

Will of John Nowell

In the name of God Amen, I John Nowell of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina, being stricken in years but of good and perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God, for it and calling to mind, the uncertain estate of this transitory life and that all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please God, to call so make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following first being penitent and sorry for all my sins past most humbly desiring forgiveness for the same. I commend my soul to Almighty God my saviour and redeemer in whom & by whose merit I trust and hope to be saved and to have full remission of all my sins and to inherit the Kingdom of heaven and my body I commend to the earth to be decently at the discretion of my executors hereafter named and for the settling of my temporal estate and such goods and chattels as it hath pleased God, to bestow upon me. I order and desire that all my property should remain in the hands of me and my wife Maria Nowell as long as we both live and then my land lying and being on the great arm of Markes Creek

- Item I give and bequeath the land whereon I now live to my eldest son Jas Nowell all the land I possess on the north side of the said creek.
- Item I give and bequeath unto my youngest son John Nowell the land on the other side of the said creek.
- Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth one cow and calf and one bed and furniture.
- Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Featherbag one cow and calf and one bed and furniture.
- Item I give and bequeath unto my two sons all the tools belonging to the plantation and then my debts to be paid, and the rest of my estate I leave to be equally divided between my children Esther Walker, Rachel Wilder, Patta Collins, James Nowell, John Nowell, Elizabeth Nowell and Featherbag Nowell. Furthermore I do hereby appoint my executors Maria Nowell, Jas Nowell and Mathew Wilder of this my last will and testament revoking and disannulling all former wills by me made declaring

this to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of March 1798 signed sealed in presence of us

Test.
Thos Branan
Leroy Branan

John Nowell (seal)

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