

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 I 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.

Item I Give 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 James Bell

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 tract 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