

Be it remembered that on the Twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen the last Will and Testament of Nathan Wells deceased was filed in the Clerk's office of the Orange Circuit Court and proven by the oaths of Ephraim Dean Peleg Gifford and Solomon Allen the Witnesses thereunto subscribed and Levi Gifford one of the Executors therein named performed what was necessary on his part to obtain Letters testamentary and a copy the will is hereunto annexed to wit

Nathan Wells Will

Be it remembered that I Nathan Wells of Orange County and State of North Carolina being sick and weak in body but perfect in mind and memory calling to mind the Mortality of of the body and knowing that it is appointed for man once to die do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in the following manner and forme

First I declare that all my just debts be paid together with my funeral charges and the remaining parts of my Estate I give divide and dispose of the same in manner following I order that my Wife Esther have full privilage of the plantation that I now live on and all the buildings belonging thereto during her natural life to cultivate or rent out the land and enjoy the profits arising there from if it be her choice to live on the land and at her decease or marriage I order the land to be sold by my Executors and the price of it be divided in equal shares among my three sons Joseph Nathan and John but if it be my Wifes choice to remove from the above said Plantation I empower my Executors to make sale of the land and divide the price in equal shares among my Wife and aforesaid three sons Joseph Nathan and John At my decease I order that that of land that I purchased of Thomas Monksland adjoining the lands of Samuel Pike and Alexander to be sold by my Executors and the price of it to be applied to the payment of my debts and other charges arising from the Execution of this Will and if there be any remainder I order that the same be divided in Equal shares be tween my two daughters Esther and Sarah by my Executors I give to my Wife one good Bedstead and furniture her choice of the beds in my possession and all the spinning wheels that I possess and also one square Black Walnut Table and one gun shot

and one third parte of my dressorfurniture and one
 Case her share of the stock to be at her intire
 disposal Item I give to my Wife one grey mare and
 a Braum Mare and all my ploughs and plaw gears
 and all my weading hoes and one ox her chaise and
 one Mattock and my loome and Tacklings Slais
 Sluys and gears and one dutch oven one faw Gallan
 Pot and one stitit her choin and one Washing tub
 and all my stock of hogs and all the flax and all
 the grain that is now on the plaw and also all
 the fodder and straw and thawe on the plaw and
 also my household chaires I give the a bove mention
 property to my Wife for her use and benefit during
 her life or widow hood and at her decess
 or marriage I order that the aforesaid property
 or such parte of it as is not consumed by using be
 sold by my Executors and the money be divided in
 equal shares a mong my three daughters Churry Esther
 and Sarah I order my Executors to see my Wagon
 and Brick Bands are care of Dracors and one oak
 Black waned table one pair of Dressors and all the
 remaining parte of my property not mentioned in this
 will Except the bees and furniture and divide the money
 Equal between my two daughters Esther and Sarah
 I also give to my two daughters Esther and Sarah each
 of them a Fether Bed and furniture I give to my son
 Stephen Wells one dollar I give to daughter Susannah
 Ray one dollar I give to my daughter Elizabeth
 one dollar I give to my son William Wells one dollar
 If my Executors find that my two sons Nathan & John
 are not sufficiently obedient and dutifull to their
 mother give them power to bind them to such mark
 as they may think proper and Lastly I nominate con-
 stitute and appoint Stephen Word and Levi Gifford
 Executors to this my last Will and testament

In Witness where of I have hereunto set my hand
 and seal this sixteenth day of the tenth month in the
 1814 signed pronounced and declared by the said Nathl
 Wells to be his last Will and testament in presence
 of
 Ephraim Doan
 Peleg Gifford &
 Solomon Allen

Be it remembered that on the the eighteenth
 day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand
 eight hundred and eighteen the last Will and testamen