

In the name of God Amen

I, James Dowey of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this the 28th day of May in the year of our Lord 1811.

Make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say,

First after all my just dues are paid and particularly a bond held by my son Robert Dowey bearing date the 26th day of April in the year of our Lord 1809, in fifteen hundred and fifty dollars it is my whole and sole desire that it should be paid.

I will and bequeath the remainder of my estate to my beloved wife Mary Dowey, unto my beloved son unto my beloved daughter Robert Dowey and Nancy McKay, to be divided amongst the three above named persons.

And hereby make and ordain my worthy friends David Lloyd and my son Robert Dowey Executors of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I the said James Dowey have to this my last will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Delivered by the said James Dowey the Testator as his last will and Testament in the presence of us at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

William Simpson } James Dowey (Seal)
James Simpson }

I acknowledge that the within will may be admitted to probate as the last will and Testament of James Dowey who has subscribed his name within first of February 1812.

Witness.

David Lloyd.

Mary Dowey.

In the name of God Amen.

I Charles Edwards of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this 5th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following that is to say:-

First

I give and bequeath two hundred acres of land on Back head Swamp including the plantation one but head of, to James Edwards four hundred and thirty five acres of land including the plantation whereon I now live to be equally divided between Charles Edwards and John Edwards, only Lydia my wife to have her dower in the plantation her life time or during her widowhood, one brown ox to John Edwards, one red brindled ox to Charles Edwards, the plows and iron tools to be equally divided between the three boys, one feather bed some small furniture to Elizabeth Edwards, one feather bed and some small furniture to Lizzie Edwards, one feather bed and some small furniture to Susannah, one feather bed to Lydia during her life or widowhood and then to Charles all the land belonging to me on the west side of Bear Swamp to be sold and equally divided between James, Elizabeth, Charles, John and Susannah the household furniture to be equally divided between the aforesaid six children.

Lydia to have her dower during her life or widowhood, one shot gun to James and two guns for both the other two boys, one sorrel mare to Charles and her first colt to John.

All the stock of cattle and hogs to be sold and equally divided between the six children and Lydia to have her part during her widowhood except twenty five dollars in money to be taken out of the cattle for Mary Reeves her life time and then to go to her daughter Sarah the bed and couch one pillow that I lent to Mary Reeves at her death to go to her daughter Sarah.

One riding chair and harness and one rowing boat to be sold to pay my debts.

James to have his provision of corn and sweat this year the baland with the meat hogs the plantation to stand so till the boys come of age and longer if agreed.

James to have a piece of wheat that he sowed on the land, what money is due me to be collected and equally divided between the six children one mulatto girl named Sarah to continue among them for nine years from this present day, also for James Edwards to answer in my behalf in the suit against David Thomas for the land on which the said Thomas now lives. Ten shillings North Carolina Currency to Mary Reeves.

I hereby make and ordain my worthy friends Charles, John, Elizabeth, Lizzie, Susannah and Mary Reeves Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I the said Charles Edwards have to this my last will and Testament set my hand and seal this day and year above written.

Charles^{his} Edwards
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Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Charles Edwards the Testator as his last will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

Test

Solomon King }
Betsey Edwards }

Executors
James King
James Edwards
Lydia Edwards

In the name of God "Amen"

I Josiah Sikes being of perfect mind and memory blessed be God at this 23^d day of May in the year of our Lord 1812 make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following that is to say:- I give and bequeath to my loving wife Elizabeth Sikes all my stock of every kind household furniture and kitchen furniture riding chair plantation tools &c and all other movable property that I possess at this time to her heirs and assigns forever, also the plantation whereon I now live containing about two hundred acres.

I give to my said wife Elizabeth during her natural life.

Secondly

I give and bequeath to Luke Sikes and his brother David Sikes son of Josiah Sikes jnr. the above mentioned plantation after the death of my wife Elizabeth Sikes to them and their heirs and assigns forever.

Thirdly

I give and bequeath to the above mentioned Luke Sikes one shot gun to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

It is my desire that my Executors should sell one hundred acres of land joining the above mentioned plantation lying on the west side of Carous Creek and the proceeds arising from such sale to be appropriated to the support of said wife Elizabeth.

And I do hereby make and ordain my friends David Lloyd my Executor and my wife Elizabeth Sikes my Executrix of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I the said Josiah Sikes have to this my last will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written signed sealed and acknowledged

in the presence of us }
John Lucas } Josiah Sikes Seal
Jno Russ }