

In the Name of God amen I James Bell of the County of Currituck and State of North Carolina Being weak of Body But of Perfect Sound Mind and memory But looking to the Mortality of my Body knowing it is next appointed For all that Die Do Make and Publish this My Last Will and Testament in Maner and Form Following first I Commit my Soul to the Care of Almighty God Who have it Hoping For Free Pardon for all my sins through Jesus Christ My Redeemer and My Body to the dust from Whence it Came Secondly My Will and Desir is that My Executors Hereinafter Mentioned Sell all My Lands that I own up Newpont River and such other articles of Property as they shall think Best to Raise Money to Enable them to Pay my just Debts and this Sale shall be Good to All intents and Purposes as I My self hold do.

Item I Leave unto My Loving Wife Elizabeth Bell Dunnington Widow half My negro Woman Named Nans and child My wife Mary again then and in that case My Will is that at her Marriage the said Negro woman Nans and all her increase of children be Equally Divided between and amongst My wife and My children share and share alike Which said Negroes I have made them My Heirs and assigns forever also all the rest of My Property that May be left after Paying My debts to be Equally Divided as above Mentioned.

I have and Bequeath unto My wife My Oath and Coate to her and her Heirs and assigns forever

Lastly I do ordain Nominate Make and appoint My wife and Joseph Borden My Executors to this My Last Will and Testament in Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st Day of March 1823

Signed in presence of

Matthew Morris & Johnathan Hilde

State of North Carolina, Currituck Co. To, June Term 1823

I certify that the within written paper was Exhibited into open Court and proved by the oath of Johnathan Hilde one of the subscribing witnesses thereto to contain the True last will and testament of James Bell, Elizabeth Bell one of the executors therein named qualified as such in open Court and Letters Testamentary ordered to issue to her accordingly

H. Rumley C. C.

In the name of God Amen

I Benjamin Borden Senior of the County of Currituck and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament hereby Revoking and making void all former wills by me made and executed. In the first place I give and devise to my grand child Nancy Borden, the daughter of my son John Borden, deceased, a certain tract of land in the County of Currituck being on Newpont River, beginning at an old millerry tree near the Store house on the said Newpont River and running thence Northerly along the division fence to the base line of my said tract of land, thence the various corners of my said land to Harlowe Creek, thence down said Harlowe Creek to Newpont River and down Newpont River to its beginning - To have and to hold the said tract of land unto the said Nancy Borden her Heirs and assigns forever. Provided always that if the said Nancy Borden should die without issue living at her death, then I devise the said tract of land to my son Franklin George Borden Borden and his Heirs for ever.

Provided further that whenever I have sold a certain estate of grounds on Portsmouth to which said Nancy Borden was entitled and which descended to her from her grand mother Nancy Borden, deceased, now if the said Nancy Borden my grand daughter should refuse to release my estate from all claims on account of said land so sold by me, then the above devise from me to her to be void, otherwise to be and remain as above directed. (In the next place I give and devise all the remaining part of my estate both real and personal to my son Franklin George Borden Borden, his Heirs and assigns forever - and I hereby direct my Executors Hereinafter named to reserve for my son Franklin all my House hold and Kitchen Furniture also to keep the negro women and their children whom the plantation and reserve such a portion of the stock as will enable them to support themselves. Provided always that if the said Franklin G. B. Borden should die without issue living at his death then I devise & direct that all the estate of what kind so ever which he may receive from me should be and remain to my friends John Bunt and Samuel Hyman to share and their Heirs for ever -

And I hereby nominate and appoint my friends John Bunt and Samuel Hyman Executors to my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of December

A. D. 1833

Benjamin ^{his} Borden
mark

Signed Sealed and Published by the Testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in the presence of each other and of said Testator and by his direction have become witnesses.

David B. Pihson, Asa Conner, Matthew Williams

Crawen County Court, August Term A.D. 1841

Samuel Hymen, Executor of

Benjamin Borden

vs

James Foy

Issue.

Will or no Will

The following jury being sworn and impanelled, viz: John Miller, Jesse Hawkins, Richard Richardson, Joseph Dudley, Robert Bright, Michael H. Lente, James Russell, Aaron Fulcher, Edward Chapman, James R. Rice, John L. Durand and Joseph Phycis find the foregoing proper writing is the last will and Testament of Benjamin Borden, Senior deceased,

Ordered, that said will be registered, Samuel Hymen qualified as Executor. Ordered that Letter's Testamentary issue

Attest

J. B. Stanley
C. C.

Superior Court - Crawen County No. 20

December 14th A. D. 1869.

The foregoing is a true copy of the last will and Testament of Benjamin Borden, deceased, as recorded in Folios 35 & 36 = Book D. records of Crawen County. Witness my hand & Official the day & year above written.

L. E. West -
Clerk Superior Court

Seal

In the Name of God Amen. I Mary Cavenagh widow of Crawen County in the Province of North Carolina being weak and sick but of sound Mind and Memory, do make Ordain and appoint this and this only my last Will and Testament - first I bequeath my soul to God who gave it, and my Body to the Church to be buried in decent manner as my after named Executors shall direct and appoint, and as to what worldly Estate I have possessed. Next to bless me with I Will and dispose of it as follows that is to say, Imprimis, after all my just Debts and Funeral Charges are paid and answered I give and bequeath unto my two oldest sons Abraham and Jacob Wade one Negro Man named Windsor jointly between them, to be divided or disposed of as they shall think proper, to them their Heirs and Assigns for ever. I also bequeath unto my said son Jacob two cows and calves to him his Heirs and Assigns.

Item

I give and bequeath unto my son Enock Ward one Tract of Land lying and being in said County of Crawen at a place called Belle River (as mentioned in two Warrants the one granted to Ann - vice Cavenagh deceased and the Remaniter Land which was purchased by said Cavenagh of Edward Ward) to him his Heirs and Assigns for ever; I also give and bequeath unto my said son Enock a Negro Woman named Sarah, one girl named Violet, a girl named Jemima, a girl named Dinah & a girl named Lucy, them with their Issue to him his Heirs and Assigns for ever. I also bequeath unto my said son Enock all my Household Furniture Plantation Utensils and all my debts except what is mentioned already and shall be here after mentioned in other Legacies, to him his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

Item

I give and bequeath unto my oldest Daughter Elizabeth Canada the sum of Twenty Pounds Proclamation Money, to her, her Heirs and Assigns for ever.

Item

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Thomson the sum of Ten shillings Proclamation Money to her, her Heirs and Assigns for ever.

Item

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Joanna Simpson the sum of Twenty Pounds Proclamation Money to her, her Heirs and Assigns for ever.

Item

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Benthall the sum of Twenty Pounds Proclamation Money, and one Cow and calf to her, her Heirs and Assigns for ever.

Item

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Henrietta Chadwick one Negro Girl named Rosa to her, her Heirs and Assigns for ever.