

In The Name of God Amen, I John Wells of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being in good health and of mind and memory blessed be to god for his kind mercy make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in this manner and form as following, first revoking all wills heretofore made by me. and for my executor ^{here} after named and for what estate it hath pleased god to bless me with I give as followeth viz: Item: All the property that I have heretofore given to my son Elijah Wells and has put in his possession including moneys I give to him and his heirs forever I therefore I give him ~~no~~ no more.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter ~~Mildred~~ ^{Mildred} B. Joiner four hundred dollars besides what I have heretofore give to her and to her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Sally Poulen one negro boy by the name of Jacob and all the property I have heretofore put in her possession to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Polley Young the lands and plantations whereon she now lives and the ~~same~~ land lying in Nash and Edgecombe Countys say 144 acres be the same more or less to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Temperance Braswell four hundred dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto six of my grand children by the names of Mildred Lee, William Lee, Berry Lee, Emily Lee, Polley Lee and Jeremiah Lee as follows: Jeremiah is to have at his age of twenty one years old two tracts or parcels of land lying in the county of Nash and Edgecombe none by the name of the Mary and Daughtry this tract has 52 acres and the other 100 whereof Joe Lee has be the same more or less and the other named 5 children above I give and bequeath to each hundred and fifty dollars to provided they shall be any of them to die before getting in possession of the land or money its part is to be equally divided among the surviving parties. to them forever.

Item: I lend the two tracts of land above given to Jeremiah Lee from this time to his farther Joseph Lee by his paying the taxes yearly until Jeremiah Lee arrives to the age of twenty one provided the said Joseph shall live to that age and provided that Jerry dies before one and twenty and his father ~~Joel~~ ^{Joel} that time he is to have the use of the said 152 acres up to that time and not longer.

Item: I give and bequeath to my granddaughter above named Mildred Lee one feather bed stand and furniture and flax wheel that is now in the care of her father, Joseph Lee to her forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto one ~~Wells~~ of my grand sons say Willie S. Wells three tracts or parcels of lands all in Nash county say 182 ~~4~~ acres be the same more or less 100 of it known as the Crowell tract and 8 acres is called the Joiner land on the county line and the

~~1/2~~ acre is joining Andrews J. Williams part of the home tracts surrounded by E.L. Cull and one negro Gull by the name of Milberry one gray mare bridle and saddle and 1 shot gun to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give unto ~~Danish~~ Wells one tract of land in the grant called the E. Flood land bought from his heirs say 133 ~~1/2~~ acres be the same more or less in Nash county to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Joel Wells one negro boy Toney and what I have heretofore given unto him to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Haniel Wells one negro man by the name of Cane and all the rest of the rest of the property that I have heretofore given to him to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give unto my beloved son John Wells the balance of the home tract after taking out Willie S. Wells ~~74~~ ⁷⁴ acres as above named and all the residue of my lands that is heretofore named including my houses whereon I live ~~of~~ ^{of} bought ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ three hundred ninety four acres and 1/4 be the same more or less bounded by the grants and deeds one negro ~~man~~ and child ~~the~~ ^{the} woman named is Milberry one still and worn one feather bed stand and furniture and all the residue of the property that I have put in his possession and given of to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I leave for all the balance of my negroes not named in my will stock notes, or money and all the residue of the perishable estate not given away that may be found on hand to be sold on a credit of six months and my just debts first paid and the will legacies paid out as named and the surplus part that may be on hand, if any to be equally divided between 5 of my children to wit Sally Poulen, Polley, Young, Haniel Wells, Joel Wells and John Wells, the sales is to be made by my executor hereafter named.

Item: I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved ~~son~~ ^{son} Joel Wells Executor to this my last will and testament. Given under my hand and seal this the 31st day of 1845 signed in the presence of us

Jonah Vick
Drewry Joiner

John Wells (Seal)

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash county. Feb term 1847
The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Wells deceased is offered for probate and duly proven in open court on oath by Drewry Joiner one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded. And is recorded. Attest F.M. Taylor C.C.C.