

WDATA.002 INFORMATION REGARDING THE SIMPSON FAMILY, OF VIRGINIA. THOMAS SIMPSON WAS THE MATERNAL GRANDFATHER OF THOMAS (REGULATOR) WOODWARD 2/ (B. 1729-D. 12 MAY 1779), GREAT GRANDFATHER TO HIS SON THOMAS WOODWARD 3/ (M. MARY HOWARD) AND THE GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER TO GENERAL THOMAS SIMPSON WOODWARD 4/, WHO WROTE THE BOOK "REMINISCENCES."

THIS INCLUDES THE WILL OF THOMAS SIMPSON, DATED 13TH OCTOBER 1734 (PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY VIRGINIA, WILL BOOK C, PAGE 16)

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### SIMPSON FAMILY

JOHN SIMSON (SIMPSON), "SCOTSMAN" died post April 1705; married Mary \_\_\_\_, died post April 1705.

John Simson Sr., and his wife Mary, were in Virginia as early as 1678. Records show that he and John Carr received a patent for 627 acres on Great Hunting Creek for transportation of 13 persons to Virginia. Those transported were: Mary Simson, Richard Owen, Eliza. Ball, Mary Thomas, George Attwood, Jno. Pitts, Hanna Barnes, Ja. Hornesby (or Hornsby), Tho. Smith, Mary Mosse and Giles Brent. (Reference "Cavaliers and Pioneers-Abstracts of Va. Land Patents and Grants" by Nugent, Vol. 11, 1666-1695, page 194).

Although John Simson had a grant on Great Hunting Creek, evidence is that he and his wife Mary, raised their family in Stafford County, near Aquia Creek. Records show that at least one daughter, Elizabeth, born July 27, 1695 and died March 14, 1698, was buried near Aquia Creek. Her tombstone now stands in the churchyard of the Aquia Episcopal Church on Jefferson Davis Highways (Route # 1 at Aquia in Virginia.

Many of the Stafford County records were destroyed but enough remain to tell us that John Simson Sr. had at least six (6) children, four sons and two daughters.

In addition to the six children named below, I believe there may have been a son named William, who in 1730, became the guardian of George Simson, "orphan" (Stafford Co. Court Records, Liber M, Page 24). This George may have died about 1750 as records show in July 1750, the estate of George Simpson was appraised (Stafford Co., Liber M, Page 112).

NOTE: The William Simpson who became George's guardian made

his mark (x??).

children:

- a. John Simson Jr., b 1680; d 1756;  
m 1st Mary --?--, d. Jan. 15, 1739;  
2nd, Aug. 17, 1740, Silent Johnston.
- b. Thomas Simson, d. 1734, Pr. Wm. Co., Va.  
(SIMPSON) m. 1st \_\_\_?\_\_\_ Baxter (?), suspected to be  
Elizabeth Baxter, by marriage became  
Elizabeth Simpson.  
m. 2nd Jane \_\_\_?\_\_\_.
- c. George Simson, d. abt. 1730
- d. Ann Simson, b. 1689; d. post 1769, Loudoun Co., Va.  
m. John Gist.
- e. Elizabeth Simson, b. July 27, 1695; d. March 14, 1698.
- f. Richard Simson, d. 1762, Fairfax Co., Va.  
m. Sarah (Barker?), d. 1764, Fairfax Co.

- A. JOHN SIMPSON JR., b. 1680; d. 1756;  
m. 1st Mary \_\_\_?\_\_\_, d. Jan. 15, 1739;  
2nd Aug. 17, 1740 Silent Johnston (widow).

John Simpson Jr. was the eldest son of John Simson, "Scotsman," and his wife Mary. His will, dated May 20th 1756, was admitted to probate in Stafford County Virginia on August 10th, 1756. (Stafford Wills, Book O, Page 321-322).

Children:

ALEXANDER SIMPSON, m. July 17th, 1743 Catherine Fant.

Alexander Simpson's inventory is listed in the index of the Stafford County Virginia Court Records in Liber Y, 1793-1804, page 39, but the book is missing.

Children:

- a. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 14, 1746.
- b. Mary, b. Dec. 10, 1747.
- c. Sarah, b. Dec. 13, 1750.
- d. Franky (dau). b. Nov. 13, 1755.

GEORGE SIMPSON, d, ca. 1730.

