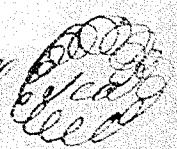


Bill, all my Cattle and Hogs, to her, & her heirs forever. Item, I stand unto my loving Mo-
 ther, two Negroes, to wit, Dick & Abram, during her Natural life, and after her
 Death, to fall to my brother. Item, I give and bequeath, to my brother Shadrach
 Bell, whom I likewise constitute Make and Ordain my only and sole Executor of this
 my last will & Testament; all & singular my lands and Negroes, and all other property
 by him freely to be possessed and enjoyed, to him his heirs and assigns forever, And
 do hereby utterly, Disallow, revoke, and Disannul, all and every other former Testament
 Wills, & Legacies. In Witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal, this
 the 24th Day of April 1790

Eliza Bell 

Signed, Sealed & Delivered

in the presence of us

Harb. Bell, Jt.

Arthur Wiggins

Joshua Williamson &

Halifax County Jt.

August Session 1791. That this will

was Exhibited in Open Court, and duly proved by the Oath
 of Joshua Williamson & Marmaduke Bell, two of the sub-
 scribing Witnesses thereto, and on Motion Ordered to be recorded, whereupon Shadrach
 Bell, the Executor named in this Will came in Open Court, and was duly qualified
 as an Executor thereto.

Just M. Wootton & Co.

In the Name of God Amen. I Abraham Johnston of Halifax County
 in the State of North Carolina, being weak of body but of perfect sound sense, mind and Memory, thanks
 be to God for the same. (Do Make and Ordain this my last will and Testament, in the Manner and form
 following. That is to say, Inprimis, I recommend my soul into the hands and protection of Almighty
 God, that gave it. Hoping for a Remission of all my sins, and my body I leave to be decently buried
 at the Discretion of my Executors, hereafter named, and as for my worldly Estate, which

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it hath been pleased almighty God, to bestow on me, I give, devise, and bequeath as follows—
 Item, I give and devise unto my Son William, the land whereon he now lives, Beginning at
 Thomas Atkins line on his Spring branch, then up the said branch to where Perkins &
 said Atkins Corners, then up the great Creek to the Mouth of the Haw branch, then up the
 said branch to my line & Corner be the same or less within the said bounds. Item, I give &
 devise unto my Son John five shillings Current Money of North Carolina being what I
 allotted for him. Item, I give & devise unto my Son Abraham five shillings Current Money
 of North Carolina being what I intended for him. Item, I lend unto my beloved wife
 the use of the plantation whereon I now live, together with all my lands thereunto belong-
 ing, also every other part & parcel of my estate of what ever nature, kind, or Quality so-
 ever that I have not before disposed of: for & during her Widowhood, and at the
 time of her Marriage, or Death to be equally divided to and amongst my Children that
 I have by my present wife Susannah. Item, & lastly, I do hereby Nominate, Constitute &
 appoint my well beloved wife Susannah & my Son Lewis Executors of this my last Will
 and Testament, hereby revoking Disannulling, & Making Void all other Will or Wills
 or Testaments by me heretofore made or published. In Witness whereof, I have
 hereunto my hand, & affixed my Seal, this kind Day of July, in the Year of our
 Lord one thousand seven hundred & Eighty Nine

Signed, Sealed, Published & Delivered
 by the Testator Abraham Sonson
 As and for his last Will & Testament
 In the presence of us, who at his request
 subscribed our Names, as Witnesses to the
 due Execution of the Same—

Roe Harveys
 M. Alston
 Also appoint
 my son Sterling

his
 Abraham X Sonson
 Mark

Malheur County Jt.
 August Session 1791.
 When this will was Exhibited in open Court
 and duly proved by the Oath of Edward Elmer
 a Deputy there to, and on Motion ordered to be

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 Lord one thousand seven hundred & Eighty nine

Signed, sealed, published & declared
 by the Testator Abraham Sonson
 as and for his last Will & Testament
 In the presence of us, who at his request
 subscribed our names, as Witnesses to the
 due Execution of the Same —

Roe Harries
 M. Atkinson
 Edward Elms Jr.
 Williamford Jenkins Jr.

Also appointed
 James Sterling
 Sonson Executors

Abraham X Sonson
 Mark

Guilford County, N.C.

August Term 1791.

When this will was Exhibited in Open Court
 and duly proved by the Oath of Edward Elms
 a Witness thereto, and on Motion ordered to be
 Recorded, whereupon Susannah Johnston the
 Executrix named in the said Will came in
 Open Court, & was duly qualified as an
 Executrix thereto — Test Wm. Foster Clk

State North Carolina

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