

Henry Hancock Sen & Co

In The Name of God Amen Henry Hancock of Halifax County & State of North Carolina being weak of Body but of perfect Sense & Memory thanks be to God for the same & on Consideration that life & Sense is uncertain do make and ordain this to be my last Will & Testament that I give & recommend my soul into the hands of God that Gave it, and as to my body I recommend to the Earth or discretion of my friends and as to my worldly Estate I Give bequeath & devise to dispose of the same in the following manner. Vizt. I Impower. I bind to Letta Bell wife of George Bell did one negro Woman named Cal to long as She continues a Widow & then to return as I shall hereafter Give her Item I Give & bequeath to Samuel Bell the son of George Bell did three negroes namely Cal Jim & Cal vale the rest of the property that I have by me or any way, appertaining to me to be & his heirs forever.

Lastly I do likewise Ordain this to be my last Will & Testament that I have by me or any ways before me when of I have hereunto Set my hand affixed my Seal dates this the 20. th of November 1797

Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of us
Benjamin Bell. Mary ^{Wife} Bell
I mark

Henry Hancock Esq

Halifax County, Ga

May Session 1798 Then this Will was exhibited in open Court and duly proved by the oath of Benjamin Bell one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto and on Motion ordered to be Proved

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on consideration that life & since uncertain do make and ordain this to be my last will & Testament vizt I give & recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and as to my body I recommend to the Earth or disposition of my friends and as to my worldly Estate I give bequeath & devise to dispose of the same in the following manner vizt I Impower. I send to belia Bell wife of George Bell did one negro woman named Kate so long as she continues a widow & then to return as I shall hereafter give her Item I give & bequeath to Samuel Bell the son of George Bell did three negroes namely Kate Jim & Cal vale the rest of the property that I have by me or any way appertaining to me to be & his heirs forever

Lastly I do likewise ordain this to be my last will & Testament that I have by me or any ways before me whereof I have hereunto set my hand affixed my Seal dated this the 29th of November 1797

Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of us
Benjamin Bell. Mary ^{Wife} & Bell
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Henry Hancock Esq

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May Session 1798 Then this will was exhibited in open Court and duly proved by the oath of Benjamin Bell one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be Recorded

Wm. Long Ct