

with the goods. And at her death to be equally divided among the heirs of her body. Witnessed before Sigsbee,

Subs - Robert Melvin 3
George Cain 3
John Melvin 3

In the Name of God. "Amen"

I Jonathan Dike, of the County of Bladen in the State of North Carolina being in a low State of Health but of perfect sound and disposing mind and memory. I do hereby make and ordain this instrument of writing to be my last Will and Testament.

1st It is my Will and desire that my funeral expenses and just debt be paid as soon as possible first out of any money I may have on hand at the time of my death or debt due me and in that case that should be not sufficient then out of the sale of some of the most perishable part of my estate such as my Executors hereafter named may think my family can best spare.

2^d I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Dike my old negro woman Mintie, with this request enjoined that she treat her with tenderness in consideration of her past faithful services to me and my family.

I also give unto my said wife Sarah the one half of all my stock of cattle with the exception hereafter mentioned my two horse creatures all my stock of hogs, all my household and kitchen furniture with the crop of Corn peas Potatoes and Cotton that I have growing on all my lands to be sold with all my Plantations and millinery tools

of every description.

I also lend unto my said wife Sarah for and during the term of her natural life my three negroes Jolly, Peter and Mary, for the purpose of enabling her to raise cloth and fruit in educating and providing hereafter mentioned my four youngest children Catherine, Isaac, Cad, and Amos.

And I do also give to my said wife Sarah for her dower in my land estate for the term of her natural life one hundred acres land which I have lying in the east side of the Watery Lake sometimes called Harrisons Lake whereon negro woman Mintie now lives, one hundred and fifty acres of said land was patented in my own name the other fifty acres by William Moorhead.

3^d I give and bequeath to my son in Law William Kemp and his wife Lucy the negro girl Rachel which I heretofore put in their possession and delivered over to them with the sum of two shillings.

4th I give and bequeath unto Benjamin Dwyer and his wife Elizabeth who was a daughter of my brother, Jonah Dike the sum of ten shillings.

5th I also give and bequeath to the three other children of my brother Joseph Dike, namely Colins, Mary, and James Dike, each the sum of two shillings each to them and their heirs.

6th I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Dike one hundred acres of land which I have joining the land of Richard Singletary on the side of the Lake aforesaid patented in my own name with the sum of fifty dollars to him and his heirs forever.

7th I give and bequeath to my son John Dike my negro boy Abel with the following reservation and encumbrances that is for him to pay the sum of fifty dollars the schooling of his sister Catherine and that he from time to time pay out the sum in the purchase of Books Paper and what paying for schooling and should not use the

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money be expended in this way the balance to be laid out for clothing for her and for her to pay the sum of fifty dollars to each of his brothers Isaac Caleb and Amos. to be laid out in like manner as is directed for the education of Catherine and should not the whole of the money be properly expended for the education of the children he then is to pay over to each the deficiency when they become of lawful age or are married with this exception that should the said negro not die before the sums are paid in full or in part to my said children then he is to be exonerated from the payment of such balance or balances.

8th I give and bequeath unto my son Richd. Sikes my negro boy cited. after the decease of my wife to whom I have willed the said boy during her life time and request of my wife if she can spare said boy cited when my son Richard becomes of lawful age for her to do so or as soon thereafter as she can spare him.

9th I give and bequeath to my son Joshua Sikes the tract of land wherein I now live containing, Not Hundred and eighty acres, commonly called "Paine's Hill". To which I wish the tract of twenty eight acres joining the same on the east which land I purchased from Sampson Davis to have and to hold the said land to him the said Joshua and his heirs forever.

10th I give and bequeath to my four sons Samuel John Richard and Joshua the half of my stock of Cattle not willed to my wife with this exception that should I not have money on hand or debts due and owing to me to pay the sum of money that I have willed William Kemp and wife Joseph Sikes children and my son Samuel and those sons are to be raised out of a stock of Cattle before any division takes place between my wife and sons.

11th I give and bequeath to my daughter Catherine and my three sons Isaac Caleb and Amos

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at the death of my wife Sarah my negroes Mary and Mary and the increase of Mary if any to be equally divided between them or the survivors of them and their issue and also direct that the two Hundred acres of land willed to my wife during her life or as soon as may be practicable after her death the same to be advertised for sale by my Executors in a credit of six months and the money arising from said sale be equally divided among my four children Catherine Sarah Caleb and Amos or the survivors of them or their lawful issue in case of the death of my Executor or his removal out of the State before the death of my said wife then and in that case I request and direct that the County Court of Bladen do appoint a guardian to my said children or one of them as may not be of lawful age to settle and convey the said two Hundred acres of land in like manner as is directed for my Executor to do and divide the money accordingly.

12th I give and bequeath my rifle gun to my son John Sikes who I appoint Executor to this my last Will and Testament.

13th If I have omitted the devise of any of my estate in order to decide all difficulties that may arise among my heirs. I do hereby give and bequeath all such property to my wife Sarah to her and her heirs forever. In witness whereof I the said Jonathan Sikes have hereunto set my hand and seal to this my last Will and Testament this the 4th day of July 1818.

Signed Sealed and Published by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us

John Dickson J Jonathan Sikes Seal
J. Cain J