

the municipality of Nathan B Phelps - 1st I give to my
wife Polly full authority and do direct that she sell to John Tully the
tract of land on which I now live for one horse and one hundred
dollars to be paid to Joseph Brown and Jesty Wilson post in money
the last in cattle. I give to my wife Polly the horse which she
sawd sell for as well as the cattle that comes with the horse
I direct that my wife sell the plow one axe 1 for 2 axes 2 arithmetics
and such other books as she may not want for herself and the children
I direct that my wife Polly to sell two shares to Capt Hall and
to sell the chairs all but four to sell my Ragosa and to sell the
loom of she phane or sleep at for himself to sell a big hog head and
The money of all these sales to go to the payment of my debts
and remainder of the money and all the property my wife to have
to maintain the children with at her discretion
Before us Right One Nathan B Phelps
John Tully James 24th 1816

In the name of God Amen I Nathaniel Shropshire of perfect
mind and memory do by these presents as touching such things as
goods and chattels which I am possessed signify make known
this my last will and Testament Pursuing first do annulling all others
hereto fore made either written or municipal and give of all
I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to my
Mother Earth knowing that it is appointed once for all men to die
I therefore require my Executor that I have Christian Burial & be
consigned decently to the Earth. Item 1st and next to be done
it is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be
discharged of my estate whatever Item 2nd I give and bequeath
to Catherine Shropshire my much beloved wife two negroes to wit
Mud, Hannah and her three children Sabbath day and Harry a boy
& her three children Jacob Tom & Martin & Sarah also my horses
cattle & hogs my household and kitchen furniture as well as all
my wearing clothes & all my out standing debts of every description
whatsoever for and during her natural life or widowhood whom
also I appoint Sole Executor of this my last will and Testament
& in case of death or refusal to act I appoint my son James
Shropshire Executor in her place Item 3rd I give and bequeath
to my daughter Nancy Shropshire one negro girl named Dabla
to be had within from her share when made equal with the
rest at a division of her Mothers Legacy either at her death
or second marriage as I have made no separation account
to any but her last have account her two girl now & when
the Division takes place for her to have that much less
than the rest - Item 4th It is my will that after the death
of my much beloved wife Catherine aforesaid my property