

In the Name of God Amen I
Poell of the Parish and County of Augusta being sick and
Weak but of perfect Memory thank be to Almighty God, -
And Calling to mind the Uncertain State of this Transitory
Life And that it is Appointed for all men Once to die when
it shall please God to Call I do hereby make Constitute and
Ordain & declare this my Last Will and Testament in
Manner and form following And first I recommend my
Soul to God who gave it And my body to be Buried in a decent
And Christian Like Manner at the Discretion of my
Executors And as for my Temporal Estate which it hath pleased
God to bestow upon me it is my will And Desire it be disposed
of in Manner following (Viz) it is my will and desire that
All Debts Justly Due by me to any manner of person or
Persons what so ever be well and truly paid within convenient
Time after my Decease by my Executors here after named Item
I give and bequeath unto my dear Son William

of in manner following (Viz): it is my will and desire that
All Debts Justly Due by me to any manner of Person or
Persons whatsoever be well and truly paid within convenient
Time after my Decease by my Executors hereafter named
I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Rachel Bell all and
every of my household Goods and Implements belonging to the Plan-
tation with and my two working horses and likewise that she
have the use of the Plantation whereon I now live for the
Supporting of my Children untill my son William Bell arrive
the age of twenty one Year at which time of my said son Will-
iam Bell arrive at the age of twenty one Years I leave and bequeath
this my said Plantation whereon I now dwell to him and
heirs for ever I also give and bequeath unto my well beloved
James Bell one tract of Land containing four hundred Acres
Lying on a Spring Branch of James Branch and one
of Land lying on a Spring near a branch of Cathey River

near joining to the Plantation whereon I live and whereas I have bargained
and sold unto my cousin Andrew Foster one half of Land Lyon on a
spring branch of the R^d Gaithers River commonly known by the name
of McClures Run it is my will and desire that he the Foster may have
the said Land he paying unto my trustees the just sum of forty
three pounds being the sum conditioned for, but and if the Foster do
not pay for said Land I give & bequeath the same unto my son James
Bell he paying thereout unto his sisters here after mentioned y^e sum of
twenty pounds so soon as he shall arrive at the age of twenty three years
but and if the Foster hold the said Land I will & desire that he my grandson
James Bell have thereof the sum of twenty three pounds it is like
wise my will and desire that all my stock of Horse kind & cow kind
be sold to the best advantage and one fifth part thereof with all my tools
and I give & bequeath unto my well beloved wife Rachel Bell
and likewise I give & bequeath unto my four Daughters Viz)
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four fifths of my stock with all the just and solvent Debts due to me
to be equally divided and paid unto them as they come of age by my
Executors. Likewise give I bequeath unto my beloved Nephews William Bell
and James Bell that tract of Land whereon they now dwell and common-
ly known by the name of Smiths Spring it is my will and desire that if
either of those my two sons die in their Nonage that one third part
of his Estate which it shall please God to leave, shall go to his Brother
and the other two thirds to be equally divided between his Mother & his
Sisters. I also give I bequeath unto my said son William Bell one natural
Pacing bay mare aged three years old Next Spring And unto my said
son John Bell I leave I bequeath one natural Pacing mare aged three
years Next Spring And I do hereby Ordain constitute and Appoint
my well beloved wife Rachel Bell and my trusty and beloved Nephew
James Bell to be my Executors of this my Last will and testaments
And I do hereby revoke and annul all other last wills and testam-
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And I do hereby revoke and disannul all other Testaments & Testa-
ments will or Wills whatsoever heretofore by me made whether by
Word or Writing Allowing and Approving of this only as my Last
will and Testament in writing whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and Seal this 7th of February 1743/8

Signed Sealed

In the presence of
Alexander Crawford
Prob. Clerk
Samuel Bell

James Bell Seal

At a Court held for Augusta County the 28 of May 1751
This Last will and Testament of James Bell deceased was presented in
Court by Rachel of James Bell the Exor there in named of being proved
by the Oath of Alexander Crawford Robert Penny of Samuel Bell the
Witnesses thereto this Will is admitted to Record And on the Motion
of the Exor who made Oath according to Law Certificate is
granted them for Obtaining a Probate thereof in due form Giving
Security on which the said Rachel of James Bell with John Archer
and Thomas Armstrong their Sureties entered into & Acknowledged their
Bond according to Law

Test

Know all men by these presents that we Rachel Bell
James Bell John Archer Thomas Armstrong