

**JOHN SIMMONS, SENR. WILL 1835  
GEORGIA, ELBERT COUNTY  
IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN.**

I, **John Simmons, Senr.** of the state and county aforesaid, being in good health and sound mind and memory, thanks be to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it appointed for all men once to die; do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the words following that is say:

Principally and first of all I resign my Soul to Almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Burriel.

And as touching such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to bless me with. I give and dispose of in the following manner, namely:

After paying all of my Just debts, I give and bequesth to **Holman F. Simmons** my Eldest son one negro man by the name of Joe;

I also give and bequeath to **Jane Ann Simmons** daughter of said **Holman F. Simmons** one negro girl by the name of Antonett,

I also give and bequeath to **James B. Simmons** my second son one negro man by the name of Arther;

I also give and bequeath to my only daughter **Susannah Richardson** one mare worth one hundred dollars. I also give and bequeath to her Eldest daughter **Safrony Antonet Richardson** one negro woman by the name of Silvy and her two children named Nancy and a boy by the name of Dave. I also give to **Livana Josephean**, daughter of said **Susannah Richardson** one negro girl by the name of Andella and one boy by the name of Joe and one girl by the name of Nelly.

I also give and bequeath to **Moses W. Simmons** one negro man by the name of Marl and a boy by the name of Dave and a negro woman by the name of Nelly and also one Tract of land lying in the **county of Franklin** in the aforesaid State of Greggs Creek, including the House where said **Moses W. Simmons** now resides Three Hundred acres.

I also give and bequeath to my youngest son **John Simmons** one negro boy by the name of Sam also one other negro boy by the name of Benajah and one by the name of Joe about four years old. Also a negro woman by the name of Sine and her child named Eliza and her increase.

I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife **Ann Simmons** during her life time one tract of Land lying in the **County of Elbert** in the State aforesaid on **Coldwater Creek** adjoining Bedford Harper and other, and one other Tract in the **County of Franklin, Jackson & Hall** in the aforesaid state Granted to Gregg and others. Known by the name of the **Hickory Levill**; I also give her the following negroes to dispose of as she may think proper (viz) Amy a woman, Kitty a child, Ritter a woman and her child named Chappel a boy. Also a man by the name of Dave and one other by the name of Arther. And a woman by the name of Cass and also all of the Stock of cows, Hogs, Horses etc. and Household and kitchen furniture.

The last of all I give and bequeath to **Thomas J. Alexander** one Horse Bridle and Saddle worth about seventy five dollars and a good suit of clothes. Provided he should be in the employ of My Family to the age Twenty; and I leave my two sons **Holman F Simmons and Moses W Simmons, Executor** to this my last will.

Signed this the 6th day of January Eighteen Hundred and Thirty.

**John Simmons (Seal)**

In the Presence of-  
**Henry M. Skaggs**  
**John Beck**  
**John White**

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**The above will proved in open court on Jany 20th 1835 of oath of John White.**

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*This John Simmons is the great, great grandfather of me.*

*Holman Freeman Simmons is my great grandfather. Mary Shaw Makima.*

*Also in upper right hand corner of the copy of typed transcription is:*

*"Please return" "Mrs George Makima, 1109 Dale Drive, S.E. Huntsville, Ala. 35801"*

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but adding bold type, paragraphs and spacing for easier read. Jan 31, 2010. Arthur Bowie, Bentonville Ark.