appoint **George W. Bigelow** and **James R. Simmons** as executors of this my will without security of any kind and vest in them full power to carry out this trust.

Item 3.

I devise and bequeath to my daughters **Sue Agnes, Annie Martha, and Troup Augustine** all my real estate in Sumter County Florida

Item 4

My stock of cattle I devise to be divided among my several children as they now claim them.

Item 5.

My horse I give and bequeath unto my two sons **James R and Felix**.

Item 6.

My stock of hogs I give to my several children to be equally divided between them.

Item 7

My piano I devise and bequeath to my daughter **Sue Agnes**.

Item 8.

My household and kitchen furniture, I desire to remain in the home and to be used equally by the children remaining at home, so long as they remain there.

This will contained on one sheet of paper, signed and sealed this **12th day of April A.D. 1897**

George M.T. Simmons <Seal>

Signed, sealed and declared to be his last will and testament by George M. T. Simmons in presence of us this day and year above written

MW Crenshaw

D. C. Hull?

*Transcribed 20 Jan 2020 by Arthur F Bowie, Bentonville Ark.
George Woodward Bigelow was husband of G MT Simmons oldest daughter Mary Eliza Theresa Simmons, married 1888
The other five of his children, 2 sons and 4 daughters were single at time of his death. Wife Anne Eliza died Feb 9, 1897
1900 Census Sumter County Florida includes Walper H Crenshaw born Nov 1850 Alabama
findagrave has Walter Henry Crenshaw 10 Nov 1850 Alabama to 18 Oct 1912 Sumter County
I don't know if there is relation between WH Crenshaw, but LP Saxon 1803-1868 was married Mary Eliza Crenshaw, and
all three families -Simmons, Saxon and Crenshaw- connect to General John Archer Elmore 1762-1834.*

State of Florida }
 Sumter County }

In the County Judge's Court of Sumter County, to the Honorable A. C. Clark County Judge of said County, the petition of Sumter County, State of Florida George W. Bigelow respectfully sheweth that he is a resident of Sumter County, State of Florida, that on the 14th day of April A.D. 1897, George M. Simmons & Bushnell in said Sumter County departed this life, at Sumter County Florida, leaving a last will and testament, duly signed and attested, as your petitioners believe, which he now presents to your honor for probate. That said testator in said will nominated your petitioner, one of the executors thereof that said deceased left property and effects as follows: Real estate in Sumter County, a stock of cattle, one horse, a stock of pigs, Pans, house hold and kitchen furniture. That said deceased left him, surviving, James R. Simmons, Phelise Simmons, Sue Agnis, Annie Martha & Frank Froese suggesting his only heirs at law. That your petitioner resides at or near Bushnell Florida and he is willing to accept and undertake the trust confided to him & James R. Simmons in said will, wherefore your petitioner prays that the said will may be admitted to probate, and letters testamentary thereon may be issued to George W. Bigelow & James R. Simmons (being an heir) after proper hearing and proof; and that all the orders necessary may be made. He makes this application, under oath, as of the 19th day of April A.D. 1897

George W. Bigelow

State of Florida }
 County of Sumter }

George W. Bigelow being duly sworn, says that the foregoing petition by him subscribed is true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of July A.D. 1897.

A. C. Clark
 County Judge

State of Florida }
 County of Sumter }

By the County Judge of said County:
 In the matter of the Last Will and Testament
 of George M. Simmons deceased
 of Sumter County Florida
 The said Last Will and Testament having been duly established by the sworn testimony of J. C. Hall, one of the subscribing and attesting witnesses thereto, as being the true Last Will and Testament of the said George M. Simmons

and no objection being made to the probate thereof: And it appearing to the County Judge of said County by due proof that the said George M. S. Simmons died on the 12th day of April A.D. 1897.
It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the said Last Will and Testament, bearing date April 12th A.D. 1897, it is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed, that said Last Will and Testament, bearing date April 12th A.D. 1897, and attested by W. H. Brownshaw and D. C. Hall as subscribing witnesses thereto, be, and the same is hereby admitted to Probate according to law, as and for the true last Will and Testament of said George M. S. Simmons deceased, and that the same, with proof thereof, be duly recorded in the Book of Wills.

Given under hand and seal, at Sumterville in said County, this 19th day of April A.D. 1897.

W. C. Black
County Judge

State of Florida }
County of Sumter }
Be it remembered, that on this 19th day of April A.D. 1897, I duly recorded the foregoing Last Will and Testament in the Public Records of said County.

W. C. Black
County Judge

State of Florida }
County of Sumter }

Before me, W. C. Black, County Judge, in and for said County, personally appeared D. C. Hall, who being by me duly sworn says that he was personally present, as a subscribing witness and attesting witness with W. H. Brownshaw, who was also present as a subscribing and attesting witness and saw the late George M. S. Simmons, before he died, come to the instrument of writing he to signed as and for his last will and testament, and that the said George M. S. Simmons did then and there, in the presence of said D. C. Hall and W. H. Brownshaw publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament. And the said D. C. Hall & W. H. Brownshaw witnesses did then and there, at the special request of said George M. S. Simmons and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, subscribe their names thereto as attesting witnesses, and the said D. C. Hall further swears, that he truly believes the said instrument of writing to be signed, to be subscribed, published, declared and attested as expressed to be the true last Will and Testament of said late George M. S. Simmons.

D. C. Hall
I swear to and subscribed before me this 19th day of April A.D. 1897.
W. C. Black
County Judge

State of Florida }
County of Sumter }
Be it remembered, that on this 19th day of April A.D. 1897, I duly recorded the foregoing Oath in the Public Records of said County.

I, George M. S. Simmons, a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County of Sumter and the State of Florida, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other last wills made by me.

Item 1
I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be promptly paid as soon after my death as practicable.

Item 2
I appoint George M. Bigelow and James H. Simmons as executors of this my will, without security of any kind and not in their joint power to carry out this trust.

Item 3

I desire and bequeath to my daughters Jane Agnes, Annie, Martha and Fanny Augustine all my real Estate in Sumter County Florida

Item 4
My Stock of cattle I desire to be divided among my several children as they now claim them.

Item 5
My horse I give and bequeath unto my true Love James H. and Julia W.

Item 6
My Stock of hogs I give to my several children to be equally divided between them.

Item 7
My Piano I desire and bequeath to my daughter Jane Agnes

Item 8
My Household and Kitchen Furniture I desire to remain in the home and to be used equally by the children remaining at home, so long as they remain there.

This Will contained on one sheet of paper signed and sealed this 12th day of April A.D. 1897

Signed, sealed and declared to be his last Will and testament by George M. Simmons in presence of us this the day and Year above written

George M. Simmons (deced)
M. H. Crenshaw
D. C. Hall