

Will, MD, Cecil, THOMAS SIMSON Jr. 1728

And the name of God Amen.

I, **THOMAS SIMSON**, eldest son of **THOMAS SIMSON** (late of the island of Jamaica merchant) deceased, and residuary legatee and divisor of the said **THOMAS SIMSON** deceased and if **EDWARD JAMES** (late of said Island, Merchant) deceased, being myself late of the set Island but now of Cecil County in the province of Maryland, gentlemen, and in good health of body and of sound in perfect mind and memory (God be praised) and having cutt of dock'd and barr'd the remainders over and estates fail thereon depending left me of my said own deceased father's last will and testament in the year of Our Lord God 1723 and Westminster Hall in the Kingdom of Great Britain and I having also (on the 15th day of July in the year of Our Lord God 1726) at Jamaica purchased of my own mother **ANN [SIMSON VALLETTE]** and her present husband **PETER VALLETTE** their full right of dower or third of as to my said estate left me by my said own deceased father's last will and testament by my then assigning over unto to them the principal sum of £200 current money of Jamaica a mortgage right due by the estate of **ROBERT FREDWEY** late of Jamaica Esquire, deceased, unto the estates left me by the said **EDWARD JAMES** deceased last will and testament as by the release of the dower given by the said **PETER [VALLETTE]** and **ANN VALLETTE** now being of record in the office of enrollment in Saint Jagode LaVega or Spanish Town of the said island of Jamaica may (relation thereunto being had) fully and at-large appear to make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, namely.

FIRST I will that by commending my soul to God and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors, hereafter named, if I depart this mortal life in the said Island by my executor of Jamaica. But if I should die in the said Province by my executor of Maryland has to my disposition of all such temporal estate where with God has been pleased to bless me I give and dispose thereof as ensueth.

IMPRIMIS therefore I will that all my real and personal estate whatsoever and wherever shall be subjected hereby to pay and satisfy all my just and equitable debts and funeral charges (with all utmost speed convenient after my death), by all my executors hereafter named.

ITEM I give to each of my own brothers named **JOHN [SIMSON]**, **WILLIAM [SIMSON]**, **JAMES [SIMSON]**, and **LOVE SIMSON** and to my own sister **MARY SIMSON** (and to their survivors or survivor of the said my two brothers and sisters) the sum of £10 apiece of current money of Jamaica payable (with all utmost speed convenient after my death) by my executors hereafter named to all my said own brothers and sister.

ITEM I give unto my late divorced wife, **ANN**, the own daughter of **MARY [PEARCE]** the widow of **JEREMIAH PEARCE** late of the City of Bristol in the Kingdom of Great Britain, merchant, deceased, and to my own mother and the present wife of **PETER VALLETTE** of the said island of Jamaica, Esquire, the sum of £405 apiece, current money of the set island of Jamaica, payable to my said late divorced wife **ANN** and to my said own mother **ANN** by all my executors hereafter named with all convenience speed after my death.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto **JOSEPH [DOUGLAS]**, **WILLIAM [DOUGLAS]**, **GEORGE [DOUGLAS]**, **JOHN [DOUGLAS]** and **VALENTINE DOUGLAS**, all of Cecil County aforesaid in Maryland aforesaid, the sum of £200 apiece, sterling money of Great Britain, and to the survivors or survivor of the said **JOSEPH**, **WILLIAM**, **GEORGE**, **JOHN** and **VALENTINE DOUGLAS**, payable with all convenience speed by all my executor is here after named

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on to all said **JOSEPH, WILLIAM, GEORGE,** and **JOHN** and **VALENTINE DOUGLAS** after my death.

ITEM I give and bequeath to **WILLIAM PONTENY** of Cecil County in Maryland, gentleman, to his heirs and assigns forever the sum of £1,000 sterling money of Great Britain payable to the said **WILLIAM PONTENY** by all my said here after named executors with all convenience speed after my death.

ITEM I hereby nominate constitute ordained and appoint the said **WILLIAM PONTENY** and **MUSGRAVE YEAMANS** and **DANIEL CURTIS** (of St. Thomas in the east in the said island of Jamaica) Esquires to be executor of this my last will and testament in the said island of Jamaica. And I do hereby give to the said **MUSGRAVE** and **DANIEL** the sum of £80 apiece current money of Jamaica payable to the said **MUSGRAVE** and **DANIEL** and the survivors of them by all my executors herein named with all convenience speed after my death.

And I hereby nominate and constitute and ordain and point the said **JOSEPH, WILLIAM,** and **GEORGE DOUGLAS** to be executor of this my last will and testament in Maryland aforesaid.

ITEM all the rest residue and remainder of all my real and personal estate I give and bequeath unto the poor of all the several counties of the said Maryland, not receiving alms, equally to be divided annually forever between the said poor of all the several counties of the said Maryland.

And finally I do hereby revoke, disannul, and make void all and every former will and testament, deeds of trust and other deeds whatsoever by me executed from the beginning of the world to this day.

In witness whereof I the said **THOMAS SIMSON** have to this my last will and testament consisting of but one sheet of paper and but one side or column and a part of the other side or column being written on set my hand and seal this 22nd day of August in the year of Our Lord God 1728.

THOMAS SIMSON {seal}

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Signed, Sealed, published and declared

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before the signing and sealing publishing and the clearing of this last will and testament.

In presence of

**DENNIS NOLAND
ANN PONTENY
MARY DOUGLAS
CORNELIUS AUGUSTINE SAVIN**

At the foot of the afore going well was this written viz

Cecil County in Maryland

The 14th day of May Anno Domini 1729.

Then personally appeared **DENNIS NOLAND, MARY DOUGLAS, and CORNELIUS AUGUSTINE SAVIN** three of the subscribing evidences to the before written will and testament of **THOMAS SIMSON** before me **STEPHEN KNIGHT**, deputy commry of Cecil County for probate of wills and granting administrations legally authorized and on their Corporal hose solemnly administered did declare that they saw and heard **THOMAS SIMSON** the testator, in the said will mentioned, sign, seal, publish, and declare the same to be his last will and testament and that at the time of the doing there of he was of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding to the best of their knowledge.

Sworn before me

STEPHEN KNIGHT

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