

Thomas Sikes Will

In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Sikes of the County of Northampton and State of No. Carolina being weak in body but in perfect sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, when calling to mind the mortality of my body I do make this my last will and testament and first of all I commend my soul in the hands who gave it and that my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my friend or executors, and as touching what worldly estate which I have been blessed with in this life I give bequeath and devise in the following manner.

Item - I give unto my supposed daughters Olive Parks, Elizabeth Parks, Nancy Parks, Fanny parks and Milly Parks the whole of my estate both within and out doors both real and personal to them and their heirs forever, but if all the aforesaid daughters should die without having a lawful child I then give the aforesaid property to my supposed son Silas Lassiter.

Item - It is my will and desire that the above property which I have given away should continue together without any division during each their lives without each of them should consent to a division and when such division should take place if any for each of them to share and share alike and further I nominate and appoint my supposed son Silas Lassiter my whole sole executor to this my last will and testament revoking and making void all other wills made by me. In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of September 1820.

Signed sealed in and acknowledged
In presence of
William Wade, Solomon R. Goodson

his
Thomas X Sikes seal
mark

Northampton County December Court 1820

This last will and testament of Thomas Sikes deceased was exhibited in open court and proved in due form of law by the oath of Solomon R. Goodson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Whereupon Silas Lassiter the executor therein named qualified as the law directs.

John W. Harrison CCK