

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and
Bladen County } Quarter Sessions
May term A.D. 1868.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Sikes, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open court by Giles Sikes, the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said John Sikes is proved by the oath and examination of Owen Smith, one of the subscribing witnesses, thereto, it is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said John Sikes and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed and thereupon the said Giles Sikes executor as aforesaid duly qualifies as such and taking the oath required by law.

J. W. Purdie, Chairman.

Be it known by these presents that I, Charles Colvin of the county of Bladen and State of North Carolina, being of a sound mind and perfect memory do make and ordain this my last will & testament. That is to say, as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First. I will and desire that out of my personal estate my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid.

Second. I give and bequeath to my much beloved cousin Mary Jane Council and her heirs, I mean her children, the following real estate, viz: One tract of River land on which I have lived, and was given to me by her father in his last will, containing three hundred and two, and a half acres and bounded by John J. Councils lands on the upper and lower sides and, I further give unto her, the said Mary Jane Council, and her heirs as above specified the following real estate contained in separate tracts a portion of which, as undivided, One hundred and forty five acres in the John Cashwell three hundred and twenty acre river survey, One hundred and sixty five acres of river land known as the Sikes lands, One hundred acres back lands a part of the Burney land, three hundred and sixty five acres known as the James Johnson land, two hundred and sixty five acres of river land known as the Lock lands adjoining the lands of Whitted & Blocker, Twenty five hundred and eight acres of river and back lands known as the Smith or Pearsell and Baker land adjoining the lands of Ellis, Spratt, Cashwell and others, the boundaries of which will more fully appear by reference to maps.

other tract of fifty acres at the upper end of the lake bay known, as my summer residence. Thirdly. I give and bequeath, unto my cousin Mary Jane Council's children the following personal property to be equally divided among them as they become of age or marry - forty head of cattle, ten head of mules, twenty-five head of sheep, twenty head of goats, stock of hogs, all my household and kitchen furniture, my interest and profit arising from rents on this plantation on which I now live. Also the plantation on which I formerly lived and all my notes and accounts which are due me from different persons amounting to fifteen or twenty thousand dollars and all my books and all other property which I may own and not disposed of.

Fourthly. I make and ordain my worthy friend John I Council Executor to this my last will and testament. And I do hereby utterly disavow, revoke and disannul all and every other former testament will or legacy and ratify and confirm this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

Signed, sealed, pronounced and delivered by Charles Colvin in the presence of
At. D. B. Melvin
Chas A. Davis

State of North Carolina } In Probate Court
Bladen County } 9th August 1869

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Charles Colvin, is this day exhibited for probate by John

I Council, the executor named in said will and the execution thereof by the said Charles Colvin is proved by the oath and examination of D. B. Melvin, Chas A. Davis witnesses thereto.

It is therefore considered that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of Chas Colvin and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed, and thereupon John I Council qualified as executor by taking the oath of office.

H. P. Crowell
Judge of Probate.