

be put out whosoever takes the must give them the schooling before mentioned and for it not to come of their estate and for my wife Hannah Stroud to have the share of living on its place whereas I now live until my son Col C Stroud come of age if she can leave, but not clear any more land, and if she dont live on it, for it to be quieted acc, and the money for my son C.C. Stroud. I leave my Brother Arthur Stroud and John Maxwell Esqrs to this my last will and Testament, and I do hereby acknowledge this to be my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22^d day of August in the year of our Lord 1798. Signed Sealed and declared in the presence of, Thos Shelton Stephen Smith.

^{Litton} ^{his} ^{mark} Stroud per ^{Self}
State of N^c Carolina) Colours June 1798.

Duplin County I Thos was the within will proved in open Court in due form of law by the oath of Thomas Shelton one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto. And the same time John Maxwell one of the Executors named in the said will came before the Court and qualified as such according to law. Ordered that letters issue accordingly.

Test. W^m Dickson C.C.

In the name of J^{ts} Anne & David Sloan of the State of N^c Carolina and county of Duplin being of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be J^{ts}) do this Eighth day of January in the year of our Lord 1801. Make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following. That is to say I first order that all my just debt and funeral expenses be first paid out of my movable estate. I then I leave to my dearly

and well beloved wife Eleanor the use of my house and plantation and all my other lands I am now possessed of in said county during her the said Eleanor Natural life time after which time they shall descend to my son Dickson Sloan and my daughter Cassandra Sloan equally between them. I then I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Eleanor my negro boy Sam my negro woman Silvia and her increase to her and her heirs forever. I then I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Eleanor my young Bay mare to her and her heirs forever. I then I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Eleanor four cows and calves the pick of all my pen to her and her heirs forever. I then I give to my well beloved wife Eleanor our good feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever. I then I give to my well beloved wife Eleanor our third part of all my Hogs that I am now possessed of. I then I lend to my well beloved wife Eleanor during her widowhood - Good My Bureat and furniture which after her second marriage shall devolve to my son and daughter Dickson Sloan and Cassandra Sloan. I then I lend to my well beloved wife Eleanor during her widowhood our feather bed and furniture which shall devolve to my children in manner as above. I then I give and bequeath to my son and daughter Dickson Sloan and Cassandra Sloan all my lands I am now possessed of in the State of Tennessee - (to wit). five hundred acres off of 1000 acres on yellow creek. Patented by James Middleton And five hundred acres part of 2500 acres Patented by Daniel Williams on the head of yellow creek to them and their heirs forever. Equally between them. I then I give to my son & daughter Dickson Sloan and Cassandra Sloan four young negroes to wit. Daniel about ten years old and Isaac about eight years old and Edward

about two years and a half old and Chancy about one Month old which said negroes shall be kept undivided until the said heir comes of age or are Lawfully married. I then I give and bequeath to my son Dickson Sloan & Cassandria Sloan two hundred pounds in money to be put to Interest by my Executors. Or laid out for young negroes as they may think most profitable for my said children. I then I give my will and desire that all the remainder of my estate of every kind whatsoever be sold by my Executors who shall hereafter name and appoint. And I do hereby constitute and appoint my worthy and trusty friends James Martin and Andrew Shelly my Executors to this my last will and Testament.

State of N^c Carolina

Duplin County 1st January Term 1807

There was the within Noncompete will of David Sloan deceased exhibited to the court by Celenor Sloan the widow of the said David Sloan deceased who declared she had no intention to administer upon her deceased husband's estate and prayed the court do admit the said noncompete will to be proved and recorded, which the Court accordingly admitted. And at the same time James Dickson Jun. and Gibson Sloan came before the court and being sworn on the holy Evangelist declared they were personally present when the said noncompete will was made by the deceased, and that it was written by the direction of the deceased, a few minutes before he died and that the deceased was then of sound disposing mind and memory and that when he attempted to sign the said will he faints and died. The court was approved of the said will and ordered the same to be recorded.

And at the same time James Martin and Andrew Shelly the Executors named in the said will came before the court and qualified as Executors agreeable to law. Ordered that letters issue accordingly.

Test. W^m Dickson C. C.

May 31st 1816 Now at Duplin Court House and finding myself in a very low State of health, am impressed with a belief that I shall not live long from my feeling for a few days past, therefore think a will of but little use as I have not much to give to my friends whom may live longer than I do. I wish all of my debts paid which I hope will be without selling a small negro boy called Fred. I do give sincerely to my Brother Frederick Sikes for certain reasons that I could render besides brotherly affection after my death but shall not as I hope all of my Relations will be satisfied, that my wish should be fulfilled.

N. B.

W. Sikes

I am a little better with my complaint and am in no persons suspects any thing of the kind done the day and date above written. I think that I live which is said at before signing W. Sikes.

Duplin County April Term 1817.

The last will and Testament of Willie Sikes was handed into court by Thomas Walton and proved in court by the oath of Bryan Bowden and Alexander Herring who made oath to the hand writing of the said Willie Sikes and tho they were not present they both declare an oath that they believe it to be his hand writing which the court has accepted as sufficient proof and ordered that letters issue to Thomas Walton as administrator