

Gloucester County, New Jersey

Will of John Simpson

(1726 - 1786)

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Names listed with relationship or function as indicated in the document (surnames in parentheses are married names of females):

Sarah, wife
John, son & executor
Isaac, son
Abraham, son
Isaac Jones, deceased
Margret (Orsburn), daughter
Howel Orsburn, husband of Margret
Jacob, Son
Alexander, son
Ephraim, son
William, son
Magdalien (Waldron), daughter
Samuel Waldron, husband of Magdalien
Anna Simpson, daughter
Mary Badgley, granddaughter
William Drake, witness
Timothy Crane, witness
Jeremiah Crane, witness
William Livingston

The following was transcribed from the microfilmed files of wills in the New Jersey State Archives, Trenton, New Jersey, number 6434-35G, Gloucester County. The transcription is rendered as accurately as possible, including any misspellings, with the exception of the use of the script "f", which is transcribed as "s".

In the Name of God amen I John Simpson of the County of Gloucester State of New Jersey being sick and weak in Body but of a Sound and perfect memory thanks be given to God for the same and calling to mind my own mortality and that it is appointed for all men to Die Do make and ordain this my last will and Testament and first of all I do recommend my Soul into the hands of God who gave it hoping for his mercy in and through Christ the glorious and all sufficient Redeemer. I give my body

to the dust to be buried in a Christian and decent manner nothing doubting but I shall Receive the Same again by the Almighty Power of God in the morning of the Resurrection. And as touching such worldly good things wherewith it hath pleased the Lord to bless me in the life I give bequeath & devise in the manner and form following. Imprimus I appoint and order that all my just Debts and funeral Charges be paid and Satisfied. Item I give and bequeath unto my bloved wife Sarah one cow and a Rideing Beast to be at her own disposeal after my Desceas. Item I give and bequeath to my Eldest Son John and my Son Isaac all my home plantation to be divided between them in the following manner that is to my Son John ten acres more than to my Son Isaac and likewise the one half of a gristmill which I own equally between them two to be for them their Heirs and Assigns forever. Item I give and bequeath to my Son Abraham the House and lot of Land in Morris County on Long Hill wherein he now lives as also a lot in the great Swamp Containing twenty nine acres formerly the property of Isaac Jones Deces^d, to be for him his Heirs and assigns forever provided he pays to my Daughter Margret Orsburn Wife of Howel Orsburn the Sum of thirty pounds Current money of the State above s^d. Item I give and bequeath to my four younger Sons Jacob Alexander Ephraim and William twenty five pounds each to be paid as they come to the age of twenty-one years. Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Margret thirty pounds to be paid to her as above sd after my Desceas Item I give and bequeath to my two Daughters Magdalien Waldron Wife of Samuel Waldron and Anna Simpson twenty five pounds each to be paid as likewise that to my four younger Sons by my Sons John and Isaac. Also I give to my grand Daughter Mary Badgley the Sum of five pounds to be paid to her at the age of Eighteen or on her marriage day and in Case She Should Die before She arrives at that age the Same to be given to my Daughter Anna. Finally, I do Constitute heretofore and Declaring Ratifying and Confirming this to be my last Will and Testament and in witness whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and Seal Published Declared and pronounced by the Said John Simpson as his last will and Testament the fifth Day of May In the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Six. In presents of us the Subscribers.

[signed] William Drake
Timothy Crane
Jeremiah Crane

[signed] John Simpson

William Drake and Timothy Crane two of the witnesses within named being duly sworn on the holy ?? of Almighty God and depose ?? that they saw John Simpson Sign & Seal and heard him publish pronounce and declare the within Instrument to be his last will & Testament & heard him publish that at the doing thereof the said John Simpson was of sound & disposing mind & memory so far as he knows and verily believes & that Jeremiah Crane the other subscriber ?? was present at the time and subscribed his name ?? ?? thereto in the presence of the Testator.

Sworn the 11th Nov^r 1786
Before me

[signed] William Drake
Timothy Crane

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John Simpson ?? Executor within named being duly sworn did depose & say that the within Instrument contains the true last will & Testament of John Simpson the Testator within named so far as he knows & verily believes & that he will well & truly perform the Same by paying first the debts of the said deceased & then the legacies in the said Testament specified so far as the goods, chattels & Credits of the said deceased ???????? that he will make & exhibit a true & perfect Inventory thereof and under a just & true account.

Sworn the 11th Nov^r 1786
Before me
Wm. Livingston

[signed] John Simpson

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