

Hawkins County, Tennessee, Wills & Probate

Will of James Simmons *transcribed 28 Aug 2023, A.F. Bowie, Bentonville AR*

Dated : July 17, 1847 Proven May Term 1851. Recorded Book 1 P 452

In The Name of God, Amen.

I, James Simmons of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory, for which I thank God, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, do make this my last will and Testament as follows, which shall make void all wills which I may have made heretofore.

First I give my soul to him who made it, hoping to enjoy eternal happiness at the resurrection of the dead and my body to be deposited in the grave in a plain and Christian style, and as to my worldly concerns and affairs, I wish them to be disposed in the following manner (Viz).

I do give and bequeath unto my **son James G. Simmons** all my land. Again it is my sincere desire and will that my **black boy Ben** at my decease receive his freedom, and in as much as I hold the only right and title to said **black boy Ben**, be it known to all men that I make no transfer of my title to any person or persons. I pronounce him free at my death, and I request my Executors to see that said boy according to my will be freed at my death.

Again, I wish my stock, farming utensils and household and kitchen furniture to be sold to the highest bidder and the amount received for said property to be equally divided among my children (Viz)

Polly Acuff's heirs

my son John Simmons heirs

my daughter Nancy Williams,

my daughter Francis Patterson,

my daughter Betsy Lewis,

my son Thomas Simmons heirs Lucinda, Matilda & Thomas,

my son James G Simmons,

my daughter Rachael Spears.

Now it is my will and wish that my **son James G. Simmons** and **Andrew Spears** be the Executors. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal **this 17th day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty seven.**

James x Simmons (seal) (his mark)

Signed and sealed in the presence of us:

William Gillenwaters, George A Gillenwaters.

N.B. The following articles now in my house belong to **Alcey Wheeler** upon which I have no claim, one bed and bed clothes, one bedstead and cord, one cotton wheel and flax wheel, one loom, one oven and hooks, all the geese and ducks.

James x Simmons (seal) (his mark)

***See Also:** CD1, Hawkins County, Tennessee, Wills, Volume 1 1786-1864*

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Being transcriptions of Original Wills, re-copied by the county clerk after the civil war.

Errors have been found some transcripts in this book

WILL OF THOMAS GILLENWATERS (Sr.) Page 223, dated March 30, 1841

WILL OF MARY GILLENWATERS Page 229 No Date Proven in part Nov. Term, 1855

WILL OF WILLIAM GILLENWATERS Page 230 Dated: October 25, 1856 Proven Jan. Term, 1857
(Proven 5-Jan 1857, Rec'd P.5)

Will-Simmons, Charles 1856.pdf abstract in NC Archives, Volume CR 086.314.1 Rutherford County, NC

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1847, July 17 Simmons, James

Gillenwaters, William
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