

in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Seventy seven.

Signe Sealed published and Declared
to be the last Will & Testament of the
Testator in presence of

Michael Hill (Seal)

Nathan Barker
George ^{his} Rose
John ^{his} Willis
Marks

At a Court held for Suffolk County the 16th day of July 1778.
The last Will & Testament of Michael Hill deced was presented into Court by
James Bell the Executor therein named who made Oath thereto as the Law directs
& the same was proved by the Oath of Nathan Barker a Witness thereto & by the
Court Ordered to be recorded And on the Motion of the said Executor Certificate
is granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due Form.

Ex. See further proof of Michael Hill's will
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Teste

Will. Claiborne J. C. & C.

I James Bell Minister & Pastor of the Baptist Church of Christ in Suffolk County
on Saffrona Creek being sick in Body but in good Composure of Mind being certain
that I must shortly part of this my Tabernacle and uncertain of the time when to
look upon it expedient to set my House in Order by making my last Will and
Testament. First I recommend my Soul to God who gave in Expectation of a
blessed Immortality through the Redemption that is in Christ Jesus and my
Body I leave to mingle with fellow Clay till the Morning of the Resurrection
desiring that my respected Friend and Brother in the Ministry David
Tinsley John Williams or Jeremiah Dargaw may officiate at my Interment. As
touching the small Portion of temporal good things that God hath been pleased
to intrust me with I leave to be disposed of in the following Manner. Viz. I desire that
my Executors may sell what Part of my personal Estate they shall think can be best
disposed at publick Sale as shall be sufficient to discharge my just Debts & funeral
Expences. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Son George Bell the Land
and Plantation whereon John Willis now lives part of which Land I recovered
of Jeremiah Dornaldt by Petition with all the Land I hold on the North side
of Willis pond Branch down to the Mouth thereof and up the crooked
Branch to Abraham Boltons Line and so along the said Boltons Line to a
Corner on the said Land that I recovered of the said Dornaldt and so along the
said old Line to Willis pond Branch containing by Estimation Two
hundred & thirty Acres be the same more or less to him his Heirs or Assigns
forever. I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Mildred Bell the Use of all my
other Lands untill my Son Benjamin Bell arrives to the Age of twenty
Years at which time I desire that the Lands be equally divided to my Son

311) Benjamin to have the Use of one half and the other half I desire she should have the Use of during her natural Life subjecting her to raise my Son Benjamin Bell while he shall arrive to the Age of sixteen Years and to give him five Years Schooling I also lend unto my said Wife Mildred all my other Estate during her Widowhood or while my Children hereafter named shall come to the Ages hereafter mentioned but in Case my said Wife should marry it is my Desire that two thirds of my Negroes & personal Estate be taken from her and the Legacies which thereafter give be paid out of it and if any remaining it be equally ^{divided} among all my Children. Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Balam Bell when he arrives to the Age of twenty Years Eighty Pounds lawfull Money of Virginia and one Horse of twenty Pounds Value in good Timers and one Saddle & Bridle. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Son Benjamin Bell In Case he comes to the Age of twenty one Years or leaves offe of his Body lawfully begotten All my Lands and Plantation which I have not given to my Son George to him the said Benjamin Bell his Heirs or Assigns for ever but in Case my said Son Benjamin should die before he arrives to the Age of twenty one Years or has such offe as above mentioned I desire that the Lands and Plantation bequeathed to my said Son Benjamin may be sold and the Money arising from such ^{sale} be equally divided amongst all my Children. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Daughter Rebecca Bell one feather Bed and furniture One Cow and Calf one Yew and Lamb One Sow and Piggs to be raised out of my Estate and given her at the Age of twenty Years or Marries to her the said Rebecca to her Heirs & Assigns for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my two youngest Daughters Mildred Lucas & Sally Wicks Bell One Bed and furniture one side Saddle one Cow & Calf one Yew Lamb one Sow & Piggs each to be raised out of my Estate & given them at the Age of twenty Years or Marries to them their Heirs or Assigns for ever. Item all the Remainder of my Estate that I have lent unto my loving Wife after paying the above Legacies I desire may be equally divided at my Wife's Decease amongst all my Children. Item I leave the Tuition & bringing up of my Son Balam while he arrives to the Age of twenty Years to my beloved Brother in Christ Buckner Lanier desiring that he may use the same Authority over him as if he was his own. Lastly I do appoint my Son George Bell and my friends Silvanus Bell & Gray Ludkins Executors of this my last Will & Testament ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & affixed my Seal this the nineteenth Day of September One thousand Seven hundred & Twenty eight Signed Sealed Published & Declared to be the last Will & Testament of the Testator in Presence of

James Bell (Seal)

Robert Jones
John Bell
Silvanus Newsum
Mark
Ann X Field
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James Bell (Seal)

Robert Jones
John Bell
Silvanus Judkins
Ann X Field
Mark

At a Court held for Sussex County the 15th day of October 1778.

The last Will & Testament of James Bell, deceased was presented into Court by George Bell one of the Executors therein named as the Law directs. The same was proved by the Oath of Ann Tietz a Witness

thereto & by the Court Ordered to be recorded and on the Motion of the said George Bell -

Ex. Certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due Form -
See further proof of James
Bells will post. 320.
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Teste Will. Claiborne J^r C. S. C.

In the Name of God Amen I William Mitchell of Sussex County being of sound Mind and Memory and calling to Remembrance the Uncertainty of human Life and that all Flesh must yield to Death do make constitute and Ordain this my last Will & Testament in Manner and Terms following I first Recommend my Soul to Almighty God who gave it me and my Body to be buried in a decent Christian Buriall at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned and to the settling what temporall Estate it hath pleased God to render me with I do dispose of in the Manner and Terms following - Item I give and devise unto my Daughters Milley Mitchell my two Negroes & things and Cates as also all my Stock of Horses Cattle and Hogg as also all my household Furniture and Plantation Utensils &c. &c. all my whole Estate both real and personall - Item I constitute my Grandson Thomas Butler jun^r whole and sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament and do so that my Estate may not be appraised In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this first day of August 1778 -

Signed Seald Published & Declared.

By the abovesaid W^m Mitchell as
and for his last Will and Testament
in Presence of the underscritten Persons
who in his Presence and at his Request
subscribed ourselves thereto as Witnesses

William Mitchell (Seal)
Wick

Thos. Taughan
John Mitchell
John Woodard
William Wade

At a Court held for Sussex County the 19th day of November 1778.

The last Will and Testament of William Mitchell deceased was exhibited into Court by Thomas Butler jun^r Executor therein named who made Oath thereto as the Law directs and the same was proved by the Oath of Thomas Taughan and John Mitchell -
Witnesses thereto and by the Court Ordered to be recorded and on the Motion of the said

Ex. Executor Certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due Form

Teste

Will. Claiborne jun^r C. S. C.