

9 head of hogs
 3 Cows
 3 Smaller cattle
 2 Yearlings
 1 Mare & Colt
 1 Young Bay Mare
 1 Black Horse
 9 Head of Sheep

12	10	"
7	10	"
1	10	"
15	0	"
10	"	"
0	"	"
"	12	"
106	1	4 1/2

N. M. P.
 Powell
 Robt Thompson
 Thomas Fortune

At a Court held for Amherst County the Seventh day of
 February 1785 This Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate
 of Benjamin Fortain Deceased was this Day Returned &
 Ordered to be Recorded Test. Edm^d. Wilson Clk

In the Name of God Amen. I James Nivell of the County of
 Amherst being in perfect hith and sound disposing Memory for
 Preventing disputes in my Family about my Estate do make this
 my last will and Testament for disposing thereof
 Infirmities my Will and Desire is that my Just Debts be discharged
 I Give to my Beloved Wife Mary Nivell all my Land with my
 Dwelling House that lies on the North of the South fork of Rockfish
 River and Maple Branch to the Back line on the Mountain
 During her life except my children under age & my Daughter
 unmarried to have a privilege in my Dwelling House also
 give her the Work of Four Negroes for the same Time Viz. 1st of
 Easter & Egg And a child's part of all my Household Goods
 The Household Goods I give for ever. I also give her the Ninth
 part of all my Stock of Every kind except Horses. & as to horses I
 give her one Young Bald Eagle Mare named Sorrentine & and
 Selma. Item I give and Bequeath to my son Luis Nivell
 one certain tract or parcel of Land lying on the South of Side
 of the South fork of Rockfish River and at the lower end of my
 Land Beginning on the line of Benjamin Thomas Deceased then

On his line to the Back line to Pointers Near a great Poplar thence
to Include all the back line to Where the path Crosse the great Branch
thence across the Red Ridge to Where Dick made a bance in the head of a
Bottom that Runs through the great Branch fields thence to a large
White Oak on the Top of Hill Near Where Captain Was Killed thence
North to the creek thence Down the Meanders of the creek to the Beginning
thence & his heirs forever: Item I give and Bequeath to my son James
Nivel one certain Tract or parcel of Land Beginning on the south
side of my Land Near my New clearing and to Run a small distance
to a Persimmon tree in a little Pond thence up welcomed Branch to the
Top of the Red Ridge thence to the back Road Where it Crosse the
Creek thence up Maple Run to the line thence to Include all my land
on the North side of the creek and all the upper line to the Beginning
to him & his heirs forever: Item I give and Bequeath to my son
Zachariah Nivel all the Land Lying Between my son Lewis
Nivel's Tract & my son James Nivel's Tract of Land the Back line of
the creek to him & his heirs forever. My Will is that my Executors have
priviledge to Cut Timber or use it at their Discretion on any of the
above disposed Lands for the raising or Supporting of my young
Children: Item I give and Bequeath to my son Cornelius Nivel
all the Land I have lent to my Beloved Wife after her Death to him &
his heirs forever: Item I give to my son James Nivel one Ninth part
of all my Stock of Every kind Horses Excepted and the Tenth part
of my House hold Goods: Item I give & Bequeath to my son Luis
Nivel one Tenth part of my house hold Goods: Item I give &
Bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Nivel one Ninth part of
my Stock of Every kind Horses Excepted but my Will is that my
Executors provide a good Horse & Saddle for her. I give her the
tenth part of all my House hold Goods: Item I give to my dau-
ghter Sally Nivel one Ninth part of my Stock of Every kind
Horses Excepted But my Will is that my Executors Provide a good
Horse & Saddle for her. I give her the Tenth part of my House
hold Goods: Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Lucy
Nivel one Ninth part of my Stock of Every kind Horses Excepted
But my Will is that my Executors provide a good Horse &
Saddle for her & I give her the Tenth part of my House hold
Goods: Item I give my Daughter Molly Nivel one Ninth
part of my Stock of Every kind Horses Excepted But my Will is