Little is known of George, son of John Simson, "Scotsman," and his wife Mary, other than he probably died ca. 1730, leaving an orphan son named George, who was placed under the guardianship of William Simpson in 1730. For sometime I have believed that this William was either the son of John Simson, the "Scotsman" or the son of Thomas Simpson. I now believe he was most likely a son of John, the "Scotsman," as his mark was different than that of William, who administered the estate of Thomas Simpson Jr. in 1740, in Prince William County Virginia and whose mark was ( ). ???

children:

- a. George This son may have been married to Margaret \_\_\_?\_\_\_, Overwharton Parish. If so, they had children:  
Priscilla, b. Sept. 26, 1744 and  
Susannah, b. Jan. 28, 1748.

It is possible that this George died ca. 1750 as Stafford Co. records show George Simpson's estate Appraisement, July 10, 1750 (Liber O, 1748-1763, Page 112-113).

THOMAS SIMPSON SR., b. post 1680; d. 1734;  
m. 1st \_\_\_?\_\_\_Baxter (?); 2nd, Jane \_\_\_?\_\_\_.

On June 6, 1717, Thomas Simpson was granted 423 acres on Sandy Run (NN 5:141). This land was later willed to three of his children, William, Baxter and MARY WOODARD (WOODWARD).

Thomas Simpson was a carpenter by trade. By 1727, he was living on a plantation and operating a fish house, for salting and packing fish, on land which originally belonged to Thomas Baxter, near Belmont Bay. Thomas Simpson is believed to have been the builder of the 1 and 1/2 story brick house which is standing on Belmont Blvd. and it is believed to be the oldest standing structure in Fairfax County today. It has been restored and has a large frame addition, which is in keeping with the original lines and style of the house.

His will, written October 13, 1734 and admitted to probate in Prince William County Virginia on Feb. 19, 1735, names his wife Jane and five children: William, Baxter, Thomas, MARY WOODWARD and Ann and grandchildren, THOMAS WOODWARD and Ann Woodward. His property on Sandy Run was divided between sons William and Baxter and daughter MARY WOODWARD. He left the 386 acres on Chopawamsic Creek to son Thomas. (Prince William County Wills, Book C, Page 16-17).

Many descendents of Thomas Simpson lived in the area of Henderson Road, Fairfax County Virginia. Some married into Fairfax, Stone, Cofer and Richard Simpson line.

children:

- a. William
- b. Baxter Little is known of Baxter other than he provided for his son James (under persuasion) and deeded to him his 200 acres on Sandy Run.
- c. Thomas Jr. d. 1740.
- d. MARY m. Mr. (John?) Woodward, had children Ann and THOMAS WOODWARD, later known as the Regulator in S.C.

e. Ann

NOTE: Except for clothes and a few personal items, the inventory of Thomas Simpson (1741) compares closely to that willed to Thomas Jr. by Thomas Sr. (1734) Ref: Prince William County Va. Will Book C, page 269 (bond) page 322 (inventory).

RICHARD SIMPSON, d. 1762;  
m. Sarah Barker, d. 1764.

Richard Simpson, youngest son of John Simson, "Scotsman" and Mary, his wife, purchased 100 acres, a portion of which lies within what is now Burke Lake Park, Fairfax County, Va., from John Parsons, "Tailor." The land was described as "all that tract or parcel of land situated lying and being on the upper fork of the South Run of Pohick," April 8, 1724 (Stafford Co. Deeds, 1722-1728, page 99). In 1730/31, Richard Simpson received a grant of 188 acres just north of where he was living. Although he owned, bought and sold much property, I believe he lived out his life on the combined tract of 100 acres, purchased from John Parsons and the 188 acre 1730/31 grant.

Richard Simpson stated in his will, dated Sept. 19, 1761, (Fairfax Co. Va. Wills, Book B, Page 397), "I give and bequeath unto George Simpson, the land I now live on it being part of two tracts to him and his heirs forever." This land was the 100 acres bought of John Parsons and the adjacent 188 acre 1730/31 grant.

Richard's wife Sarah, whose will was dated say, 1764, (Fairfax Co., Va. Will, Book B, Page 418) also had a son, William, by her previous marriage to \_\_\_?\_\_\_ Barker.

children:

- a. George      d. 1782; m. Susannah Wheeler.
- b. Moses      d. Jan. 1787.
- c. Richard    m. Mary Kincheloe.
- d. Elizabeth   b. Nov. 8, 1717; d. 1785; m. James Halley  
                  b. June 14, 1707.
- e. Sarah      m. Thomas Windsor.
- f. Mary      m. 1st \_\_\_?\_\_\_ Canterbury;  
                  2nd \_\_\_?\_\_\_ Cleveland.

