

Henry Bray's will
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son Caleb one chest and one safe. And the residue of my property to be sold by my Executors admr. my two children & after paying my just debts to be equally divided between my two children, namely Caleb & Abigail Bray.

I also give my son Manning & my one coat-pantaloons & waistcoat. I hereby acknowledge this to be my last will & Testament in the presence of Witnesses.

John Jones Secy.

Henry Bray. (Sd)

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State of North Carolina. Camden County. May Term 1823.

This was proved as the last will & Testament of Henry Bray dec'd in open Court by the oath of John Jones Secy & Shuah Bell. Subscribed before me. Ordered Recorded. Test. M. S. Lewis C. J.

Will Seen Berr.

In the name of God Amen. I Seth Bell of the County & State aforesaid being of sound & perfect mind & memory [witness be God for it] do this the 20th day of July, in the year of our Lord 1823, make & publish this my last will & Testament, in manner and form following - viz. First of all I give my soul to that God that gave it me & after my death my body to the grave to be buried in a decent & christian like manner & my worldly goods I dispose of in manner following -

Item. First of all I reserve the use of 1/3 part of all my lands which is cleared to be taken from the several lots hereafter to be named or given to my four sons. Demsey Bell. Gideon Bell. Jem Bell. & Joseph Bell to be taken excepting the dung hills in all only the one and a half plantation to the full use and benefit of my beloved wife Lydia Bell during her natural life. Also I reserve the use of negro & Bosoms negro woman Jude. and one negro girl named Sylvia each of them to her proper use during her natural life. Also I give and bequeath unto my wife aforesaid two cows & calves hereafter to be named or given to her. Also I give & bequeath unto my wife one feather bed, bedstead and furniture & being poplar posts with the rails of ash to her & her heirs forever also one horse wheel made of poplar maple wood to her & her heirs forever.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my beloved son Demsey Bell the plantation & purchase of Samuel Smith. Beginning at a pine on the main road at the mouth of the great ditch then running eastwardly

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along the south side of the great ditch to a lane Jacob Cox's line then northwardly and westwardly bending Cox's & Hanson's line to a white gum near the edge of the Hannons corner. Then eastwardly nearly down the causeway to a pine then corner my & running more north by a line of marked trees to a white oak Isaac Hannons corner then more west by a line of marked trees to a red oak standing at the main road a corner. then southwardly down the main road the various courses thereof to the first station containing seventy five acres more or less with all the appurtenances & thereunto belonging only excepting the 1/3 part of the land that was reserved for the use of my wife to her & her heirs forever - also one mustat unto her & her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my two sons Demsey & Gideon Bell the two small lots of land situated on the mud dam swamp & adjoining Hollands Williams lands and others which lot & interest was for the purpose of creating a mill by contract with James & Bray for them to carry on in my room & stead which interest is to contain one half of the mill when erect to according to articles of agreement already entered into to them & their heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Gideon Bell the lands & plantation whereon I now live to be bounded as follows - Beginning at a persimmon tree on a great ditch formerly called Joshua Sawyers corner thence a direct course northwardly & eastwardly to a valley in the edge of the lane line of myself and Robert Hannons heirs the said valley called the gulf then running my own old former line westwardly various courses to a white oak Isaac Hannons corner then by a line of marked trees to a white oak near the main road then down the main road to Isaac Hannons corner again up the lane eastwardly to an old black gum then north & northwesterly nearly a direct line to a maple standing on the aforementioned great ditch then eastly down on the south side of said ditch to the first station with all the appurtenances belonging to the same only excepting the part that was first reserved for the use of my wife - to her and her heirs forever. Also I give unto my son Gideon Bell as a present one small gun that I bought of John C. Wright dec'd to him & his heirs forever.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my beloved son Jem Bell all the residue of my manor plantation lying eastwardly to be bounded as follows - Beginning at the land at the aforesaid gulf running nearly a direct course by a line of marked trees eastwardly down into beach neck to a chestnut oak standing on the edge of the branch then running southwardly & eastwardly down the said branch into the swamp & continuing various courses down the swamp called the fish hole to an old black gum Isaac Hannons corner thence up a branch westwardly & bending the before mentioned great ditch to the first beginning or division persimmon

