

of a great age, but of perfect memory & mind Thanks be to God for the same, knowing the mortality of my body that all men are appointed to die, and so I make it again this Writing to contain my last Will & Testament. First I recommend my soul into the merciful hands of God my Creator, hoping thro' the meritorious death & Passion of my Saviour & Redeemer Jesus Christ to receive Pardon for my sins, my body I commit to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian manner at the pleasure of my Executors hereafter named, and as for my worldly Estate whereunto God hath blessed me in this life, I dispose of the same in manner & form following.

Here I give Higginbotham to my dear friend Elinor Elliot
our small tract or parcel of land, bounded between David Hays
Robert Elliot John Manders Linn and all the West to my estate
whether George Chittles or nearly ready to be then his own paper.

Lastly I constitute ordain & appoint my well beloved friend Ebenezer
Ellis my sole & x. of this my last Will & Testament: Revoking &
making void all other or former wills by me heretofore made.
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & sign my seal this 23^d day of
November 1766. Richard Brownson & a seal

Signed sealed published & declared in presence of us

Robert Ellis mark. 1000 Ellis mark. 1000 Ellis mark.

Northampton County p March Court 1776

This Wife of Richard Browne, (and), was married by the oath
of Robert Ellis and ordered to be recorded.

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Joseph Shuck's Will

In the name of Jew among Islands like of Northampton County
in Province of North Carolina being sick & weak in body but of
perfect mind & memory thanks by given unto God calling unto
mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed
to for all men once to die. I do make & ordain this my last will &
testament that is to say principally first of all I give & recom-
mend my soul into the hands of Almighty god that gave it and

my body recommended to the earth to be buried in decent Christian
burial at the direction of my executors, nothing doubting but at the
general resurrection I shall revive the same again by the
mighty power of God, & standing such a while as
where with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life again
Permit me to pass of the same in the following manner & form
First of all, my will & desire is that my debts are to be paid by my executors
my just debts paid out of them,

I gave Higginbotham and my son James, the only plantation tract
 of land I bought of Britten Dawson to him. His wife pervert,
 also gave him my said son James one negro boy named Tom &
 one negro girl named Hannah to him & his heirs forever.
 She also gave him eight head of cattle & a breeding sow, six
 head of sheep and one grey horse called Button, & a red blooded
 cow I bought of Thornton & the said stock & negroes is to be kept
 on the plantation till my said son James comes of the age of
 twenty one years in order for him to receive, also gave him
 my gun that I bought of Samuel Edwards.

Item I have bargained to my son Thomas for the Plantation & tract of
Land I bought of Sam^l Davis the Plantation & tract of Land
bought of John Gay to him this year for ever, also I give to my
said son Thomas one negro boy Ben & one negro girl Phillis
the Children of Isaac to him this year for ever. But my beloved
Wife is to have the Labour of the Girl Phillis during the time
she lives & so on till my said son Thomas comes to the age
of twenty one years, I also give him my said son Thomas's
Cattle now on the Plantation in possession of John Ingram
Six head of Shup & four & riding Sows, & the said Stock is to be
kept on the Plantation till my said son comes of age twenty
one years in order for him to receive them, and I also give him
one of the saddles that Joseph Under is to make & my Great Grand

Then I gave the meadow to my son William & his my plantation whereon I now
live in & tract of land I bought of Robert Williams & the remainder
of my land joining Samuel Edwards & Co. & as he, Thomas & his
of the C. & to the little Swamp to him & his heirs forever but

leaving my mother her Liberty of a House & part of the Land her
Life for her own use.

And my beloved wife I leave her the use of my Plantation Tract of
Land that I bought of Robert Williams during her Life
or Widowhood, but if she marry she is to have but her thirds
for life of that Tract of Land, I also give to my said son William
one negro wench named Nugg but my beloved wife is to have
the labour of the said wench during her Life or Widowhood, but if
my wife marry the said negro wench Nugg is to be my said
son William's Property immediately. I except the increase
of the wench that is now born, but the increase of her from the
making of this will shall be my son William's Right to him this time forever.

Item I give by my will unto my Daughter William Harris one negro
boy Peter I bought of William Webb to her this time forever
I also give her one woman's shawl, & a riddle & four kind of Shirts that
she have now in Possession. I also give her one feather bed & furniture.

Item I give by my will unto my Daughter Mournie Sikes one negro
boy Hardy, son of Joan, to her this time forever.

Item I give by my will unto my Daughter Elizabeth Sikes one negro
boy Charles, son of Nugg, to her this time forever.

Item I give by my will unto my Daughter Mary Sikes one negro
son son of Nugg, to her this time forever.

Item I give by my will unto my beloved wife William Sikes my negro
boy named Pooterd bought of Ingram & Ingram wench Joan, also
I leave the labour of one negro boy Sawney son of Nugg, to my
wife during her widowhood, or until my son William
comes to the age of twenty one years, but if she marry, or
after death my will & desire is that my son William Sikes
shall have the negro Sawney immediately. I also leave the
Land I bought of James Cunningham, Jacob Segraves &
William Segraves Jun. & the Gosden now in the town to my
wife William Sikes to be sold by her & the money raisings
thereof & all the money before mentioned of my Debt Col-
lected after my just debts being paid, then the money before
given to my said son is to be paid out of it & if any left
to be equally divided ^{among} all my sons & daughters

and wife, and all the Rest of my Stock Household Goods both
in Doors & out Doors I leave in Case of my wife for the raising of
my Children during the time she lives and after but if she mar-
ry then my will & desire is that it shall be equally divided
among all my sons & daughters then living and after, but if
my wife marry, Mary. I leave it to her for life, and then
to be divided among all my sons & daughters then living.

And I also appoint & constitute my well beloved wife William
Sikes & William Sikes & John Hoof &c. to see this my
last Will performed. I have hereunto set my hand & affix
to my seal this 3rd day of May 1770. Joseph Sikes & seal
Signed sealed & ^{published} ^{protest} ^{protest} ^{protest} by the said Joseph Sikes as his last will &
testament in the presence of us

Hughes Hugh, Joseph Johnson Samuel ^{my} Salsards
Northampton County 3rd March Court 1771

This will of Joseph Sikes come was proved by the oath of Joseph
Johnson & Hughes Hugh & William Sikes qualified &c.
& ordered to be Certified the record.

J. M. Sikes C. C.

George Ragland Will

In the name of God amen, I George Ragland of the County
of Northampton in the Province of North Carolina being
Sick & weak, but of sound & perfect Mind & Memory, do here
by make this my last will & testament, revoking all former
wills by me heretofore made.

Imprimis I give my soul to Almighty God its Creator hoping thro
the mediation of our Saviour Jesus Christ to receive full
Pardon & Remission for all my sins, my body I desire to be
quietly interred at the discretion of my executors hereafter ap-
pointed.

Item I give by my will unto my Daughter Mary Sikes one negro girl
named Sarah, & a negro fellow named Peter to her this time
forever, likewise I give to my aforesaid Daughter ten pounds
Sterling money, & one small Iron Pot.