

In the name of God Amen I Benjamin Howell Sr
being of Sound mind and memory the week in body do lend
into this ^{my} last Will & Testament Resolving all other Wills by
me heretofore made, I purport my Will and desire is that
all my Just Debt shall be paid by my Ex^{rs} Secondly my
Will and desire is that the land I now live on that is be de-
scribed by Quaker Smith and William Griffiths in the manner
following ~~the~~ beginning on a tree in the line run east on the
left hand side of the path leading from my house to my son
David Howell's other (order) to be so as to crop the creek two
rods below the fording from my house to Quaker Smith's the
same course continued to the creek line as the one on the opposite
side of the land and my son Benjamin Howell his heirs & assigns
I give all the land on the North West side of said line and
my daughter Mary Howell her heirs & assigns to have a little
land on the South East side of the said line and I give &
devise to my son Benjamin Howell my young son William
at cow his choice of any except the one hereafter given away in place
of the said land

I desire all the land on the North West side of said river
my daughter Mary Howell has been & ought to have
I set on the South East side of the said line also I give &
desire to my son Benjamin Howell my young child & have
it come his chance of my estate the one hereafter given being a place
and two pairs of Iron braces I give and desire to my daughter
Mary Howell my parcel and on Francis the relinquisher
of claim to the land were generally known by the names
of his mother a Cow called pink & a red two year old
horses also three head of sheep I give and desire to my son
the parcel and the room & 1/2 acre & one further bed of sandstone
and one chest and all the kitchen furniture in addition
to what is mentioned. My Will and desire is, that all the
rest of my estate shall be sold at the highest bidders on the
first day of October next after my decease and the money
to be equally divided amongst my children, William
son Benjamin who is to have five pounds more than

the rest as a compensation for his services for the trouble I expect
he will find in settling my affairs. I hereby appoint my
brother Joshua Grover and my son Benjamin Howell
executors to last my estate and to do all that I have
wherewith I have provided to set my hand. Done this 25th
day of April 1799

Tested & signed by
Benjamin Howell

Witness
Brook Smith

Joshua Howell
Witness or John
mark

Benjamin & Wickman
mark

Montgomery, August Court 1799

This Last Will and Testament of Benjamin Howell decen-
ed was presented in Court as & proven by the Oaths of John Smith
Joshua Howell and Benjamin Howell & others.

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Benjamin Howell
mark

Brook Smith

Benjamin Howell

Joshua Howell

Marcus L. Lick

Benjamin H. Hickman

Montgomery, August Court 1799

This Last Will and Testament of Benjamin Howell deceased was presented in Court and proven by the Oath of Joshua Howell, Marcus Lick and Benjamin Hickman three of the Witnesses thereto & Ordered to be Recorded, And on the Motion of Joshua Howell and Benjamin Howell his Executors therein named who made Oath and entered into Bonds with security according to Law Certificate is granted them for obtaining probate thereof in due form

W. C. Charles Taylor

in the presence of John James