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tree then running the dividing line across to the first station which land
by estimation contains only five acres with all the appurtenances belonging
to the same only excepting the part first reserved for the use of my wife
to them this leaves for me -

From I just bequeath unto my beloved son Joseph Bell all the lands that my brother Joseph Bell did bought of Joseph Goddard, bounded by a deed which having it well fixed, appear - Also one other piece or tract of land lying in Beach neck bounded as follows - Beginning at the dusky line chestnut oak then running a direct line east by a line of marked to a gum Calab Tanion, corner then bearing more East to a walnut tree a corner in said Tanion's line then bearing more South a direct course down an old ditch into the swamp to my neighbor's swamp line a small gum then running more westerly the said point line to the corner a gum then extending the same course until intersecting the dividing line of Joseph Bell then bearing north by the swamp and back to the first beginning chestnut oak containing by estimation 25 acres with all the appurtenance I therein do belonging only as is already reserved for the use of my wife - To him & his heirs for ever -

Item I give the quench unto my beloved daughter Nancy Utton one feather bed and furniture that she hath already in possession and one small chest also two cases and cabinets one of which she has now in possession the other called by the name of young primrose when she has been given also one summer wheel now in her possession when she has been given.

Item I give the quench unto my beloved daughter Elizabeth Bell one feather bed & furniture generally called hers also two cabinets and cases one by the name of Bette the other named Luck also one summer wheel called hers also one blue chest when she has been given.

From I give shequeath unto my beloved daughter Polly, I sell one cow scaly
also two young heifers a Red one with horns pitched forward the other
a black one with other hairs for cow also one feather Bed of Furniture
and ask beaded which has been generally called her also one linen
sheet, made of walnut commonly called her, with other hairs, for cow -

From I further desire that all my negroes & their increase that is not otherwise given or reserved in any manner (namely, negro woman Phillis, negro woman Lydia & her son Isaac, negro woman Dorcas & her son Luke, negro woman Sarah, negro girl Ruth, negro Boy, Miles, that they be forthwith sold out until the first day of January 1830 except negro Lydia and her son Isaac, now in the possession of my daughter

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Henry Nelson they to remain as they now are until the before mentioned time then to come into the stock with the other negroes then increase to be divided in the manner hereafter named - viz.

2nd I give & bequeath unto my several children, namely Nancy Wilson, Elizabeth
Polly Bell, Lemmy Bell - Gideon Bell - Jem Bell - and Joseph
Bell the following negroes, namely, negro woman Murren, woman & child
the son Isaac, woman Dorcas & child Luke, woman Sarah - in the
Bay Mills, another increase to be divided among the above named
my children at the first day of January, 1830 in the following manner -
viz. first to be divided into four equal shares and each of my Daughters
Nancy - Elizabeth - & Polly to have one of these shares & the son, Lemmy
Gideon Jem & Joseph to have the other one share equally
divided among them & their heirs forever - according to their
several shares -

Acres. I give the queath unto my brother Henry & Siden Land of 300
my swamp lands lying on Broad creek & then coming out to the
high lands & Dune as follows. Beginning at 3 o'clock on the 11th
from of Broad creek then north 65° West 10 1/2 chains up to cedar post
& three pines on banks point then So. 78° West 11 chains to 63 line to a gum
then South 70 chains then South 53° East 66 1/2 chains to a gum then South
to a gum standing 10 chains from the creek then north 60° East to the creek then
up the creek north 30° West 40 chains to the Beginning 3 o'clock - to be equally
divided between them share & share alike to them & their heirs forever -

Now I give the grant unto my true sons John & Joseph & Belle all that tract of swamp land which I purchased of John Wright to be equally divided between them share & share alike to them & their heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my four Sons Demsey, Gideon, Jesse Bell & Joseph Bell, my stile to be reserved for their use share & share alike to them and their heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Isaac Sulford Bell one negro Boy
named Samuel also the afore named negroes reserved for the use of my
wife after her death I give to him shee heirs for ever

Item all the residue of my Estate both within doors & without I leave to be sold
 & after paying all my Just debts the Balance to be divided in the following
 manner - Say one hundred dollars to my daughter Polly Bell - one hundred dollars
 to Isaac Guilford & Betsey. & the Balance to be equally divided between Joseph Bell
 & Joseph. One to each of them & their heirs forever.

