

Testament of Henry Smith dec'd was presented in Court, and Green Turner one of the executors therein named renounced his right of qualifying himself and was appointed as a witness and it appearing from the testimony of said Green Turner and other witnesses deponed by the Court that the said paper contains a disposition of the personal estate of the said Henry Smith dec'd agreeing to what he declared to the said witnesses to be the disposition he had made thereof, and moreover that the said paper was written by the said Green Turner by the direction of the said Henry Smith and afterwards approved by him, and moreover that the said Henry Smith did not express to any of the said witnesses in his life time any wish to alter his said will except as to a tract of land purchased by him after the making thereof, therefore it is considered by the Court that the said last will and Testament be established as the will of the said Henry Smith dec'd so far and so far only as to pass the personal estate to which the said Henry Smith dec'd was intitled, and on the motion of Ethelred Smith one of the executors named in the said will passed in granted him thereof, whereupon the said Ethelred Smith gave bond the will directing no security to be given by the executor and whereupon the said Ethelred Smith qualified according to law. And at a Court held for the County of Southampton the 15th day of August 1815 on the motion of Obedy D. Smith for administration de bonis non with the will annexed of Henry Smith dec'd the same is granted her on her giving bond and security, whereupon the said Obedy D. Smith with Michael Harris John Critchlow, John Trainor, George D. Edwards, William Phillips, Laurence Cook, Miles Cook, David Turner and Henry Garter, her securities entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of two hundred thousand Dollars conditioned as the law directs.

Virginia Southampton County dec'd: J. James Rochelle Clerk of the County Court of Southampton aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Testament and last will of Henry Smith dec'd with the name of Court admitting the same to record, and the Order of Administration de bonis non with the will ^{annexed} granted to Obedy D. Smith.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused my seal of Office to be affixed this 2^d day of June 1815

J. Rochelle C^d

Virginia Southampton County sit. J. Benjamin Plunkett com. presiding Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Southampton aforesaid do hereby certify that James Rochelle whose name is affixed to the foregoing certificate is the Clerk of the County Court of Southampton aforesaid and that full faith and credit is given all his acts as such, and that the same is done in presence of me under my hand this 2^d day of June 1815

Benjamin Plunkett

Southampton June Court 1815. This attested copy of the last will and Testament of Henry Smith dec'd was exhibited in Court, and on motion of Obedy D. Smith administration de bonis non with the will annexed is granted her upon the estate of the said Henry Smith dec'd, when she entered into bond in the penalty of ten thousand dollars with Green Holliman John W. Barnes and James Rochelle as securities, conditioned as the law directs - Ordered that the said will be recorded -

Teste - J. Harrison Jr.

Orator Sikes's Will. In the name of God Amen. I Orator Sikes of the County of Southampton and State of N. Carolina being at this time in health and sound mind and memory thanks be to God for the same calling to mind the mortality of my body, do make and attain this to be my last Will and Testament. First it is my will and desire that my body should be buried in a christian-like manner at the discretion of my executors and my estate to defray the expenses thereof and after my funeral expenses and just debts are paid I dispose of what proper - I am possessed of in manner and form following, wth; Improvements - I leave unto my loving wife during her widowhood the use of my negro man Ben Frank Nancy and Dick also the use of my household & kitchen furniture plantation utensils and stock of all kind except what is herein after devised to my children together with my plantation and land adjoining thereto within the following bounds viz beginning at a corner two Post roads by a red oak standing on the road at school House then south nineteen degrees east two hundred and twenty poles to a corner pine, then north sixty eight degrees east one hundred and fifty eight poles to a corner white oak in Theodorick Manns line, then with his line north three degrees east fifty eight poles to Theodorick Manns corner pine then with said Manns line north thirty eight degrees east one hundred and seven poles to a corner black gum on the main run of the Wild Cat then up the meanders of the run of said swamp to the mouth of the school House Branch then up the meanders of the run of said Branch to a corner at the road, then along the said road south sixty three degrees west forty eight poles to the beginning. - Item I give and bequeath unto my son Simon Sikes at the death or marriage of my wife Martha Sikes my plantation with all the land within the bounds that I have lent her the use of during her widowhood which contains two hundred and ninety four acres together with my negro men Ben and Dick to him and heirs forever. - Item I give and bequeath unto my son Simon Sikes all the property that I have given him to the date of this will and which he has now in possession together with the plantation and land that he now lives

