

Robert Simonton

to will - - - -

I Robert Simonton do make and publish this my last will and testament, revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made -

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all other lawful debts be payed out of any money that may be on hand by my Executors -

2nd I give and bequeath to Grand daughter Margaret A. Simonton [] daughter of Archibald Simonton an equal part of my estate after the specified legacies is gave off to each legatee named in this will as her Father had got a negroe boy Harry from his Grand Father Archibald M^oQuiston, with other property I gave him to the amount of seven hundred dollars being equal to the specified legacies to the other heirs, provided she lives to be twenty one years of age, but if she dies before she arrives at that age her equal part is to be divided equally among my other heirs - - -

3rd I will and bequeath to my son Christopher A. Simonton a tract of land one hundred acres for which he holds my debt valued at five hundred dollars with stock and household furniture valued at two hundred dollars - -

4th I will and bequeath to my son John Simonton a tract of land one hundred acres for which he holds my debt valued at five hundred dollars with stock and household furniture valued at two hundred dollars -

5th As I had advanced to my daughter Jane Thompson during her life time land and other property to the amount of seven hundred dollars, I will and bequeath to Robert & William Thompson my two grand sons what would have been their Mothers share equally divided between them -

6th I will and bequeath to my son Robert B. Simonton and W. B. Simonton a tract of land containing two hundred

R. Simonton's will Continued
 and thirty two acres lying in Shelby County on Halls
 creek adjoining the lands of George Cherry valued at
 five hundred dollars each - Robert has got the amount
 of two [] dollars in other property. Wm has got one
 horse and saddle and the balance of the two hundred dollars
 he is to get in household furniture to make him equal
 to the other heirs -

7th I will and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Simonton
 two one hundred acres of land off of the east end
 of the tract that I now live upon to be valued at
 five hundred dollars and she is to get the a-
 mount of two hundred dollars in stocks and house-
 hold furniture to make her equal with the other heirs

8th I will and bequeath to my daughter Margaret
 Lucado one hundred and twelve acres of land
 for which she holds my deed of gift valued at
 five hundred dollars and other property to the
 amount [] two hundred dollars she has already
 got.

9th I give and bequeath to my wife Margaret
 Simonton fifteen hundred dollars in money
 and the sole use and control of the farm
 and every thing pertaining to it. and the house
 and provided Wm or Eliza should marry and
 call for their part it is to be out of the amount
 of my household property now willed to my
 wife making them equal to the other heirs
 The balance of the household furniture and
 stock is to remain hers until her death
 and at her own disposal after making my
 son Charles J. Simonton equal to the
 other heirs in stocks and household furni-
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10th I will and bequeath to my son Charles
 J. Simonton the balance of my plantation
 that I now live upon after laying off
 the one hundred acres on the east part
 to my daughter Eliza as above specified

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valued at \$500 at five hundred dollars
 All my negro property are to remain on
 the plantation and be under my wifes
 contral until her death - at that time
 they are to be appraised at a moderate
 price and equally divide amongst my
 heirs and if the heirs cannot agree who
 will have them they will draw for them
 by lot - except the woman Jane has the
 privily to choose her master It is my
 wish that all my heirs be made equal those
 that does not get negroes is to get money to
 their value

I hereby nominate my two sons Christopher
 A. Simonton & John Simonton Executors
 of this my last will and testament -

In witness whereoff I do set my hand and
 this fourteenth day of September 1859.

Robert Simonton

Witnesses

John Simonton senr
 Christopher Simonton
 Presley Simonton

For probate see Minute Book 3 page
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This record is made from a copy certified under
 the signature of Isaac M. Steel Deputy Clerk
 dated January 5th 1863
 The original will not being found in this office
 nor any record of same case its probate