

I leave to the use of my beloved wife during her natural life and
 afterward to be equally divided between S^r Sherrill Lusenah &
 Mourning. I leave twenty shillings to my daughter Emma Stevens
 I hereby make and ordain my friend Hardy Stevens and my
 son Arthur Brown and my son Sherrill Brown Exrs to this my
 last will and testament. Sealed with my seal and date May 12th
 1784 Signed, sealed published & declared in presence of Eliot Cooper &
 928 William H. Butler ^{his} Mark Wright Ryals Edward Brown

State of North Carolina
 Duplin County }

July Court 1783

Then was the within proved in open Court in due form of law by
 the oath of Robert Bell and Jesse Bell two of the subscribing
 witnesses thereto and at the same time Thomas Coggins one
 of the Exrs named in the said will came before the Court
 and Qualified by taking the oath of an Executor according
 to Law Ordered that letters may issue accordingly by Dist
 Wm. Dickson C. C. In the name of God Amen. I John Bell
 of the County of Duplin in the State of North Carolina Being
 very sick and weak but of sound mind & disposing memory
 thanks to the almighty God for that and all other mercies conferred
 upon me and being desirous to settle my worldly Estate
 do give and dispose of the same in manner and form following
 and first desire that my just debts and funeral expenses be first
 paid my Impresors. I give demise and bequeath to my son Thomas
 Bell the lower part of the land I live on to begin at the lower
 corner of the plantation and thence run a straight line to black
 branch including all the lower part of said tract of land to
 him his heirs and assigns for ever. Item I give demise and bequeath
 to my son Archibald Bell the upper part of the aforesaid
 tract of land beginning at the mouth of Black Branch &
 running a straight line up said branch to the back line
 to him his heirs assigns for ever. Item I give demise and bequeath
 to my son John Bell the remainder of the said land with
 the plantation and improvements to him his heirs assigns for ever
 Item I give devise and bequeath to my said three sons all the rest
 and remainders of my lands to be equally divided amongst them
 their heirs and assigns for ever. Item I give and bequeath

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 Ham. 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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State of North Carolina
Duplin County }

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 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 ^{or us} 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. I then I give &