

Thomas Sikes Will

In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Sikes of Northampton County in the province of North Carolina being sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given to God, Calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and declare this my last will & Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. and as touching such worldly estate as hereafter it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give demise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form.

First of all my will and desire is that my debts are to be paid by my Executors & all my just debts paid.

I then to my beloved wife Mary Sikes my tract of land containing 100 Acres it being the plantation upon which I now live during her natural life and also I leave her my two horses her my old life during her natural life also I leave to my wife twenty one head of Cattle and half my stock of hogs & half my stock of sheep and three Beds & furniture two iron pots one frying pan one Lamb & Harrow belonging to it, two dishes four basins, tin plates, eight spoons, and my great chest, one framed Table pair fire tongs & a barrel one box iron shears eight quart bottles, one pitcher two pair spinning wheels & three pair cards, & what money I have by me and eight pounds out of the debts.

I then I give unto my son Joseph Sikes my plantation & tract of land lying on Potomac Creek containing four hundred acres to him this his forever and eight hundred

I then I give and bequeath to my son Jethro Sikes the remainder part of my plantation to him this his forever & also that part that I lent to my wife after her death and if Jethro Sikes should die without heir then my will & desire is that my daughter Elizabeth Sikes should have the land to her, she, her heirs forever, and also I give to my son Jethro Sikes twelve head of Cattle and all the remainder part of my stock of hogs & sheep that I have not given to my wife, one iron pot, and all my Smiths tools, Carpenters & housewifery tools, one copper cat sard, one broad ax, one silver head Cane, one bed & furniture and all my remainder part of my pewter that I have not given to my wife, & my kitchen C. Chest, one alarm clock, two guns and the remainder part of my bottles, two two pair Shovelers & all my silver Caskets.

I then I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary March five Shillings prock

I then I give & bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Harris five Shillings prock

I then I give & bequeath to Daughter Christina Dickins five Shillings prock

I then I give & bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Sikes five Shillings prock

I then I give & bequeath to my Daughter Charity Sikes five Shillings prock

I then I give & bequeath to my Daughter Jane Sikes five Shillings prock

I then I give & bequeath to my Daughter Jo Sikes five Shillings prock

I then I give & bequeath to my Daughter Charity Sikes, Jane Sikes, & Tabitha Sikes the whole of the movables that I have lent to my wife after her death to them forever

and also I appoint & constitute my wife Maria, wife of Mary Sikes, & Jethro Sikes my son, Heyrick Hugh my Executors to see this my last will performed. I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the 15th Sept 1775

Thomas Sikes
Thomas Beloeck
William Sikes

Thomas Sikes (Seal)
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Northampton County 10 December Court 1775
This will was proven by Jethro Sikes & Thomas Beloeck & sworn to by the oaths, at the same time Mary Sikes & Jethro Sikes & Heyrick Hugh qualified as Executors
Jethro Sikes