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of said William Byrd de.

all His Excellency

RS Bell

will

I Robert S Bell being in an infirm state of health but of
sound and disposing mind & memory, feeling the uncertainty
of the duration of human life, and being desirous of making
such provision by will as will best secure to my father William
a comfortable support & maintenance during his life, and
also make provision for my wife & child, do make publish
and establish this as my last will and testament in manner
and form as follows - Item 1st I hereby appoint my father
in law Franklin Gorton my brother John M Bell and my
friend Sam^l Marshall Executors to this my last will and
testament - Item 2^d I will to my said executors in trust
for the use and benefit of my father William Bell all my
land with their appurtenances for and during the natural
life of my said father, they paying to my wife one third
of the net proceeds of the lands and tenements or one
third of what the rent of said property would be worth
annually, and at the death of my father I will said lands
&c to my infant son William Franklin Bell subject to
the dower of my wife Maria Bell in said lands -
Item 3^d I will to my said executors in trust for the use
and benefit of my said father for and during his natural
life the one third part of all my slaves and at my household
and kitchen furniture farming utensils, waggon, teams &c
stock horses hogs sheep cattle &c, and at his death the slaves
to go to my said infant son, and the proceeds of said property to
be sold and one third of the proceeds thereof paid to my wife
and the other two thirds to be placed on interest and used
for the purpose raising clothing and educating my said son -
Item 4th I will the other two thirds of my slaves to be equally
divided between my wife and my infant son - It is my will
that my executors keep all my property together if my father
should live so long untill the full payment of all my debts -
Item 5th It is my will that my wife and child make
their home & live with my father if they shall choose
to do so clear of any charge to them - Item 6th I
will that all the property that I have received or may
receive by my wife go back to her or the value thereof
in addition to the other dowers herein made to her,
that when the slaves devised in Item 3^d to my wife

is only devised to her during her natural life & then to my son
Item 6th It is my will if my son should die during his minority
then in that event I will all the property herein devised to him
to be equally divided between all my brothers & sisters provided
he should not marry during his minority & have issue - In
witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 17th
March 1840

Witness

William Ford

William Hall

Robt S Bell ES

Codiced to the last will & testament of Robert S Bell
made & published the 17th day of March 1840

It is my will and desire that the provision made my eldest
child in my will be extended to and divided with my
two youngest children and that the provision made my
wife and father in said will remain as it is and be not
charged during their life or lives with any contribution
to make up an estate for my youngest children
In witness my hand & seal this 13th day of April 1845.

Signed sealed & acknowledged
in the presence of us

M Delph

H Whitman

Barren County 10th December Term 1845.

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and
testament of Robert S Bell dec^d and the Codicil attached
thereto were produced in Court and read and sworn to at the
October term last and said will was proven in part by the
Oath of William Hall a subscribing witness thereto and
the said Codicil was fully proven by the Oath of Margaret
Delph and William Whitman subscribing witnesses thereto
and at this term the said will was fully proven by the Oath
of William Ford a subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon
the same were ordered to be recorded in the town book
of said Robert S Bell dec^d

all His Excellency