

Appears to an Order of Southampton Marsh Comdy Court 1825 The under signed have appeared all the personal Estate of Elizabeth R. Wells decd given under our hands this 21 day of December 1825

James Bishop
Thomas Vaughan
Wm. Lawrence

Southampton County Court

This day personally appeared before me Lawrence Clerk & Justice of the peace James Bishop, Thomas Vaughan and made oath that the above is a true and perfect inventory of all the goods & chattels of Eliza. Wells decd given under our hands this 21 day of Decr 1825

Lawrence Clerk

Southampton County Court This day personally appeared before me William Physicogen Justice of the peace William Lawrence & made oath that the above is a true and perfect inventory of all the goods & chattels of Eliza. R. Wells decd given under my hands & seal this 21 day of Decr 1825

(Wm. Physicogen J.P.)

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 21st November 1825. The Inventory & appraisement of the Estate of Eliza. R. Wells decd was put forward to be recorded

Teste James R. Wells

John. Wells
Dee

In the name of God amen I John Wells of Southampton County being of sound mind & memory do make, establish & ordain this my last will and testament as follows To my mother Mary Wells I lend during her natural life the use of that moiety of my plantation on which she now resides with all the houses & advantages & appurtenances thereto belonging It is my will & desire that my unmarried sister shall have a home and shelter and send moiety with their said sister not only during her life but also after death and that my said unmarried sister shall continue to live therein and to have the use thereof during them and each of their single lives so long as there is a single unmarried living therein I give to my wife Sally M. Wells a fee simple right in every thing that she brought me by marriage with her which property she is hereby authorized to dispose and convey to her self & also give her under the stock of cattle with two horses three mares she brought me by marriage also my two sons & give all the following large all my present crop of fodder & corn also my two bay & brown also in fee simple I give two my slaves Ann, Phebe and I vest in and the power that of all my present property directs to be sold to be sufficient to discharge all my debts & liabilities and in that case I direct my slaves Phebe be also sold to discharge the balance of said debts growing to my said wife the choice of paying the said balance & retaining said negroes or of having them sold and receiving to her own use and right whatever balance may be left of the said sale after discharging said balance of my debts I also lend to my said wife Sally M. Wells during her natural life and during her natural life of the so long then as my widow the other moiety of my plantation being the plantation with the houses & advantages & appurtenances attached thereto on which she now resides to have the entire use thereof so long as she remain my widow one of my two and fourteen said and my wife so long as she remain my widow one of my two and fourteen complete I give and bequeath and give simple the balance of my Estate not above shown or hereafter directs to be sold to my daughter Mary J. Wells that is to say after the death of my mother and the death marriage or removal of each of of all my sisters then my daughter right or that of her heirs shall vest and become also but in and to the moiety named to my mother & sister as above also to my said daughter or her heirs as above the other moiety of my land remains also to my wife shall become hers & Mrs. Wells after the death or marriage of my said wife I also give to my said daughter & her heirs immediately on my decease one of my two and fourteen complete and at the death or marriage of my wife the other two of fourteen bequeath to her also and to my said daughter & her heirs I give all my right title interest and claim in and to the two negroes of Mrs. Helen Chambers which was my mother's maiden property and which she conveyed to me by deed to my said daughter and her heirs I also give my three horses & two mares simple immediately after my decease also whatever balance may remain in the hands of my executors after settling my Estate with whatever is not specifically bequeathed above or directs to be sold I likewise give to my said daughter & her heirs that my executors make out an inventory of my Estate designating separately each