

Will of
A. J. Sikes

In the name of God Amen. I, A. J. Sikes of the county of Bladen, State of North Carolina being an my old age and of sound mind memory and understanding praise be to God for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

I give and bequeath unto Sarah Elizabeth Anders the wife of D. Anders and her heirs and assigns forever all of my real estate lying and being in the county of Bladen State of North Carolina. One piece of land on the west side of South river upon which I now live adjoining the lands of W. M. Shaw and L. B. Shaw containing forty-two acres more or less; also another piece of land in Lindy Lake creek adjoining the lands of Colin Shaw, N. Sessoms and others containing fifty acres more or less. Also all of my personal property I may be an possessor of at my death.

I give unto Tom Ward and John Ward, my nephews five dollars each in cash

I give unto Phoebe Hammonds my niece five dollars in cash.

I give unto David R. Sikes my nephew five dollars in cash.

I give unto Ann Benson my sister ten dollars in cash

I give unto Mariah Sikes my sister ten dollars in cash

And I do hereby appoint my friend W. W. Anders as my executor to carry out the provisions of this my last will and testament. And I do hereby revoke and annul all will that I have heretofore made and declare this to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 18th day of October A.D. 1880.

Signed and sealed in our presence this the 18th day of Oct. A.D. 1883.

W. Irving Shaw
Thos. Sessoms
Wm. B. Murphy

North Carolina } Probate of Will
Bladen County }

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Alexander J. Sikes, deceased, is ex-

hibited before me the undersigned clerk of the Superior Court for Bladen county by W. W. Anders the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said A. J. Sikes by the oath and examination of W. Irving Shaw and Thos. Sessoms who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself depose and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of A. J. Sikes, that the said A. J. Sikes in presence of these deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 18th day of October A.D. 1883.

And the deponents further saith that the said A. J. Sikes the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said will as attesting witnesses thereto and at his request and in the presence of the said testator.

And these deponents further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and the time of the deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid the said A. J. Sikes was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of these deponents. And further these deponents say not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1887
Geo. F. Melvin C. J.