That my Executors provide a good Horse & Saddle for her & I give
 her the tenth part of my Household goods. Item I give to my son
 Tachacah Nivel one Ninth part of my Stock of every kind
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 good Horse & Saddle for him & I give him the Tenth part of my
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 Ninth part of my Stock of every kind Horses Excepted but my
 Will is that my Executors provide a good Horse & Saddle for
 him & I give him the Tenth part of my Household Goods. —
 Item I give to my Daughter Easther Nivel one Ninth part of
 my Stock of every kind Horses Excepted but my Will is that my
 Executors provide her a good Horse & Saddle for her & I give her
 the Tenth part of my Household Goods. Item I give & bequeath
 unto my son Sues Nivel the Ninth part of my Slaves be-
 allowing for one Valuable Negroe Fellow already in his
 Possession before he Shares my part of my Negroes, also
 unto my Wife, after her death, I give the Ninth part of the Slaves
 Ninth part of the Slaves that shall fall to my share of the
 Dower of Mrs Lucy Childress. Item I give & bequeath to
 my son James Nivel the Ninth part of all my Slaves at
 the Ninth part of the Slaves lent to my Wife after her death
 also the Ninth part of the Slaves that shall fall to my part
 of the Dower of Mrs Lucy Childress. Item I give & bequeath
 to my Daughter Elizabeth Nivel the Ninth part of all my
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 also the Ninth part of the Slaves that shall fall to my part
 of the Dower of Mrs Lucy Childress. Item I give & bequeath
 my Daughter Sally Nivel the Ninth part of my Slaves
 also the Ninth part of the Slaves lent to my Wife after her
 death also the Ninth part of the Slaves that shall fall to my
 part of the Dower of Mrs Lucy Childress. Item I give & bequeath
 to my Daughter Lucy Nivel the Ninth part of all my Slaves
 the Ninth part of the Slaves lent to my Wife after her death
 also the Ninth part of the Slaves that shall fall to my part
 of the Dower of Mrs Lucy Childress. Item I give and bequeath
 to my Daughter Molly Nivel the Ninth part of all my Slaves
 also the Ninth part of the Slaves lent to my Wife after her

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 her the tenth part of my House hold goods. Item I give to my son
 Tachacah Nivel one Ninth part of my Stock of every kind
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 to my Daughter Molly Nivel the Ninth part of all my Slaves
 also the Ninth part of the Slaves lent to my Wife after her

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Death also the Ninth part of the Slaves that shall fall to my
part of the Dowry of Mrs Lucy Childreys. Item I give & Bequeath to
my son Zachariah Nove the Ninth part of all my Slaves also the
Ninth part of the Slaves lent to my Wife after her death also the
Ninth part of the Slaves that shall fall to my part of the Dowry of
Mrs Lucy Childreys. Item I give to my son Cornelius Nove
the Ninth part of all my Slaves also the Ninth part of the Slaves
lent to my Wife after her death also the Ninth part of the Slaves
that shall fall to my part of the dowry of Mrs Lucy Childreys.
Item I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Ester Nove the Ninth
part of all my Slaves also the Ninth part of the Slaves lent to
my Wife after her death also the Ninth part of the Slaves that
shall fall to my part of the Dowry of Mrs Lucy Childreys. My
Will and Desire is that if any of my Children die before they have
Children themselves that their part may be Equally divided
between the rest of their Brothers & Sisters I give a Discretionary
^{Power} to my Executors Hereafter Named to give to my children as they
come to age any part of their Estate as they may think proper
Reserving Enough to Maintain & Educate my younger child-
ren until the Exors think proper to have an Equal Division
I allow my Beloved Wife Mary Nove the Liberty of Working
her four Niggers that I lend her With the Negroes of my Estate
During her Widowhood She having an Equal Share of the
profits According to the quantity of Hands she Works and also
to pay her proportional part of the Expenses. Item I leave
the Care & Tuition & Guardianship of my Children to my
Executors. I constitute & appoint my Friends William
Cabell Senr & Nicholas Cabell Executors of this my last will
& Testament. And thus set my house in order by settling
my Temporal affair I charitably Submit my Eternal
Concerns to the Wise and Mercifull disposer of all things &
patiently Wait his Mandate for my Great Change & to
this my last Will & Testament have set my hand at this
Nineteenth day of May one thousand seven hundred & Eighty
Four Signed Sealed and Acknowledged
to his last Will & Testament
In the presence of us

Matthew Nightingale
 Norborn Thomas
 James Matthews
 Richard Murgow
 John Puchard
 William Dixon

James Nivell (S.S.)

