

hundred pounds in Money - And my will & pleasure  
is that the big black horse be sold & all the rest of  
my estate not herein particularly mentioned to  
remain in the hands of my Executrix for the purpose  
of educating & maintaining my children as far  
as may be thought necessary by my Executrix. & also  
that if my ever loving wife should die I will not  
think proper to join with my Sons in purchasing  
land that then & in that case the hundred & thirty  
pounds aforesaid be equally divided among all my  
children at my Wifes death, but if my wife should  
desire to join with my Sons in purchasing land  
lays out the hundred & thirty pounds that may  
then my will & pleasure is that each of my Son  
should have an equal share in the land so  
purchased at my Wifes death, and also that the  
money left to each of my daughters & my son John be put  
to interest until they come of age of Majority, and lastly  
I do constitute Ordain & appoint my trusty & well  
beloved brother in law Charles & Samuel Calhoun  
to be my whole & sole Executrix of this my last will &  
Testament, and I now revoke, deny & refuse any will  
or wills heretofore by me made, and I do now pronounced  
& declare this & this only to be run as my last will  
& Testament as it stands signed sealed pronounced &  
declared by me this 3<sup>d</sup> day of December 1777  
Signed sealed & declared in the presence of

Robert I. Brown &  
George Calhoun }      David Williams      

In the name of God Amen. The 15<sup>th</sup> day of October  
Year of our Lord 1776 I Henry Wells in the County  
of Cheshire being very sick & weak in body, but of  
mind & memory thanks be given unto God. Thereof  
unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing

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is apppointed for all men unto die, do make & ordain  
this my last will & testament, that is to say Principally the  
first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hand of God  
that gave it, & for my body I recommend it to the earth to be  
buried in a Christian like & decent manner at the direc-  
tion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general  
resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty  
power of God, but notwithstanding such worthy estate where-  
as with it he pleased God to bless me much in this life  
I give, decree & dispose of the same in the following manner  
and form. In the first place I do order that all my  
just debts & funeral charges be paid and satisfied —  
I give & bequeath unto Rachael my dearly beloved wife, clear-  
ing her widowhood the full benefit of the plantation  
& if she see cause to marry she is to have her third —  
I do likewise order my goods & chattels to be sold at public  
vender the plantation to be sold when the children  
comes of age & all to be equally divided amongst my  
children & to likewise order the year at the wavers  
& all the gain in the house to be for the use of clothing  
my wife & children & the breeding to be paid out of my  
estate and I do hereby constitute & appoint my wife  
Rachael & John Devotion executors of this my last will  
and testament — I do likewise order that if it please  
God to call my wife hence that my plantation to be  
rented out & the rest to — for the use of schooling of  
my children — I do hereby utterly revoke & disannule  
all & every other former testament with & legacies  
bequeathed by me in any wise before this time, and  
I do Ratify & confirm this & no other to be my last  
will & testament. In witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above  
written —

signed, sealed in the presence of

Lewis Jettow  
Patrick Gilmer  
Thomas Martin

Henry Hall