land bounded as follows, viz: beginning at Pleasant's old mill race, crossing standing on the main run of Pottery Creek running with his line north ten degrees west three hundred and forty six poles to a corner white oak standing in the said stream line, the south side eight degrees west one hundred and fifty eight poles to a corner pine, then south seven degrees east two hundred and sixty eight poles to a corner poplar gum on the run of Pottery Creek then down the meanders of the main run of said Creek to the first station containing three hundred and nine acres to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Jesse Sikes my novel thirty one bridle and saddle one bed and furniture one cow and calf together with the plantation and land whereon my other son Wakes lives, and bounded as follows viz: beginning at a corner two foot oak and red oak standing on the road and the school house running south nineteen degrees east two hundred and twenty poles to a corner pine, then south seven degrees east two hundred and sixty eight poles to a corner pine gum on the main run of Pottery Creek then upon the meanders of the main run of said Creek to Grands & Bravers Mill, then along the road north twenty four degrees east thirty two poles, then north forty two degrees east fifty poles then north fifty seven degrees east forty eight poles then north nineteen degrees east thirty two poles, then north six degrees east seventy one poles then north nineteen degrees east six poles then north forty degrees east eighteen poles to the beginning, containing four hundred and nineteen acres, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Edwards all the property that she has now in possession that I have given her since she married also after the death or marriage of my wife Martha Sikes then I also give to my said daughter Mary Edwards my two negroes named Frank and Nancy with all her increase from the date of this will, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sally Mashley the sum of five shillings for her full portion of my estate, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. My further will and desire is that all the property that I have or may have by virtue of my marriage with my wife Martha Sikes after the death or marriage of my wife Martha Sikes may be equally divided between John Sikes and my son Kinchen Sikes and my son Jesse Sikes at the death or marriage of my said wife Martha Sikes.

Item. My further will and desire is that all personal or perishable property that I have not already willed away that

will be in the possession of my wife Martha Sikes at her death or marriage shall be equally divided between my son Kinchen Sikes Jesse Sikes John Sikes and my daughter Mary Edwards. I do constitute and appoint my son Kinchen Sikes and my friend William Edwards whole and sole executor to this my last will and Testament. Given under my hand and seal this 10th day of May 1812 signed sealed and acknowledged as my last will and Testament in presence

John Tadlock

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Nathan A. F. Drutle

Witnesses of the last will and Testament of Nathan A. F. Drutle

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James Lewis's Will. In the name of God Amen. I James Lewis of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina calling to mind the mortality of my body being also in a low state of health but of perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner following, to wit: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Susanna Lewis the sum of two hundred dollars, one cow and calf, three barrels and a half of corn also two hundred weight of bacon. 2^d I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Martha Hill three negroes namely Cherry, Libby and Libby to her and her heirs forever, also one feather bed which she is now in possession of. 3^d I give and bequeath to my living daughter Ann Buffum one negro man named Jerry to her and her heirs forever. 4th I give and bequeath unto Harmon Hill who married my daughter Dorcas Lewis the sum of five shillings. 5th I give and bequeath unto John Lewis my grand son the sum of one hundred Dollars. And all the balance of my property of every kind including stock of all kind plantation where its house hold and kitchen furniture with two negroes namely Tom and Miller to be sold and after my wife shall get her two hundred dollars and John Lewis his hundred dollars and all my just debts paid, I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Charlotte Hill the balance of my estate of every sort to her and her heirs forever. Lastly I make and ordain my worthy friend Henry Hill the executor of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and placed my seal this 3rd day of March 1815

Witnesses of the last will and Testament of James Lewis

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