

## Washington County, Pennsylvania

### Will of Simeon Simpson

(1743 - 1830)

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Washington County, Pennsylvania in June 2001

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

Sarah, wife and executrix  
Lydia Sayres, daughter  
Montgomery Sayres, grandson  
John Archer, executor (declined)  
William Lindly, executor  
Daniel Sanders, witness  
Jacob Rutan, witness  
John Grayson, Register

#### WILL OF SIMEON SIMPSON, DECEASED

In the name of God Amen. I Simeon Simpson of Morris Township Washington County State of Pennsylvania being in a weak and sickly state of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory and understanding (praised by God for the same) calling to mind, the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament first and principally I commend my soul to Almighty God my creator. Secondly I commit my body to the earth to be buryd at the discretion of my executors hereafter named. Thirdly I will that all my just debts be fully paid I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah one horse her choice of whatever horses I my leave also 1 saddle and bridle tow cows and six sheep two hogs and all the household furniture she pleases to keep also one half of the present crop also she is to have the full privaledge of the house as formerly and whatever property may be sold at vendue is to be appropriated to pay my just debts and thirty dollars which I will and bequeath to my daughter Lydia Sayres the balance if any I give to my wife Sarah. At the decease of my wife Sarah I give and bequeath to my grandson Montgomery Sayres my house and farm with all the privaledges thereto belonging my with is that he should occupy the farm during her life and give her one third of its produce out and haul her fire wood take care of her stock go to mill for her and make her fires – but if the aforesaid Montgomery Sayres shall willfully neglect or refuse to comply with the aforesaid conditions or shall not provide for her so as to keep her in a comfortable state then she shall be at liberty to dismiss him from the premises during her life. I give and bequeath to the said Montgomery Sayres my blind mare also plough and gears & grubbing hoc and sled And lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Sarah executrix and John Archer and William Lindly executors of this my last will and testament Witness my hand and seal this fourteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and twenty three.

Simeon Simpson (L.S.)

Attest :

Daniel Sanders          Jacob Rutan

Washington County ss : Be it remembered that on the 13th day of April A.D. 1830, before me John Grayson, Register for the probate of Wills and granting letters of Administration in and for said county, came Daniel Sanders and Jacob Rutan, the subscribing witnesses to the within last will and testament of Simeon Simpson decd. Who being duly sworn as the law directs, doth depose and say, that they were personally present and did see the testator thereof sign this will, and did hear him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his will, and at the time of doing thereof he was to the best of their knowledge, observation and belief of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding.

Daniel Sanders          Jacob Rutan.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

Jno Grayson Repr.

April 13, 1930, Letters Testamentary with copy of the will and probate annexed issued to Sarah Simpson and William Lindly executors within named, who on same day were duly sworn, the other executors having renounced.

Jno Grayson, Register.

To the Register of Washington County Sir having Recently been notified that I am chosen one of the executors of the estate of Simeon Simpson decd. I wish to be understood that in consequence of old age and indisposition of body I believe it to my duty to decline acting as executor of said estate.

Yours respectfully

John Archer, April 9<sup>th</sup> 1830.

Registered and compared with the original April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1830.

Jno. Gryson, Repr.