

to my daughter Elizabeth Bell three cows and three calves to be paid her at the age or day of marriage which should first happen I give and bequeath to my wife my young horse called Prince Item. I lend all the rest & remainder of my estate to my wife during her widow hood and afterwards to be equally divided to & amongst my afore said three sons & my daughter and lastly appoint Thomas Cogswell Hegash Bell and Gory Bell Exrs of this my last will and testament. In witness where of the said John Bell hath here unto set ^{my} hand & seal this 6th day of May 1783. Signed, Sealed published & declared by the testator to be and remain his last will & testament in the presence of Wm Robinson. Robt Bell Jesse Bell John Bell (Seal)

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July Term 1811

Then was the within proved in Court by the of William Southerland & Robert Southerland two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and at the same time Nathan Waller the Executor named in the said will came before the Court and refused to qualify and act as an exr to the said will where upon the Court granted administration of the said

John estate to Alexander Newkirk with a copy of this will thereto Bardin annexed where upon the said Alexander Newkirk gave bond in £1000 and qualified as an administrator according to law ordered that letters issued according to Act W. Dickson C. C. In the name of God Amen. I John Bardin of the County of Duplin and State of North Carolina being in a low state of health but of perfect sound mind and memory thanks be to God for it and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that is appointed for all men ^{next} to die thought proper to make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner & form following. That is to say first & principally I recommend my soul to almighty God who gave it and my body to be buried in a decent & christian like manner at the discretion of my Exrs here to fore mentioned and as for my worldly goods which it hath pleased God to indow me with I dispose of as follows. Item I give &

I bequeath to my brother Joseph Barden one shilling sterling to him and his heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my sister Sarah Barden one shilling sterling to her and her heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my sister Titta Barden one shilling sterling to her & her heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my sister Zelfhia Barden one shilling sterling to her and her heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my sister Mollay Barden one shilling sterling to her & her heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my brother Jesse Barden one shilling sterling to him & his heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my brother William Barden one shilling sterling to him & his heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Rebecca Barden the remaining part of my estate both real & personal to be at her own disposal forever and I do here by nominate and appoint my true and trusty friend Nathan Waller Esq of the my last will and Testament here by revoking and making void all other wills of gifts by me made and do declare this my and pronounce this to be my last will and testament. Signed sealed and declared my last will & testament this the 11th May 1811 In presence of M. Southland Robert Southland. Alex Southland John ^{his} Barden, Seal Mark

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Obiturn Term 1790

Then was the within proved in open Court by the oath of John Fort and John Linton two of the subscribing witnesses that in due form of Law. And at the same time William Beck and John Beck two of the Exors named in said will came before the Court & qualified as Exors according to Law Ordinance that seemed according to J^{ts} M^{rs} Jackson CC
In the name of God amen the second day of September in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and ninety. I John Beck of Duplin County and State of North Carolina being at this time sick and weak of body but of sound mind and memory prayed or God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of the body and that it is appointed unto all men once to die do constitute and make this my will in manner and form following. (That is to say) First and principally of all I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me and my body I recommend to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried in a christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Exors hereafter to be mentioned and as to my

John
M^{rs} Jackson
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