At a Court held for Amherst County the Seventh Day of February
 1785 this Last Will & Testament of James Nivell Deceased was pre-
 sented in Court by William Cabell and Nicholas Cabell the
 Executors therein Named and proved by the Oath of Matthew Night-
 ingale James Matthews and Richard Murgow Witnesses thereof
 & the said Executors with Edmund Winston and Samuel Mor-
 dith their Sureties Entered into and acknowledged their Bond
 in the Penalty of Ten Thousand Pounds took the Oath Requi-
 red by Law and the said Will is Ordered to be Recorded

Test Edm^d. Winston Ck^o

Know All men by these Presents that we William Cabell Nicholas Cabell
 Edmund Winston and Samuel Mordith are held and firmly bound to James
 Lillard Hugh Rose William Horsley & William Cabell Jun^r Justices
 of the Court of Amherst County Now Sitting in the sum of Ten Thousand
 Pounds to the payment whereof well and truly to be made to the said Justices
 and their Successors we bind our selves and each of us our and each of our heirs
 Executors and Administrators Jointly and severally firmly these presents
 Sealed with our seals this seventh day of February in the year of our Lord
 One Thousand seven Hundred and eighty five in the Ninth year of the Common

The Condition of this Obligation is such that if the above Said
 William Cabell & Nicholas Cabell Executors of the Last Will & Testamen-
 of James Nivell Deceased do make or cause to be made a true & perfect Inventory
 of all and singular the goods chattles and credits of the said Deceased which
 have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of the said William
 & Nicholas Cabell or into the hands and possession of any other person or
 persons for them and the same so made do Exhibit into the County Court
 of Amherst at such Time as they shall be thereunto Required by the said
 Court. and the same good chattles and credits and all other the goods
 Chattles and Credits of the said Deceased what at any Time after shall
 come to the hands possession or knowledge of the said Executors or
 into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for them
 do well and truly administer according to Law & further do make a

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As far as the said goods Chattels and Credits will hereunto
 Extend and the Law shall Charge, then this obligation to be
 Void and of None Effect or Else to Remain in full force and
 Virtue

Mary ^{her} Edmonds L S
 Smith

James ^{her} Edmonds
 Smith

At a Court held for Amherst County the Seventh Day of
 March 1705 This Bond was acknowledged and ordered to be
 Recorded

Test. Edm'd. Wilcox Clk

Pursuant to an Order of the Worshipfull Court of Amherst County
 in the Subscribing Burg first sworn have Appraised in Current Money
 the slaves & Personal Estate of Col. James Nivels Deceased shown
 to us for that Purpose as followeth to Wit.

Joe a Negroe fellow 30 years of age or thereabouts	£ 100	"	"
Esther about 16 years Old	100	"	"
Agg about 15 years Old	60	"	"
Med about 13 years Old	60	"	"
Telus about 10 years Old	75	"	"
Will about 14 years Old	75	"	"
Bob about 12 years Old	55	"	"
Cuffy about 10 years Old	55	"	"
Pott about 6 years Old	40	"	"
Jude about 4 years Old	30	"	"
Thomas about 4 years Old	50	"	"
Also three years Old or thereabouts	25	"	"
Lett about 24 years Old and Child	120	"	"
Nan about 34 years Old and Child	117	"	10
Suze about 9 years Old	£ 20	"	"
Jacob about 25 years Old	100	"	"
Ben about 30 years Old	100	"	"
Sawney about 9 years Old	50	"	"
Phell about 9 years Old	50	"	"
Causey about 7 years Old	35	"	"
Pott between 12 & 13 years Old	20	"	"
Dimeah about 26 years Old & her Child George	100	"	"
Rachel about 14 years Old	75	"	"

