

17. We whose names are hereunto annexed have examined and
Jelled the aforesaid produced by Thomas Gillespie, present Guar-
dian for Lewis Bowen, and Thomas Foxguston formerly Guar-
dian and find a Balance due Thomas Gillespie of twenty eight thousand
ten Shillings. Given under our hands this thirtieth day of Febru-
ary one thousand eight hundred & five
At Lawrence Court March 12th 1805.
The above Settlement was returned to Court
and Ordered to be recorded
See below Exec. p. 53
Jesse Wardwell
John J. Trigg
Thomas Witten
Judith Maxwell

In the Name of God Amen

I Robert Belcher son of Jewell County State of Virginia
being weak and weak in body but of sound mind and destitute of mem-
ory and calling to mind the mortality of my body and the certainty of
my approaching dissolution, and considering it the most present con-
flict to dispose of such worldly goods as it hath pleased divine providence
to put into my possession, rights, in the proper exercise of my reason, I
therefore make and devise this my last Will and Testament in
manner and form as follows. I give and recommend my Soul
into the hands of my Creator from whom I received it, and as to my
body, my will is that it be committed to the earth in decent Christian
burial, and as touching such worldly Estate as God has been plea-
sed to bless me with I dispose of the same in the following manner
Viz. First I give unto my beloved wife Mary Belcher my
Negro boy Den and also my Negro girl Peggy to be possessed forever
by her for her lawful property for and during the natural life of her
the said Mary Belcher if she continues to live, single and conduct
herself prudently, but upon her intermarrying with any person the Negro girl
is to become the property of my daughter Elizabeth. If the Negro boy is
to be sold and his price to be equally divided among all my children
the said Elizabeth excepted. I also give my wife Mary Belcher, the
dwelling house in which I now live and all the household furniture
of which I am at this time possessed, also one full and equal third of the
Concoment or plantation on which I now live, to be possessed and enjoyed
by the said Mary Belcher as her lawful property during her natural
life and at her death she is to dispose of her household furniture and
other personal property in what manner and to whom she pleases
I also give to my wife the following Stock that I own, to wit, to wit,

by the name of the old brown mare and the old bay mares, and
each of said mares bearing colts, also eight cows and all my Stock of
sheep and one third of my Stock of hogs, all the above property to be
fully vested in the said Mary Belcher and to be at her disposal at
her death or at any time before when she may think proper to dispose
of the same. I also four hundred Survey of Land adjoining the land
whereon I live (except such part as I have sold to Sam. Crider). I
wish to be divided in such manner, that quantity and quality considered
there may three lots of equal value, one of which I give to my son Peter
Belcher, one to my son David Belcher, one to my son Thomas Belcher
to be enjoyed and possessed by them and each of them as their lawful property
to them and their heirs forever. I give unto my son Richard Belcher
the tract of land whereon I live, containing two hundred & twenty
five acres with the appurtenances to him the said Richard Belcher and
his heirs forever, only excepting my wife's portion out of said land aforesaid.
I give unto my son Joseph Belcher, a tract of land containing two hundred
and forty two acres adjoining the land on which I live, being the land
on which my son Joseph Belcher formerly lived, with the appurtenances
to be held and possessed by the said Joseph Belcher and his heirs forever.
I give unto my son David Belcher, one young Sorrel horse to be his
lawful property. I also give to my son Thomas Belcher, one young
Sorrel horse to be possessed by him, as aforesaid. I give unto my son Joshua Bel-
cher, one Sorrel horse to be his, as aforesaid. I also give to my wife
of my wife I wish as aforesaid to be disposed of in the following manner, the
boy to be sold and his price to be divided among all my children
except my daughter Elizabeth, to whom I allow my Negro girl at the
decease of my wife, and should my said daughter Elizabeth decease
before her mother, or before her sister Phoebe, in such case my wish
is that said Negro girl as then belong to my daughter Phoebe and her
heirs with her right & lawful property, and the other part of my perso-
nal Estate of what kind soever after my just debts are paid
& the debts due to my Estate are collected, I wish to be divided among
the whole of my children, male and female, lastly I do hereby
constitute and appoint Thomas Gillespie and Henry Bowen
Esqrs, Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I
do hereby utterly disavow, revoke and disannul all former Wills, or
bequests by me heretofore made, and do hereby ratify & confirm
this and no other to be my last Will and Testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto set

Sign, sealed and delivered
published and pronounced and
declared by the said Robert
Belshie Robert Belshie
& Testament

