

9^o The Last Will & Testament of George Wells deceased

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Georgia In the name of God Amen. -
Troup County I George Wells of the State and
County aforesaid being weak and infirm in body
but of sound and disposing mind and memory &
knowing that it is appointed unto all men to die
and having worldly goods which I wish to dis-
pose of before my death do this twenty seventh
day of July in the year of our Lord Eighteen
hundred and thirty eight make & declare
and constitute this my last will & testament
herby ~~revoking~~ all other heretofore made by
me and declaring them null void - that is to say -
Item first - My soul I will to God who gave
it trusting through his mercy & goodness that
it may be received into everlasting happiness &
repose - I also will that my body be decently
buried in a style and manner suited to my cir-
cumstances in life and in such place as may
be designated for that purpose by my Executors
herein after appointed.

Item second - It is my desire and I do hereby
will that all my just debts that I own now or
which may hereafter be contracted be paid by
my Executors herein after named.

Item third - I will that the plantation on
which I now live together with my negroes and
such portion of my stock tools &c as may be
deemed necessary by my Executors be kept together
(except what is specified in the following items)
and managed and controlled by my said Exe-
cutors herein after named in such manner as
they in their discretion may think best for the
interest of my dear wife and children having
an eye to their comfort and happiness untill
my wife shall marry or die or untill one of

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my daughters shall marry or the oldest shall arrive at the age of twenty one year in the happening of either of which events except the death of my wife I will that my entire Estate as it then may be shall be equally divided between my dear wife Mary O. Wells and her six children Elizabeth A. Wells, Susan A. Wells, Mary F. Wells, Nicholas G. Wells, Rebecca A. W. Wells, & Martha F. Wells except as hereinafter mentioned in the following items.

Item fourth - Should my wife die before distribution had as above mentioned then it is my desire and I do hereby will that my whole Estate both real & personal shall be sold and the proceeds arising therefrom be managed and loaned out by my Executors herein after named in such manner as they in their discretion shall deem best for the interest of my children and that my children be boarded out and educated as my said Executors shall think best and that distribution be made equally unto them as they marry or arrive at the age of twenty one year except as hereinafter specified -

Item fifth - In addition to the above provision in favor of my wife I give to her over and above her distribution I have mentioned in the foregoing third item my clock and a choice Bed Stead & bed furniture.

Item sixth - In addition to the foregoing provision in favor of my three youngest children Nicholas G. Wells, Rebecca A. W. Wells, & Martha F. Wells, I give them each one thousand dollars to be appropriated by Executors to their education.

Item seventh - Should my wife bear me another child (which I deem unlikely) it is my will and desire that it shall in all respects stand as my

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three youngest children -

Item eighth - I will that my entire family be supported out of my Estate untill distribution had according to the provisions herein before mentioned.

Item ninth - I will that if any of my children die before distribution had according to the foregoing provision, of this will that my wife be considered a Legatee and receive an equal share in their portion of my Estate.

Item tenth - It is my will and desire that my Executors sell my other plantation not specified in the foregoing part of this will together with my Cherokee Land if they in their discretion think best to do so and also such portion of my stock and tools as they may deem not necessary for the comfort of my family.

Item Eleventh - From the improving condition of my negroes it is probable that in a few years there will be more hands than can be profitably managed on my plantation. Should this be the case it is my desire that my Executors hire out such portion as they may consider not needed on the plantation.

Item twelfth - And in order that this my last will and testament be duly and correctly executed according to the true intent & meaning thereof I do hereby constitute nominate and appoint my trusty friends Samuel Cartwright of the County of Troup & Gilly Moore of the County of Gwin my true and lawfull Executors & I do request of each of them not to decline but to qualify and act as such.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this day and date

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first above written -

Signed Sealed and acknowledged in
the presence of us this day & date first above

written his
Warren + Moore
mark
Evan Baudle
Thomas Sprindall

George Wells

Georgia Superior Court of said County
Troup County sitting for Ordinary purposes
May Term 1839
Present Jamesell Dale
Ellin Rogers
Benⁿ M. Camm
Thos. J. Cook

Justices

The Within Last Will and testament of
George Wells, having been duly proven at the
regular term in open Court upon the oaths
of Evan Baudle and Thomas Sprindall
two of the Subscribing witnesses thereto
Ordered that the Same be
admitted to record

Wiley Wilson c.c.o.

Recorded 11th May 1839

Wiley Wilson
c.c.o.