Sub about 15 years old	£ 60	"	"
Phillis about 20 years & her child away	70	"	"
Dolph about 22 years old & Dargenfield her Child	100	"	"
Cupet about 35 years old	50	"	"
one Bala Eagle Boulard Mare three years old	8	"	"
one Bay Horse 6 years old	10	"	"
one Bay Horse Colt	20	"	"
one Bay Mare 23 years old	5	"	"
one Bay mare 7 years old	15	"	"
one Bay Horse 10 years old	12	"	"
one Black Horse 10 years old	10	"	"
twenty head of sheep	7	10	"
two yoke of Oxen	14	"	"
one Cart & Ox Chain	4	"	"
three Tables £3 one Dish £11 Ten Chairs £1 10 one Glaz Fr 10	10	"	"
one Can & twelve Bottles 18/ one Rifle Gun & stail Bag £3	3	10	"
Six Beds & furniture £60 two Chests & one Trunk £1 17	6	17	"
one Croquet saw 12/ one Hand saw 1/3 5 Narrow Axes 20/	3	5	3
three plows 22/	5		
two Hitting hoes £2 10 Ten grubbing hoes £2 Eight fold hoes 5	5	3	"
one Barrenshare Plow with 6 horses £1 10 two Augers one drawing	1	17	6
Knife & Chisel 4/6	5		
4yder Cakes 30/5 Butter Potts 15/ 5 Queens Chama	4	"	"
dishes 15/20 d. Plates 20/	5		
22 pewter Plates £2 4 3 pewter dishes £2 10 pewter Basins 2/5	5	16	"
22 pewter Table Spoons 11/ 2 ^d Tea Spoons 5/ one Coffee pot 4/6	1	3	6
two Tin Pans 1/6 one Mug & one Tureen 4/6 4 Candlesticks	1	18	"
4 Snuffers 12/	5		
one Copper still 6/ five slays with Harnes 20/ one Lead 9/	1	15	"
four Bowls 4/ one Garter Loom & harnes 1/3 two 15 Gallon basins 8/	1	13	3
five old Barrels 6/ one pair of Stillards 8/ one Woman's Saddle 5/	2	14	"
10 old Reap hooks 5/ one Belt 5/ four Iron hoops 6/ one prau 9/	1	19	"
one Old Bay the 2/6 3 Suggs 6/ one Sape 20/ 2 Harkles & 2 cowbells 12/	2	0	6
3 flax wheels 20/ two Cotton wheels 15/ 4 Iron Pottles & 4 small ones 4/5	5	5	0
2 Iron Pot Racks 10/ one Loom & pair Wapung Bars 20/	1	10	"
one Good Iron one Fryng pan 1/5 1/2 fish forks & 1/2 Old har	1	12	"
Two pair of Iron Traces	1	12	"
three prized h hats of Tobacco supposed 1100 Each 225/ 1/2	41	5	"
a pair of Tobacco 1500 a 25/	18	15	"
Spice	23	9	10
Andators certificates for Militia duty & provisions	77	3	5
Small Looking glass sugar box silver 6 silver Tea spoons	3	4	12
pair of Spoon holders & 6 cups & Saucers	3	4	12

6 bowheads & three calf skins
 Knife Box 9 Knives & 10 forks
 one Tea Kettle 12/ 8 Vol. of the Spectator 30/ 6
 30 Head of cattle Old and young
 86 Head of Hogs Old and young
 110 Barrels of corn @ 10/ 6
 one Gunter p.^o compasses Wm thebet & Brown
 a Parcel of Feathers

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£	9	5	"
"	12	"	"
2	2	"	"
58	5	"	"
95	0	"	"
55	"	"	"
0	10	"	"
3	"	0	"
£	234	6	34

Certified under our hands this 19th March 1785
 Abraham Warwick
 James Matthews
 Richard Murrow

At a Court held for Amherst County the second Day of May 1785
 This Inventory & Appraisement of the Estate of James Kears Dceased
 was this Day Returned and Ordered to be Recorded

Test. Edm^d. Wilcox Ck

Pursuant to your Order of Court November 1784.
 we have Appraised the Estate of Reuben Robertson Dceased

To 1 Piece Cow	£	3	10	"
To 1 Ditto		3	0	0
To 1 Bed & furniture		6	0	0
To Sundary Articles of wearing cloths		4	10	6
Total	£	11	0	6

Appt the 25th 1785

Thomas Bell
 John M. Clure
 Alex^r. Henderson

At a Court held for Amherst County the second Day of May 1785
 This Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of Reuben
 Robertson Dceased was this Day Returned & Ordered to be Recorded
 Test. Edm^d. Wilcox Ck