

RECORD OF WILLS.

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, Month of Feb, 1860

The word for made to before David Sikes ^{was} 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. D. 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 of Office 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 Susan

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 Cash 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

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my Cart Saddle and Bridle I leave to my wife and at her death to my daughter and also my stock of hogs The lumber in my Shop. left. I leave it to make my Coffin. The residue of my estate not disposed of in this will. I want it all sold and if the money is not needed to pay debt so I want it equally divided between my wife and daughter

I make null and void all former Wills or Wills by me made heretofore.

I constitute and appoint my friend Colin Monroe my Executor to this will to execute the same to all intents purposes.

I publish and declare this writing to be my last Will and Testament This the 29th day of April 1863

Published and declared Thomas Sheridan (Test)
before
John D. Marks
Colin Monroe

North Carolina
Bladen County } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
February Term 1864

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas Sheridan deceased. is exhibited for Probate in open Court by Colin Monroe the Executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Thomas Sheridan is proved by the oath of and examination of John D. Marks and Colin Monroe 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 Thomas Sheridan And the same is ordered to be recorded and filed

And the Executor therein named being one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto renounces his right to execute the same

Whereupon it is ordered by the Court that Letters of Administration with the Will annexed be

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granted to Colin Monroe upon his entering into bond of One hundred dollars with Roland Singleton as security thereon The bond is accordingly executed and filed and Colin Monroe is qualified in open Court.

Attest

D. Blue Clerk
for A. D. Cunningham D.C.

State of North Carolina
Bladen County

I Joseph Allen of the County and State aforesaid being of sound mind and memory blessed be God for His mercies do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows.

It is my Will and desire that all my just debts and General Expenses be paid.

It is my Will and desire that my wife Ann Allen Ross during her widowhood all the lands that I own with the exception of One hundred acres with the privilege of making any quantity of timber she may wish on the said lands and the further privilege of making Bottom-land on the said lands without being bound to an account for the same.

I also give to my wife Six Cows and Calves Six Hens and Lambs. all of my stock of hogs one Horse and one Horse Cart. all my Household and Kitchen furniture all my plantation tools together with my Crop of my Wield and all the provisions that may be on hand.

It is my Will and desire that all the perishable property that I may have besides what I have given to my wife be sold and the proceeds equally divided among my daughters.

It is my Will and desire that as to