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Hannah Sikes last will & Testament

In the name of God Amen, I Hannah Sikes of the State of North Carolina and County of Union being of sound disposing mind and memory calling to mind the mortality of man, that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows, that is to say first I give my body to be buried in decent Christian manner and my soul to God who gave it

Item 1st my will and desire is that my Executor or administrator shall expose to public sale at not less than twelve months credit all the tract or parcel of land whereon I now reside Containing of about four hundred and forty acres Also my negroe Bob & wife Cloe and the youngest Child Called Ralph and of the money of said sale all my Just debts and accounts are first to pay off & fulfilled Also that Executor or administrator at the same time sell all my crop & stock of Cattle hogs sheep H. Farming tools house hold and Kitchen furnitures And that my Executor or administrator pay to each of the minor heirs to the estate of Enoch Sikes dec. the amount which is due them from me as their Guardian Which is about two hundred Dollors each

Item 2nd I give and bequeath unto Sarah Sikes

Hannah Sikes last Testament continued

One Hundred and fifty Dollars in addition to what is due him from me as guardian which will be four hundred and fifty dollars in all also one bay horse & saddle worth ten dollars I gave to Thomas F Sikes Five hundred dollars in addition to the sum due him which will be Seven hundred Dollars in all I gave to Darling Sikes in addition to advancement already made fifty dollars

Item 3rd I give and bequeath unto Ann E Sikes a small negro boy Slave called Peter and one Grey mare which I value at four hundred dollars of which two hundred dollars of said value is to go as her payment of the amount due from me to her as her guardian

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Emmett Griffin Ten dollars Also I give to my daughter Galsey Helms Ten dollars they both having received their portion heretofore

Item 5th I give and bequeath unto Margaret Griffin a small negro Slave called Ann which I value at four hundred dollars of which two hundred dollars of said value is to go as her payment of the amount due from me to her as her guardian

Item , That all remainder or remainders of monies in the hands of my Executor or Administrator be equally devided among my five Children viz Darling, Margaret, Ann E. John G. and Thomas H Sikes

Item 6th Also my will and desire is that my three Children here

amount due from me to her as her guardian

Item, That all remainder or remainders of monies in the hands of my Executor or administrator be equally devided among my five Children viz Darling, Margaret, Ann E. John L. and Thomas H Sikes

Item 5th Also my will and desire is that my three Children have one years support out of the Crop Stock and provisions now on hand to be allotted to them by three lawful disinterested person viz Ann E. John L and Thomas H Sikes, all of which I do hereby declare and hold fourth as being my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made or done

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 22nd day of September 1853

Signed and Sealed in presence
of us G Stradley (Seal)
L Williams

Hannah her mark Sikes (Seal)

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas quarter sessions
Lincoln County } October Term 1853

Then the instrument of writing the last will and testament of Hannah Sikes was produced in open Court and proved in due forme of Law by G Stradley one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, Whereupon Hannah Sikes was appointed administratrix with the will annexed who entered bond according to law, and was duly sworn & Letters of

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