Republic of Texas
County of Rusk } I, John S. Simpson, Judge of Probates for said County, hereby certify that John W. Smith is the duly appointed and qualified executor of the last will and testament of the late Col. Lysander Wells, deceased, and due faith and credit should be given to his acts as such.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and cause an impress of the seal of our said Court of Probates to be affixed, this third day of June, in the year 1844.

John S. Simpson
Probate Judge.

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