

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA, }  
Lenoir County. . }

Know all men by these presents, That we *Samuel*  
*Samuel S. Abraham Budgett*

are held and firmly bound unto *John Branch* Governor,  
or his successors in office, in the full sum of five hundred pounds, current  
money, to be paid to the said Governor, his successors or assigns, for the  
which payment, well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves,  
our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by  
these presents. Sealed with our seals; and dated this *14<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *September* Anno Domini, 1820

THE CONDITION of the above obligation is such, That whereas the  
above bounden *Samuel* hath made application  
for a licence for marriage to be celebrated between him and *Elizabeth*  
*Wells* of the county aforesaid.....Now, in case it  
shall not appear hereafter that there is any lawful cause or impediment  
to obstruct the said marriage, then the above Obligation to be void, other-  
wise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of *Samuel* Seal  
*J. W. Deane*  
*Samuel S. Abraham Budgett* Seal