

Will Docket at October Term 1849.

The last Will & Testament of Leander J. Wells Dec.

I, Leander J. Wells, of the County of Buncombe, & State of North Carolina,
being sick and afflicted in body, tho' of sound and disposing mind, and
calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed
for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament.

First I commend my soul to almighty God that gave it, and my body to be buried in a Christian manner at the Discretion of my Executors; and as to my worldly goods, with which God has blessed me, I bequeath in the following manner. First I direct that all my Just debts to be paid by my Executors, and I appoint my beloved brethren S. F. Wells & R. P. Wells, Executors of this my last Will & Testament, and as the Principal part of my unsettled debts and accounts exist between myself & Pears Roberts, I direct my Executors to sell so much of my property, as may be necessary to discharge all my liabilities, with him and all other just claims. And first I direct my Executors to use all diligence to collect the debts due me, and apply the means to the extinction the debts I owe. The balance of my Estate both real and personal

The debts I owe, The balance of my Estate both real and personal I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Mary Louisa, during her natural life and Widowhood, except the Tract of Land whereon I live, the Tract that my Father gave me: That Tract I desire my Wife to have the possession & profits of, until my Son Swan Franklin Wells shall arrive at the age of Twenty ~~one~~ years, and at that Time I desire the Said Land, herein last mentioned, to be the right and property of my Said Son Swan Franklin, and that he have the possession of the same. And as to the property that may fall to my Wife by the provisions of this my Will, my desire is, that in the event of her death before marriage, that it be equally divided amongst my Children, and if my Wife should marry then in that event, it is my desire, that the property heretofore bequeathed to her during her natural life and widowhood be equally divided with my Wife & my Children, share & share alike.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal this 12th day of August 1849

Test P Roberts (Surat)

James Gudgeon (Surab)

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The foregoing Will, was duly propounded in Open Court for probate, & was proven by the oath of James Budgett, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and on Saturday the 13th Oct, was also duly proven by the oath of Pears Roberts the other subscribing Witness thereto; it was ordered to be recorded. N.B. Hann ctk;

Н.В. Панаев: