

## The Will of Sybella Angel, Danbury, North Carolina

NOTE: Sybella/Sibella (nee unknown) Angel (b. abt. 1730 – d. abt. 1810) was the wife of Charles Angel (b. 1720 – d. abt. 1775). Her maiden name is unknown. Some researchers claim “Cummings” but I have yet to find one record to prove this. Therefore, her parents are unknown. After the death of Charles, she and her son Charles Jr. became the Executors of his Estate (see his Will) and she inherited a portion of the Angel Plantation which resided on the south side of the Dan River in Surry County at that time. Charles wrote his Will on July 17, 1773 and went into probate May 1776. Therefore he dies around 1775ish. She wrote the following Will on April 2, 1809, bequeathing the following to the named children: Jemima (md. James Hensley), Elizabeth (md. Henry Cooke), Nancy (md. Rev. George Pierce), Sibella (md. John Hutchins), Frances (md. Mr. Hensley), Rebecca, Barbara (md. Henry Harry Hensley), Lawrence, Rev. John J. (md. Mary “Polly” Griner), Josiah, Charles and James. Her daughter Mary (md. Joseph Osborne) was not mentioned in the Will. The Angel Plantation was near Belews Creek in now Stokes Co., NC. It is assumed their burials were on the plantation. In 1973, the Belews Creek Dam was constructed and flooded 3,684 acres to create the Belews Lake. I suspect that their unmarked graves are somewhere around or in the lake. I am the 5-G granddaughter of Charles Angel and Sybella through their daughter, Barbara Angel who married Sgt. Henry Harry Hensley and moved to Bee Log area of Yancey Co., NC. ----Beth Bradford-Pytel [bbpytel@yahoo.com](mailto:bbpytel@yahoo.com) (updated 11-1-2023)

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“I, Sybella Angel, of the county of Stokes being weak of body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men and w6men once to die, make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say Principally, first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and. as touching such worldly estate where with it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give and demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

First, I give and bequeath to **Jemima**, my daughter, the sum of five shillings lawful money of North Carolina to be raised and levied out of my estate; also I give to my well beloved daughter **Elizabeth** the sum of five shillings of the currency of our state. Also I give to my beloved daughter, **Nancy**, the sum of five shillings of the currency of our state. Likewise to my daughter **Sibbe** the sum of five shillings, like wise to the heirs of my daughter **Frances** the sum of five shillings. Likewise I give and bequeath to my daughter **Rebekah** the sum of five shillings currency of the same, and also to my daughter, **Barbara**, I give and bequeath the sum of five shillings currency of our state. Like-wise unto my son **Lawrence** I give and bequeath the sum of five shillings currency of our state. Likewise unto my son **John** Angel I give and bequeath the same that is the sum of five shillings currency of our state. I also give and bequeath unto my son **Josiah** the sum of five shillings currency of our state, and also I give to my well-beloved sons, **Charles** and **James** Angel, whom I likewise constitute, make and ordain the sole executors of this my last will and testament, all and singular my property by them freely to be possessed and enjoyed. And I do hereby disallow, revoke, and disannul all and every other testament or former testaments, wills, legacies, bequests and executors in anywise before named, willed and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the second day of April, in the year of our Lord 1809.

Witness: Ann (x) Ham; signed Sibe (x) Angel, proved by Benj. Angel, Jurat”