Robert Belshie

In presence of
David Ward
James M. Clancy

Having forgot when I made the above Will, to dispose of a tract
of Land containing one hundred acres, lying and being on the Pendung
meadow branch, between the Paintlick mountain & Rockwell mountain.
I do by these presents give and make over the aforesaid tract of Land, with
the appurtenances, to my daughter Phoebe Belshie, to be possessed
and enjoyed by her the said Phoebe and her lawful property, to her
and her heirs forever, and my wish and desire is, that this beaver or
Schedule be considered as a part of my last Will and Testament, and
that my Executor carry the same into effect in as punctual a manner as
any other part of the above Will. In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this 27th of April 1802

Witnessed by the said Robert

Belshie to his last Will

and Testament in presence of

David Ward

Mary Pemberton

Robert Belshie

A Court held for the County of Tazewell, May 13th 1802
The last Will and Testament of Robert Belshie deceased
was produced in Court and proven by the oath of David
Ward James M. Clancy and Mary Pemberton witnesses
thereto subscribed and Ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ward

Exam^d

I Robert Barnum of Tazewell County and State of Virginia
do hereby make my last Will and Testament in manner & form
following, that is to say, 1st my desire is that my beloved wife Grace
be possessed of the plantation houses, and one full third of
the plantations on which I now live, as also one full third of my stock
of every kind and of my whole Estate both real and personal for every
kind and description whatever to be possessed and enjoyed by her the said
Grace Barnum her lawful property for and during her natural life
and at her death the whole to descend to my two sons viz William
Barnum and John Barnum. 2nd the land on which I live, I
wish to be divided between my two sons aforesaid in such manner
that quantity and quality considered, each shall may be of equal value
as nearly as possible, such division to be made when the youngest
of my said sons viz John Barnum shall arrive to lawful age to be
possessed of said Estate, and in case such division cannot be made
conveniently without leaving the improvement, or the greater part thereof
in one place, then the person to whom I improve said land shall
I shall pay to the other a sum equivalent to the difference in the
real value of said lots respectively. 3rd the aforesaid tract of land with
the appurtenances, I do hereby best in the said William & John
Barnum and their heirs forever, once reserving my wife's dower in said
plantation during her life viz 1/3rd I give to my son in
law John Goodwin one milk cow which I wish to be
delivered to Mr Goodwin immediately after my death. 4th I desire
that my stock and other personal property (not herein bequeathed)
shall be sold in the manner prescribed by law except such
part thereof as my Executor shall in their discretion judge to be
necessary to retain for the support of the family and for working
the plantations, and the money arising from the sale to be
reserved till the said William and John Barnum come to full age
then to be paid to them or their legal representatives by my Executor
5th my wish & desire is that my Executor appropriate the profits
arising from the two thirds of the plantations separate from my
wife's dower, to the education & other necessary expenditures in the
bringing up my aforesaid sons viz William & John Barnum
Lastly I hereby constitute & appoint Charles Young, an
Humble Wilson Executor of this my last Will and Testament
and do hereby utterly disavow, revoke and annul every former
Will by me at any time heretofore made, and declared this and

We the undersigned Appraisers being first sworn according to law have received and appraised the Personal Estate of Robert Belshie dec'd to us produced, an Inventory of D. Property with the price of each article annexed is as follows: Viz

	\$	cts		Doll	cts
One Bay mare	40		Three Hoes	2	75
One School Horse	90		One Shovel Plough	1	8
One Brown Horse	60		One Do	4	67
One brown 2 year old Heifer	50	50	One Hoe	"	145
One white yearling Bull	3	50	One Coopers ax	"	184
One red yearling Heifer	4	50	One Coopers Crow	"	21
One pygmy yearling Heifer	4	50	One Cooper Senter	1	
One banded yearling Heifer	4	50	Five Beehives	4	50
One banded Do	3	50	Three Calves	3	
One red yearling Heifer	4		One Scythe Hacking	"	60
One Shrub yearling Steer	3	50	One Do	"	25
One Pygmy yearling Heifer	4	25	One old Gun	2	
One Pygmy yearling Heifer	8		One South the Hacking	1	67
One Old Do two year old	8		Three 1/2" Guns & Pistols	3	
One black two year old Steer	5	50	One Ten Bucket Heavy comb		92
One black two year old Heifer	6	50	One Set of Double trees		75
One banded two year old Steer	5	50	Twenty One heads of geese	8	66
One pygmy two year old Do	7	50	Two old Sickles		21
One pygmy two year old Heifer	8		One 1/2" Trunk	3	
One Banded Steer	7		One Riddle	"	38
One red two year old Heifer	4	25	Hemp umbrellas	6	
One Bull	8		Two Clovers		67
Thirty two heads of Hogs	38	25	One drawing knife		25
One bay Sled Horse	62	50	One Broad ax	2	50
One Wagon	30		One Rifle Gun	7	
One barshen plough	4	25	One Do	10	
One Sock Chain	4	17	One Green Coat	5	
One Mattock	1	50	One straight Do	4	
One set of barshen Tools	4		One Do	13	
One Spade	1	42	One Do		50
One old ax		34	One Vest		50
One Do	1	50	One 1/2" Bruckes		50
One Do		84	One 1/2" Bruckes		50
One Do		67	One Vest		58
One old Barshen		167	One 1/2" Bruckes		84
One Mains Saddle	7		One 1/2" Saddle Baggy	3	50
One do	1				
Total			\$546 31		