Item. Lastly of all I no minute dispoint my worthy friend Wilson Cart-

See Bell's will - right and Henry Bell my whole and sole Executor, to this my last will
 (contd) Testament revoking and entirely annulling all other or former wills, a gift
 husbandly made in any way - Ratifying confirming and acknowledging
 this and this only to be my last & true will and testament - In witness whereof
 I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal the day & year first above written
 Signed Sealed & acknowledged S. Bell. (Seal)

In presence of us
 Henry Bell
 James Pray
 S. Guilford
 This 2^d September in the year of our Lord 1825 - I man proceed to enact
 make this as part of the within will was a codicil to the same in the
 following manner I hereby revoke or rather recall the gift I gave to
 my son Isaac Guilford Bell in consequence of having this 1st Brother
 William Guilford Bell an infant & now give the bequest unto my
 two sons Isaac & Bell William & Bell one negro child called
 Dismal - and also all the other negroes as was given in the former
 gift at my wife's death to them to be equally divided & all their
 increase shall & shall abide and also all the land which they respectively
 well claim & as settling all doubts aside at once I subscribe my name
 to this in full faith as it will be always understood all done by my
 own pen though in a trembling manner this weakness but in perfect
 mind & memory. S. Bell.

Now in the pregnant situation of my wife at this time I do fully & absolutely
 enact this as a codicil to the will with the above as firmly as if it had
 been written. I now take a young negro from the former stock one of
 by sent to the child, now not born
 but to be equally with it two Brothers Isaac & William and every
 part mentioned to them & each of them this not seem to have just
 the same shall & all their completely to share & take in every thing as
 mentioned above as well as below - This done by my own hand & seal
 but in perfect mind & memory this September 7th Day 1825.
 S. Bell.

Camden County Court, November Term 1827
 This was exhibited in open court & proved as the last will & testament of
 S. Bell & by the oath of Henry Bell & James Pray & S. Guilford a Subscribing
 witnesses thereto - as also the codicil annexed & subscribed in open court
 as the same time and proved in due form of Law by the oath of

See Bell's will Like I Lamb Thomas & Henry, among D. Hanism - And Adam
 (contd) Cartwright & Henry, Bell Executors therein named appeared and
 qualified - Ordered that said testamentary must that should &
 codicil be recorded.
 Teste. W. C. Lewis. Ck

In the name of God: Amen! I Jonathan Whitehurst of the County
 of Camden & State of North Carolina being of perfect sound disposing
 mind & memory do make & publish this my last will & testament in the
 following manner to wit -

Item 1. I give devise & bequeath unto my loving wife Polly negro woman & says her
 three children Martin, Timothy & Eliza, and what children negro woman
 Turkey may hereafter have borned to her her heirs forever -

Item 2. I leave the use of all my estate real & personal of every description within rock
 & without to my loving wife Polly during the term of her natural life -
 and after her death to be equally divided between all my lawful heirs share
 & share alike to them & their heirs forever -

I hereby nominate & appoint my Brothers Fred Whitehurst & George Tucker
 Executors to this my last will & Testament hereby ratifying & confirming
 this and this only as my last will & Testament & revoking all others her-
 before by me made - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 & seal this 3rd day of January anno Domini 1826.

Signed Sealed & Subscribed
 pronounced & declared in the
 presence of us by the testator
 James Cartwright
 Isaac Cartwright.

Camden County Court February Term 1828.
 The foregoing was exhibited in open court & proved as the last will & testament
 of Jonathan Whitehurst do^g by the oath of Isaac Cartwright a Sub-
 scribing witness thereto & at the same time George Tucker one of the Executors
 therein named appeared & qualified as Ex^r thereto Ordered that the will
 be recorded &c

Teste
 M. S. Lewis. Ck