

In the Name of God Amen July the thirteenth day
1771 I Nathan Barrington of the County of Lancaster
and in the Province of North Carolina Being very
sick and weak in Body but of a perfect mind
and memory sheweth he gives to almighty God
for the same Therefore calling to mind the mortality
of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for
all men or women once to die do make and
ordain this to be my last will and Testament that
is to say first and principally of all I Recommend
my Soul in to Hands of almighty God I shew
it and nothing Doubting but at the generall Res-
urrection I shall Receive the same again by the
mighty power of God and my Body to be Buried in
a Christian like and Decent Burial at Discretion
of Executors and as touching all such worldly
Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless
me in this life I give and Dispose of the same
in the following manner and form I do leave my
land to be Entailed a Divided between three
of my children Isaac and Saviour and John
my plantation wherof now lies I gave it to
my son John and the half of my wife during her life and then to be Entailed a
Divided amongst the rest of my children Es-
tablish Elizabeth and Isaac and Saviour and
my Son-in-law Elizabeth I do cut her off with
a new Shilling I do nominate and appoint
my wife and son Isaac and John Smith to be
my whole and Sole Executors of this my
last will and Testament

William Lewis
William Nelson
Nathaniel Gibbs

his
Nathan Barrington
mark

December Lancaster-Court-1786.
Proved in Open Court according to Law.

Test- Robt Reaf Clerk.

In the name of God Amen.

I James Bell of Lancaster-County in the State of
North Carolina, being weak of body but of sound and
disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this
to be my last Will and Testament; and as concerning
my outward estate I give demise and dispose of the same
in the following manner and form

First I leave unto my beloved wife Rebecca Bell the
use of all my estate both real and personal only such
part of the land that my two sons hereinafter named
may choose to settle upon and such privileges thereunto
on the land as may be thought by judicious men to be re-
quisite for them during her natural life.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son William Bell one
half of all the lands whereon I now live to be divided in
the following manner to begin on ^(Northwards) Hartwells Creek and
run a straight line to the base line then this my son
is to have the part which is the most North westerly

To whom I give the same and to his heirs and assigns for ever
undisturbed in the enjoyment of the same and the half of the same which is the most North westerly

My Will and desire is further that if
my said wife can help any of my children at any time
hereafter to anything she can spare for their use that
she may do, and keep account of the value thereof which
is to be accounted as a part of the share of each of
those who may so have received anything of her after my
decease. And after the decease of my said wife I give and
bequeath all my personal estate to be equally divided
amongst all my children

Lastly I nominate and appoint my said beloved wife
Rebecca Bell Executrix and my son William Bell
Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking
and annulling all former wills by me at any time her-
etofore made, ratifying and confirming this and no other
to be my last Will and Testament this twenty fourth day
of January in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven
hundred and Ninety Seven 1797.

Signed Sealed pronounced and
declared by the said James Bell to be
his last Will and Testament in presence of us

Joseph Dew. Thomas Hartwell Joshua Potter.

Lancaster-County May Term 1801 the above
will was proved in open Court by the oaths of Thomas
Hartwell and Joshua Potter-Letter ordered to Issue
Saml Leffers Clk