

In the name of God Amen,

I John Simmons of the
County of Madison and State of Missouri of sound
mind do make this my last will and Testaments
in words following

- 1st I give and bequeath to my son William Hardie
Simmons who was born on the 22 day of August
1839 the whole of my real & personal Estate, and
it is my wish that he receive a good plain
English education.
- 2^d I give and bequeath to Margaret Pinck a support
during her natural life time, it is my wish
that my plantation be kept up & cultivated
as it now is and that Margaret Pinck
retain possession of my dwelling house furniture
&c and have charge of my son William as
long as my Executors may think it consistent
with the interest of my estate & child, —
- 3^d I give and bequeath to Hugh Pinck & Wife a
support during their natural life time out of
my Estate, after the value of the Negro Girl Septa,
who was purchased with money left by Samuel
Pinck for their use is expended, —
- 4th To my father lawfull heirs whomsoever they may
be, I bequeath to each the sum of one dollar.
- 5th It is my wish that all monies collected or received
in bonds notes or obligations now in my possession
or that may be due my Estate hereafter shall be
placed in some Bank or such safe place of deposit
as my Executors may select according to their best
judgment & ability, until my son arrives at the age
of twenty one when he is to receive the same with
all interest and proceeds thereon.