Andrew Mc Mullen

Charles Young

Russ Bowen

Moses Heggembosham

Appraisers

We do hereby certify, that the above Appraisement is a true Inventory of the Personal Estate of Robert Belshie dec'd that has hitherto come into our Hands.

Thomas Gillespie

Henry Bowen

Exors

	Doll	cts		\$	cts
William Belshie one broad ax	2	68	Joseph Belshie 1 Spade	1	84
Do One Drawing Knife	"	25	Sam Belshie 1 Mattock	2	8
Mary Belshie, two Clovers	"	145	Mary Belshie 1 Chain	4	84
Sam Goodwin 1 Riddle	"	115	Charles Belshie 1 Wagon	25	17
Mary Belshie 1 1/2" Trunk	"	34	Andrew Mc Mullen, 32 Hogs	27	167
David Ward 1 head Geese	7	68	Sam Goodwin 1 Bull	17	50
Mary Belshie 2 Sickles	"	19	Andrew Mc Mullen 1 Do	13	8
Do 1 1/2" Double trees	"	17	William Witten 1 Heifer	3	83
Sam Goodwin 1 Bucket and wing comb	"	184	Sam Belshie 1 Do	4	34
Mary Belshie 3 Cans, Hops	1		Sam Belshie 1 Do	4	84
Mary Belshie 1 Scythe	1	20	Sam Belshie 1 Do	4	34
Sam Belshie 1 Gun	"		Sam Belshie 1 Do	5	34
Sam Belshie 1 Scythe	"	25	Frances Slaw 1 Do	5	12
Mary Belshie 3 Beehives	"	50	Sam Belshie 1 Do	5	84
William Belshie 1 Beehive	1	58	Sam Belshie 1 Do	6	
John Richard 1 Do	"	84	Stephen Jackson 1 Do	6	34
John Goodwin 1 Do	"	75	Stephen Jackson 1 Do	7	50
Russ Bowen 1 Do	"	84	David Hanson 1 Do	7	12
John Richard 1 Do	"	112	Stephen Jackson 1 Do	6	50
William Belshie 1 Senter	"	42	Sam Belshie 1 Do	7	50
Sam Belshie, Crow, ax & Hoe	1		Sam Belshie 1 Do	10	8
William Belshie 1 Hand plough	"	58	Sam Belshie 1 Do	10	
William Belshie 1 Do	"	17	John Crockett 1 Do	10	50
Mary Belshie 3 Hoes	"	125	Sam Belshie 1 Do	8	8
Myrle Daniel 1 Saddle	1	34	Sam Belshie Brown horse	54	34
Myrle Daniel 1 Barshare	"	58	Do Belshie 1 Saddle Horse	88	67
Sam Belshie 1 Mains Saddle	4	50	Do Belshie 1 Saddle Horse	66	83
Mary Belshie 1 Barshare plough	4		Joseph Warr 1 Brown mare	35	50
Charles Young 1 Do	4	34	Rich Pemberton 1 Gun	10	67
Mary Belshie 2 axes	1	67	Sam Crabtree 1 Gun	9	8
Mary Belshie 1 Do	"	107	Sam Belshie Hemp	3	

Joseph Belshur 1 Grey Coat	\$ 7 -
Mary Belshur 1 Blue Coat	4 -
Samuel Belshur 1 Do	3 - 50
William Belshur 1 Vest	50
William Belshur 1 Do	58
William Belshur 1 p. Breeches	50
Samuel Belshur 1 Do	12
Mary Belshur 1 Do	84
John Belshur 1 p. Saddle Baggs	3 - 50
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Am forwarded

Was do certify that the above Inventory is a just True and
Bill of the Personal Estate that has come into our hands
of the Estate of Robert Belshur decd, with the names & prices
annexed thereto.

