

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 Noncompulsory 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 noncompulsory 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 noncompulsory 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 fainted 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 down the day and date above written. I think that I live which is saved 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

with a copy of this will thence annexed and that said Thomas Molton give Bond in the sum of one thousand dollars.

Test. W^m Dickson C. C.

In ye Name of God Amen I William Snow of ye County of Duplin North Carolina Trader being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God calling unto mind ye mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament yt is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my sole into ye hands of Almighty God yt gave it and my body I recommend to ye earth to be buried in a decent Christian Burial at ye Discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at ye general Resurrection I shall receive ye same again by ye mighty Power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to Bless me in this life I give and devise and dispose of ye same in ye following manner and form first I give and bequeath to my true and trusty friend William Pitman whom I make and ordain my Executor all my household furniture and plantation tools and after my just debts are paid I give unto my dearly beloved wife one third of my Estate and ye other two thirds to my two daughters Elizabeth and Margret Snow and I do hereby make & ordain William Pitman of Duplin County, Trader, my sole Executor of this my last will and Testament and I do utterly disannul Revoke and Disallow all and every other Testament will Legacies Bequests and Executions by me in any way before named willed and bequeathed Ratifying and confirming

this and no other to be my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty second day of Feb^r one thousand seven hundred and sixty two In presence of Thos Routledge, James Bryan, W^m Snow. *Cal*

North Carolina) It comes by my last will and Duplin County, Testament have ordained William Pitman by my sole Executor and according to custom have left the ordering of my Testament in so will to his the St Pitman discretion but upon another mature consideration have caused the supplement as follows (to wit) I do order my St Executor to cause services of White Linen to be purchased for 8 Masons to attend my funeral and gloves and other services for so purpose as my earnest will & desire is that I may be interred in a Masonick manner that the expence may my be paid out of my Estate and further that my said Executors purchase out of my Estate a — suit of morning apparel for himself and marry his daughter nothing doubting but being such a fractional friend they desire to show esteem to my memory for which the above cause have caused this addition to my last will in testament I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22^d day Feb^r 1762. In presence of us H R outledge, James Bryan, W^m Snow *Cal*

In the name of God Amen I Solomon Sholes of the County of Duplin and State of North Carolina being weak in body, but of sound and perfect mind - memory blessed be almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following (viz) I first I give and bequeath to my beloved son Wiley Sholes my young