

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Frederick Simpson, four negroes, that is to say, one negro man named Cyrus, one negro woman named Phillis, one negro girl named Peggy, and one other negro girl named Hannah, they and their issue to him and his heirs forever, also I give and bequeath to my said son Frederick Simpson the remaining half of my household furniture not yet given, to him and his heirs forever. I likewise constitute and appoint my two sons Charles Simpson and Frederick Simpson Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby disavow, revoke & disannul all former Wills and Testaments by me made, ratifying and confirming this and no other, to be my last Will & Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John Simpson as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us —

John Jones
James Shaw

John Simpson: (Seal)

New Hanover County }
October Term 1789 }

The within last Will and Testament of the late John Simpson was exhibited in Court and proved in due form of law, by the oath of James Shaw a subscribing witness thereto —

Thos. McClaine. Ck

In the name of God Amen. I, Catharine Sellers of New Hanover County, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God, on this sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord 1789, and in the thirteenth year of our independence make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner following, that is to say, viz,

I give and bequeath unto my son Archibald Sellers all my property, but in case that he dies, Catharine Robinson senior, shall have an equal share of all that I possess, with the rest of my children.

Thereby make and ordain my true and trusty friends William Robinson and Duncan Sellers for my Executors of this my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I the said Catharine Sellers have to this my last Will and Testament

set my hand and seal, the day and year above mentioned
Signed in the presence of } Catharine ^{her} + Teller ^{and} (Seal)
Allan Hearn }
Duncan Robertson }
witness

New Hanover County }
January Term 1791 }

The within last Will and Testament,
was proved in due form of law by Duncan Robertson a
subscribing witness thereto

Thos. McClaine. Cky

In the name of God Amen. May the twentieth
year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
91, John Sikes Senior, of the County of New Hanover, being very sick,
and weak in body but of perfect sense and memory, knowing
that it is appointed for all mortal men to die, do make and declare
this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following
First and principally. I recommend my soul into the hands of
God who gave it; and my body to the earth to be buried in a
Christian manner. As for such worldly goods as it please God
to bestow, I give and bequeath in the manner following
Item. I give the use of all my lands and possessions, of all my
moveable estate, to my wife Martha Sikes, during her life,
or bearing my name; not to be moved till after her decease, then
the land to be sold and equally divided between Jonathan Sikes
Jesse Sikes and Joseph Sikes
I leave Judy Sikes one cow and calf
I give to Jonathan Sikes one case of bottles
Item. I give Sikes my carpenter's working tools
Item. I give my shoemaker's tools to Isaac Sikes, and my best
wearing clothes
Item. I give to Isaac Sikes one feather bed
Item. I give all the rest of my moveable estate, I give to Lydia
Sikes, ~~Concord~~ Sikes and Sarah Sikes, as to cattle and hogs & household
furniture

This being my last Will and Testament, I leave my wife wholly
and solely Executor - as witness my hand and seal May the
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Witness Daniel Kerr
Witness Ingata McFie

John Sikes. (Seal)

New Hanover County April Term 1791. The within last Will was proved
in due form of law by Daniel Kerr

Thos. McClaine. Cky