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In the Name of God "Amen"  
 I, William J. Coran, formerly a resident  
 of Bladen County North Carolina but at this time of  
 Washington City, District of Columbia do make public  
 and declare this as my last Will and Testament in  
 manner and form following to wit,

I give devise and bequeath to my step-son and  
 friend James W. Lussan, after the payment of any debt  
 and funeral expenses, all my property both Real and personal  
 of which I may be seized or possessed, or to which I may  
 be in any way entitled, to him his heirs Executors admors  
 utors and assigns forever.

And by these presents I do hereby constitute and appoint  
 the above named James W. Lussan, Executor of this my last  
 Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and  
 seal this first month day of April in the Year of our  
 Lord, One thousand Eight hundred and fifty five, 1855,

signed sealed published and  
 declared by the Testator as  
 his last Will and Testament  
 and witnessed by us, in his  
 presence and in the presence  
 of each other the day and year  
 above written.

Durham Lewis  
 Elijah Knox

North Carolina  
 Bladen County  
 Court of Probate & Quarter Sessions  
 February Term 1864.

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testa-  
 ment of William J. Coran, deceased is exhibited in  
 open Court for Probate by Durham Lewis one of the  
 subscribing witnesses thereto, and the due execution thereof  
 by the said William J. Coran, is proved by the oath and  
 examination of Durham Lewis one of the subscribing witnesses  
 thereto.

It is therefore considered by the Court that the said  
 writing and same last aforesaid, is the last Will

and Testament of the said William J. Coran deceased  
 and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

Attest

L. P. Sikes Clerk.

Per J. F. Cunningham T.O.

In the Name of God "Amen"

I, David Sikes of the County of  
 Bladen and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind  
 and memory do make and declare this my last Will  
 and Testament in manner and form following.

"First"

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Isabella  
 Sikes, a negro boy named, Udund, and seven hundred  
 dollars in money, also one Bed and Bedstead, and the  
 other Furniture and Distances belonging to said Bed  
 and Bedstead to have and to hold to her the said  
 Isabella Sikes, for and during the term of her life and  
 to dispose of the same at her death as she may see  
 proper, in satisfaction for and in lieu of her dower and  
 thirds of and in all my Real and personal estate.

"Secondly"

I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann Evans  
 wife of Jacob A. Evans, the following negroes, namely,  
 Henry, Mary Eliza and Dave to be hers and at  
 her disposal absolutely forever.

"Thirdly"

I will and bequeath to my son Theodore M. Sikes,  
 the balance and all the remainder of my Real and  
 personal estate. Provided nevertheless that he the said  
 Theodore M. Sikes shall never, charge my beloved wife  
 for her board or lodging, so long as she remains single  
 and wishes to remain with him and if she should  
 dissatisfies and go away then he the said Theodore M.  
 Sikes shall pay annually to her the sum of fifty dollars.

"Fourthly"

It is my earnest desire that my property  
 that left to my two children shall be

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to this my last Will and Testament, and that there be no sale of property belonging to or that is in my plantation but that it be delivered to my son Theodore M. Sikes. Just as I may leave it at my death.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Theodore M. Sikes, my Lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last Will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and my part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void, all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said David Sikes do set my hand and seal this Twelfth day of February AD 1860

The word for made to before David Sikes <sup>was</sup> signing,

Signed sealed published and declared by the said David Sikes to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

J. D. Rose Senr  
J. B. Allen

North Carolina  
Gladwin County  
Court of Peace & Quarter Sessions  
February Term 1864

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of David Sikes deceased, is exhibited for proof in open Court, by Theodore M. Sikes, the Executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said David Sikes, is proved by the oath of J. D. Rose 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 David Sikes and the same is, ordered to be recorded and filed.

And therefore the said Theodore M. Sikes Executor as aforesaid duly qualifies as such by taking the oath and enters into bonds in the

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Sum of Twenty thousand dollars with J. H. Rose and Thomas C. Brown, as executors thereto

attest

L. B. Blue Clerk  
J. D. Cunningham Secy

In the name of God "Amen"

I Thomas. Sheridan of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of a sound and disposing mind and memory do make and declare this to instrument of writing to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

I want my funeral expenses together with my just debt to be paid by my Executors as soon as possible

I give and bequeath to my wife during her life time or widowhood the cleared land with the ore of timber for fence fire wood or any other or use in the former

I give the plantation tools the Household and kitchen furniture and I further give to my said wife one cow and calf named Dick

I give to, Elizabeth Carter a Cow named Suckey

I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha one Cow and calf named Lyle, my land and all the finishable property. I have left to my wife by this will, at the death of my said wife it shall go to my said daughter or her heirs heirs to her or them in fee simple forever.

I further leave my said wife my horse during her life time or widowhood and at her death to my said daughter.

The balance of my stock of cattle I leave to be equally divided between my wife and daughter.

I leave my wife the Oak on hand at my death. I leave my Carpenters Tools and my gun to be to her my funeral expenses and one cow and calf