

10 In the Name of God Amen. Robert Evans
of the County of Tazewell and State of Virginia, being somewhat
rattling in body, but of sound mind, and calling to mind mortality, knowing
that it is appointed unto us to die, do make and devise, constitute, this my last
Will and Testament, and do hereby make void, and of none effect
all former Wills and Testaments by me made herebefore. And first I
recommend my Soul to God, and my body to be buried at the discretion
of my Executors, and my just debts and funeral Charges being
paid, I allow my worldly goods to be disposed of in manner follow-
ing. On for the Deeds what they say is made to James Evans for the land
I now live on, was done against my will. The Power of Attorney I gave to
Thomas Shannan, William J. Lee, Brown, & Leguante, for bid, before
the conveyance was made, I being in a delirious situation at the time
which (now recall). First I desire that my beloved wife her third
and dowry, that me and my wife shall have our maintenance while
we live, by any two of my children we choose to live with, and the
and the said children to have the benefit of the land whilst we live,
and after our decease, the whole Estate to be equally divided amongst
my children, namely, James Evans, Serela Ruthledge, Thomas
Evans, Martha Ammer, William Evans, Dorothy Blead, Robert
Evans, David Evans and Mary Evans, and do appoint & constitute
John Stafford of Kythe County, and Joseph One of a Montgomery
County Executor to this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my
Seal this 6th day of Dec^r 1800

Sealed, signed & delivered
in presence of.

Sam^l W. Allen
James Davis
Jos^l Allen

Robert Evans Seal

The Court held for the County of Tazewell Feby 11th 1802
The last Will and Testament of Robert Evans dec^d was shown
in Court by the oath of Samuel Walker and James Davis witnesses
thereof, and ordered to be recorded.

Tale J. Ward clerk

Pursuant to an Order of the Worshipful Court of Tazewell, to
be directed, being first sworn for that purpose, we have viewed the personal
Estate of Robert Evans dec^d shown to us by the Exrs, and appraise
the same as followeth, to wit:

Three Acres	\$27. 00
1/4 th Steel Yards	1/2. 3/4
Two Bells & Hammers	1. 3/4
One Sorel mare	40. "
Seven head Sheep	1/2. "
Two Churns &c	3. "
One Saddle	" 50
Two Chairs	" 50
One Loom	5. "
One Shovel Row	1. 67
One Cutting Knife & Steel	1. 67
One Hackle	" 121
One Trowl & G. hoe	2. "
Three Bells	1. 50
Two Axes	1. 50
One Foot & 1/2. Steel Hoe	1. "
One Grid Iron & Hedge	" 81
Three Bells	1. 3/4
One Dye	" 50
One Saw	" 3/4
Cooper's Tools	5. 67
One Hackle & Gun Barrel	" 81
One Box, old Iron &c	8. 30
One Gun	3. 3/4
One Flying Pan	" 81
One Shell & Oven	2. "
Two Razors &c 3/4. One Box Iron &c One Tea Kettle &c	3. 3/4
One Lantern &c. One Box Iron &c One Box Wood Churn &c	8. 88
One Looking Glass 50 cts Box &c 2 Pots &c	5. 50
Five Hogs &c One Carpenter's Square &c One Wheel &c	5. 50
Amounting in the whole to \$151. 17 cts	\$150. 37

Given under our hands this 28th Feby. 1802

Henry Harman
Robert Garrett
Matthews

The Court held for the County of Tazewell March 11th 1802
This Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of Robert Evans
dec^d was returned to Court and ordered to be recorded.

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 now sick 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
Common 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 to wit two oxen, two

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 hitherto made, and do hereby ratify & confirm
this and no other to be my last Will and Testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto set