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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 showeth 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 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

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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.

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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?

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George Woodward Bigelow was husband of GMT 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

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