

In the name of God Amen I John Will of the County
of Lincoln living in perfect health of body would thank to
Almighty God and his blessing to mind the uncertainty of life
and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once
to die make and ordain this my last will & testament
And first I recommend my soul into the hands
of God who gave it, and my body I recommend
to the earth to be buried in a decent & Christian
manner, and according to the same funeral ceremony
has pleased God to bless & restore unto me, to give &
bequeath in the manner and form following

It is my will and desire that Mr. Dowdell my Spouse
charged be first paid out my estate.

Item I give and bequeath to my wife Betty all the
property remaining at my death which she brought hencold
Item I give and bequeath to my son Nathaniel Will
one & negroe man at my wife's last will & devise which ever that
may be one seventh part of all the property hereafter
willed to be sold or valued only the negroes

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Hoyl
my negro man Sam the Boat, Bridle, Saddle, Bed & furniture
which she has received and the seventh part of all the
property hereafter willed to be sold or valued only the negroes
Item it is my will that all the remaining unvalued property
of my estate be sold & divided as herein after mentioned except
ing my negro woman Abt, I wish her to go to her choice of
the negroes at a moderate valuation, & for this more it is my
will that my other daughter Dorothy Hoyl Martha Hoyl
& Nancy Grite have my three remaining brother beds
to each one a bed with an equal division of the furniture
at a moderate valuation, Item I give and bequeath to
the children of Andrew Will & his wife Nancy which they
now have or may have the one seventh part of all my
property willed to be sold or valued with the deduction
of four hundred & fifty dollars. This money I will keep
at interest and equally divided among them when they come of
age.

January 1st 1825.

But if the woman or children should be in distress & in
Relief the interest of the money must be used for their support
Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Pattern
the seventh part of all my property willed to be sold or
Valued,

Item I give and bequeath to my son Burwell Wells
the seven the part of all my property willed to be sold
or Valued, with the deduction of three hundred & three
dollars. Provided he becomes a sober temperate man,
otherwise his part is to be equally divided amongst the
other legatees.

Item give & bequeath to my daughter Martha Hoyl
the seventh part of all my property willed to be sold or
Valued with the deduction of one hundred & eighty two dollars,

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Nancy Sife, the
the seventh part of all my property willed to be sold or Valued,

Item it is my will that the amount of the above mentioned
deduction be equally divided amongst the above legatees

Made use of by the legatees as is specified in the above Items,

Item I do constitute and appoint my son Christopher Wells
Adam Hoyl & Larkins Stone my whole & sole executors

Lastly I do hereby disannul all former wills, Bequests & Wills
by me heretofore willed and bequeathed &c Ratifying &
Confirming this & no other to be my last will & testament
Signed sealed put in & pronounced in presence

P.S. Daniel S. Christopher Hoyl, Decatur 27th 1825.
Robert A. Curington, his
Burwell X Wells Seal
Burwell S. Wells Mark