

John M. Bell

of

to have ordered that certificate of probate be granted
 recorded and on motion of executor who qualified according
 by the oath of said executor a writ of habeas corpus and order to
 in favor of William Bell executor thereof name and name
 the last will and testament of John Bell dec'd was found
 North Carolina County April Term 1817
 Court of North Carolina also granted the

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Will

Laben Estes

Will

Copy of Seal

April 1817

William Puck

Ex. morn

In the Name of God! Amen -

I Saban Estes of the County of Burke and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory. Blessed be God do make and ordain this my last will & testament in manner and form following Viz -

First my will is that all my lawful debts be punctually paid by my executors -

2nd Item - I give and bequeath to my loving wife two negroes named Martin and Martha during her natural life also one Mare called Gin - also two good beds & furniture - and two good Cows & Calves - and also as much household furniture as she may think necessary for a decent support - and also to have the use of the land during her life or widowhood -

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my son Len Estes the plantation and tract of land whereon I live with all its appurtenances -

Item 4th my will is that my other tract of land commonly called the upper place be equally divided between my two daughters Nancy & Betsey -

Item 4th my will further is that all the rest of my property personal & real be equally divided amongst my three children Nancy, Betsey & Len except that to Len I give extraordinary one negro boy named John with one feather bed & furniture - as also to Betsey extraordinary one bed & furniture - as also to the last named children each extraordinary one horse and Cow given - my will is that if possible my negroes be divided without a sale - by ballot or by good men chosen by my executors or otherwise -

~~Signed~~ and I appoint for my executor to this my last will - my beloved friend William Puett -
Signed sealed and delivered in the presents of -
us - This 21st Day of March - 1817.

Read Right by
Ann Loving

Saban ^{his} Estes
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