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PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY VIRGINIA WILL BOOK C, PAGE 16, DATED  
13TH OCTOBER 1734.

#### WILL OF THOMAS SIMPSON

In the name of God AMEN, the 13th day of October in the year of our Lord 1734, I THOMAS SIMSON (SIMPSON) of Prince William County, Carpenter, being very sick and weak of Body but perfect in mind and memory, thanks be to Almighty God, for it and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that

it is appointed for all men once to die, I do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and for my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executor, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the power of God, as touching such worly (worldly?) estate where with it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give desire and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

ITEM, I give and bequeath unto my oldest son WILLIAM SIMSON (SIMPSON) one hundred and twenty three acres of land, where he is now living on both sides of Sandy Run.

ITEM, I give and bequeath unto my son BAXTER SIMSON (SIMPSON) Two Hundred acres of land, lying on both sides of Sande (Sandy) Run and adjoining to the other land aforesaid of my son WILLIAM SIMSON (SIMPSON), on the upper side??? one breeding mare my bullet gun, one bed bolster, one rug and two blankets, one iron pot, six plates and six spoons.

ITEM, I give and bequeath to my son THOMAS SIMSON (SIMPSON) Three Hundred and Eighty Six Acres of land, lying on the South side of Chapamamsik?? Creek likewise one breeding mare, one feather bed bolster, rug and two blankets, one iron pot, six plates and six spoons.

ITEM, I give and bequeath unto my daughter MARY WOODARD (WOODWARD) one hundred acres of land, where she is now seated and lying on the north side of Sandy Run, to her and the heirs of her body forever.

ITEM, I give and bequeath unto my daughter ANN SIMSON (SIMPSON) after her mother in laws (Stepmother) decease, one (lamb?) and calf, one feather bed boulder, rug and two blankets.

ITEM, I give and bequeath unto my beloved grandchildren, the son and daughter of MARY WOODWARD, THOMAS WOODWARD AND ANN WOODWARD, one ewe a piece.

ITEM, I give and bequeath unto my ever loving wife JANE SIMSON (SIMPSON) my plantation and liberty of one hundred acres of land where I now live (for) her life and after her decease, to fall to my son BAXTER. I also give her the privilege of the whole (tract) for timber for the use of the plantation. I also leave my wife all my moveable estate except the legacies herein before mentioned, and leave my wife whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament and further, I leave my three children, BAXTER SIMSON and THOMAS SIMSON, to be brought up till they come to the age of 18 years and likewise my daughter ANN till she

comes of age by my wife JANE SIMSON. I further leave my daughter ANN TO MARY WOODARD (WOODWARD) in case her mother dies before she comes of age. I further give unto my wife, two Negroes during her life and after her decease, for (them) to be equally divided among my children and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disanoul all and every other former testaments, wills and legacies, bequests and executors by me in any ways before this time named willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seale the day and year above written. Signed Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of us.

I desire my movable estate maybe inventoried and returned and not appraised.

THOMAS FORD

JOHN ROBERTSON            SIGNED    THOMAS (T) SIMSON (LS)

MARY (+) EVANS                 his mark

her mark

At a court held for Prince William County, the 19th Day of February 1734..

This will was presented into court by Jane Simson, Executrix therein named, who made oath thereto and being proved by the oaths of Thomas Ford and John Robertson, two of the witnesses, thereto it is admitted to record and on the motion of the said Jane and her performing what is usual in such cases, certificate is granted her for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form.

Test. Catesby Corke (Clerk)

#### JANE SIMPSON BOND TO ADMINISTER ABOVE WILL AND ESTATE

KNOW ALL MEN by these presents that we Jane Simpson, John Ferguson and Job Carter are held and firmly bound unto ROBERT JONES, the first Justice in the Commissioner of the Peace for Prince William County for and in behalf and to the sole use and behoof of the Justices of the said County and their successors in the sum of two hundred pounds, to be paid to the said ROBERT JONES his executors, Administrators and assigns to which payment will and truly to be made, we bind our selves and every of us our and every of our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals dated this 19th Day of February 1734.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such that if the above bound JANE SIMPSON, EXECUTRIX of the last will and testament of THOMAS SIMPSON, deceased, do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, which have or shall come to be the hands possession or knowledge of the said JANE SIMPSON or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for her and the same so made---do

(exhibit?) into the County Court of Prince William at such time as she shall be thereunto required by the said court and the same goods, chattels and credits and all other the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased which at any time after shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of the said JANE SIMPSON or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for her? do well and truly administer according to law and further do make a just and true account of her aibings and doings therein when these do require by the said court and also shall well and truly pay and deliver all legacies contained and (specified?) in the said testament as far as the said goods chattels and credits will thereunto is bind and the law shall charge THEN--this obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue.

SIGNED JANE (W) SIMPSON (LS)

her mark

JOHN FERGUSON (LS)

JOB CARTER (Clerk)

SEALED & DELIVERED IN THE PRESENCE OF  
THOMAS ROBINSON

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE INVENTORY OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS SIMPSON, DECEASED, OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY VIRGINIA, DATED 15TH OCTOBER 1735, WHO WAS MATERNAL GRANDFATHER OF THOMAS (REGULATOR) WOODWARD 2/.

#### INVENTORY OF THOMAS SIMPSON'S ESTATE

A true and proper Inventory of all and singular, the estate of THOMAS SIMPSON, Deceased.

2 Negro men  
1 man servant  
1 woman servant & set of iron wedges  
1 iron & a parcel of old iron ???  
1 iron ( ? ) of two grinding irones (irons?)  
13 sheep and 18 cattle  
1 small trunk  
1 small looking glass  
1 pair tongs and shovells  
1 small hand Ioinsure ??  
1 branding iron  
1 pair hand mill irons  
2500 10 nails  
2500 & D (??)  
4 old chesrs (chairs?)  
1 small box  
2 old horses  
3 old mares  
3 calves  
14 head of hogs  
6 old feather beds & furniture

18 pewter plates  
6 spoons  
4 iron pots  
3 pair pot hooks  
3 old frying pans  
2 iron spirs (spurs?)  
1 brass warming pan  
2 iron pesrels ????  
4 old chains  
1 hand saw  
2 old broad axes  
2 old nawing (carving?) knives  
1 augre  
8 pewther dishes  
5 old pewter basons  
4 pewter porringers  
3 old tankards  
1 grid iron  
3 old bed heads  
5 old guns  
3 old pistols  
1 pair holsters  
5 broad hoes  
2 old skilletts  
1 small kettle  
3212 lbs of tobacco  
1 iron chandle (candle?) stick  
1 spinning wheel  
1 box of glearers (shears?)  
6 sides of tand leather  
1 iron possaeke ???  
1 tablecloth  
6 napkins  
6 pewter plates  
6 earthern plates  
1 young horse  
3 earthern dishes  
a parecl of old house lumber  
1 spice meortor & pessle ?????  
a parcel of old books  
1 iron ladle & hlesh?? (shelf?) hooks  
1 ti hunnell ???  
2 salt and pepper boxes

OCTOBER 15TH 1735

JANE (X) FERGUSON

her mark

At a court held for Prince William County, the 19th day of  
November 1735, this Inventory was returned by JANE FERGUSON,  
late JANE SIMPSON, Executrix of THOMAS SIMPSON, Deceased, and  
is ordered to be recorded.

Test.

CAKESBY COCKE ???

Clerk of Court



Examined..

## THOMAS SIMPSON'S INVENTORY

PRINCE WILLIAM SESSION....In obedience to an order of the worshipful court, bearing date the November 25th 1740, WE the subscribers having first been sworn before MR. VALENTINE PAYTON, gentlemen, and his W- GATUS FUSBICOS ???? for this county, have appraised the estate of THOMAS SIMPSON, deceased, as follows viz..

one feather bed	POUNDS 2.0.0
one holster	0.8.0
one old rugg one pair old blankets	0.7.6
half dozen old pewter plates half doz. spoons	0.7.0
a parcel of old clothes	0.5.0
one old bible, one old prayer book & an old ink horn	0.2.6
one old iron pot	0.4.0
calles or casles ????	0.2.0
one pair hoes and pair buckles, a pair of old gloves & old knife	0.5.0
one young mare	2.10.0
	6.11.0

JOHN TURLEY  
JOB CARTORE  
JESSE A. JACOB

At a court held for Prince William County the 24th August 1741. the Inventory & Appraisement of the estate of Thomas Simpson, deceased, was returned & admitted to record.

Test. Catsby Corke Clerk of Court

NOTE: It appears that Jane Simpson, widow of Thomas Simpson & also his and executrix, remarried to JOHN FERGUSON sometimes between 19th February 1734 when she made signed affidavit as Executrix and 15th October 1735 when she signed the Inventory as Jane Ferguson.

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