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set my hand and seal, the day and year above mentioned  
Signed in the presence of } Catharine <sup>her</sup> + Teller (Sons)  
Allan Stewart }  
Duncan Robertson }  
uncle,

N 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  
I, 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  
Pepe 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 shoemakers 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  
27 - 1791 -  
Witness Daniel Kerr }  
Witness Ingata McFie } John Sikes. (Seal)  
N Hanover County April Term 1791. The within last Will was proved  
in due form of law by Daniel Kerr -  
Thos. McClaine. Cky

New Hanover, County 3<sup>d</sup> Feb

Personally came before me, one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid, Sedgewick Springs and made oath on the Holy Evangelists, that James Mackay Stephens, late of the town of Wilmington and county aforesaid deceased, did a few hours before his death call for his wife Elizabeth Stephens in presence of this deponent, and said to her, his said wife, "all I have or die possessed of I give unto you, and further this deponent saith not, Sworn to 31<sup>st</sup> Jan'y 1791 }  
before Jno. Hergens. J. P. } Sedgewick Springs

Sworn to in open Court and ordered to be registered.  
Feb'y 22<sup>nd</sup> 1792

Authy B. Boomer, Ck.

In the name of God Amen. I George Stanier of New Hanover, County and State of North Carolina, Farmer, being of perfect and disposed mind and memory, do make this my last Will and Testament, in manner, following, that is to say, First of all. It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expences be paid,

also whereas I am now possessed of one hundred acres of land on the Sound, it is my will that my sons George and William Stanier, when they respectively arrived to the age of twenty one years, shall be entitled to the said land, to be divided equally between them share and share alike, that is to say, that my son George shall have the part on which I now reside, and my son William that part now occupied by John Hunt.

I also appoint my beloved wife Nancy Stanier my Executrix, I also give and bequeath to my said wife all my stock of cattle, horses, hogs &c to her own proper use and behoof during her natural life and after her decease to the heirs of my body begotten upon her, Dated this day of September, A. D. 1790

appeared before me this day, Jonathan Robinson, who made oath that the above Will was wrote agreeable to the directions of George Stanier, on the day and date above, and that he was at that time in his perfect senses, Sworn to before me this 16<sup>th</sup> August 1791. One  
Edw. Jones. J. P.

The last Will and Testament, of George Stanier, dec<sup>d</sup>, was exhibited into Court by Edward Jones esq. at August Term 1793, which has been proved by the oath of Jonathan Robinson before the said Edward Jones Esq. and admitted  
Geo. Gibbs. D. Ck.