

RECORD OF WILLS.

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 administrators 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
Chas Knox

North Carolina

Bladen County

Court of Probate & Quarter Sessions
February Term 1864.

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament 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

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

Attest

L. F. Skew Clerk.

Per J. F. Cunningham T.O.

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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 Studer 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 be dissatisfied 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