Thomas Goldsby Esq
Deacons

At a Court held for the County of Tazewell Aug. 12th 1802
The foregoing Appraisment, & Last Bill of the
Estate of Robert Belshur decd, was returned to
Court & Ordered to be recorded

Teste

John Ward clk

In the Name of God Amen I Mary Deskins
Tazewell County State of Virginia being in a low state of health
of sound mind and disposing memory, calling to mind the uncertainty
of life the certainty of death, I do hereby make & declare this
my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. Viz
I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of almighty God
who have it, My body I wish to be interred in the earth in a decent
Christian manner. I do as to such worldly goods as God hath pleased
divine providences to put into my possession I give & bequeath of the
same in the following manner. Viz. I bequeath and desire it
that the whole of the property left in my hands by my dear
husband's will, may be fairly & equally divided among my
three Sons, John Deskins, & Smith Deskins & Stephen Deskins.
I do likewise my Wife Desire, that this my last Will & Testament
may be proved & recorded, but that no appraisment or sale shall
take place, but the Legatee divide the property equally among
them, and should it so happen, that they the said Legatee cannot
agree upon a division of the property, that then each Legatee shall
choose an interested single man, and shall abide by, & perform accor-
ding to the division made by two persons so chosen, or a majority of
them, and shall take and receive such part of said property as shall
be assigned to them by two men so chosen, and not further recourse
shall be had to Law, in order to establish such division of my
Estate. Lastly, I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and annul
all former Wills, Testaments, Legacies or bequests by me at
any time heretofore made and as declare this and no other to be my
last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of May in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five 1802.

Signs Seals & Closures published pronounced
declared by the said Mary Deskins to
be her last Will and Testament in
presence of
David Ward & Mary Deskins Seal
Matthias Crawford
Martha Crawford

At a Court held for the County of Tazewell, Feb. 16th 1802.

The last Will and Testament of Mary Deskins decd was exhibited
in Court & proven by the oath of David Ward and Matthias Crawford
Witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded

Teste

John Ward clk

57 In pursuance of an Order of Saguell Court the under signed being a appointed commissaries to settle with the Executors of the estate of Robt Belcher Dec'd have according to order called on the said executors to wit Thomas Gillespie and Henry Braun who produced the following accounts which were approved of by us the undersigned.

Executors Dr

As per bill filed in the Clerk's office \$156.12 1/2

Contra Cr

Clerks fees and interest on same	5. 8. 3
paid Saml Belcher's procons Act	\$ 50. 0. 0
" William George Do	22. 8. 10 1/2
" Sheriff's Receipt for tax	1. 13. 9
" Lewis Vincent's procons Act	1. 8. 10
" John Gaadams Do	1. 0. 0
" John Crockett Do	0. 2. 6
" George Ashbury Do	1. 18. 9
" Andrew Lockhart " "	0. 10. 0
" Thomas Harrison " "	0. 18. 0
" John Dalbury " "	0. 7. 6
" James Lockhart " "	0. 4. 0
" Charles Young " "	0. 6. 0
" Andrew McMillin " "	0. 6. 0
" Isaac Braun " "	0. 6. 0
" Asst. Belcher Do	14. 10. 0
" Danl Young Judgment	0. 6. 3
" James Lockhart Do	0. 6. 0
" Thomas Gillespie Do	1. 2. 6
Executors for their trouble	12. 0. 0

Total

\$115. 5. 2 1/2

St Saguell January Term 1811

Balance due from

Thomas Belcher

and

John Crockett

Thomas Belcher and John Crockett being appointed by a former Court of said commissaries to settle with Henry Braun and Thomas Gillespie Executors of the last Robt Belcher's estate which said Belcher did deliver a statement thereof to said Court which is now ordered to be recorded
Test John Crockett 1811

58 In pursuance of an Order made by the Worshipful Court of Saguell held for said County at Sept. term, 1810 the praesent have paid m^d as follows being first sworn for that purpose

For the Estate of John Perkins.

\$ 66

Twelve Sheep	12. 33
Five Cows at \$10 pr Cow	50. "
Four Do at 7	28. "
Five Do at 4	20. "
One Do at 10	10. "
Six Do at	21. 67
One Hairs	21. 67
One Do	20. "
One Do	25. "
One Do	15. "
One Gun	2. 50
One Lock Chain	2. 50
Two Manaw & one broad Ax	2. 50
One Wedg & Irons	1. 25
Two broad Hoes	13. 33
Two Cattle	66. 50
Three beds filled	13. 25
Three beds empty	22. 41
One Saddle & bridle	13. 50
One Do	3. "
One Wheel & Iron	3. "
Stelland	24. "
One Bedstead	2. 50
One little Riddle	5. 50
Two Spring Whells	