

Qualified as last & on Motion Ordered to be Recorded

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Wm. Hooten & Co

In the Name of God Amen, I Joshua Bell of Halifax County
& State of N. Carolina being Sick & weak in Body but of Perfect Mind &
Memory thanks be Given to God Calling to Mind the Mortality of my Body
& Knowing that it is Appointed for all men Once to die so Make & Ordain this
my Last Will & Testament that is to say Principally & for of all I Give &
Recommend my Soul in the hand of Almighty God that Gave it & my
Body I Recommend to the Earth to be Buried in a Decent Christian
Buriall at the Discretion of my Ex^{or}. Nothing Doubting but at the General
Resurrection I shall receive the same again By the Mighty power of
God & as Touching such Worldly Estate Where with it has pleased God to
Bless me in this Life I Give & Dispose of the same in following
Manner & form — Item. I Give & Bequeath unto my Brother Eliza-
bell, three Negroes Jacob, Kate & Phillis to him & his heirs for Ever

Witnessed

60 I also Give him two Hundred Pounds in Money
Item. I Give unto my Brother Shadrach Bell, three Negroes Frank, Hannah,
& Nancy, to him & his heirs for ever — I also him two Hundred Acres of
Land, more or less that I purchased of my Mother joining James Smiths
Line & Eliza Bells I also Give him One thousand Pounds to be paid him
Silver or Gold.

Item. I Give & bequeath unto my Sister Lucy Bell three Negroes Mingo, Fitter,
& Lucy to her & her heirs for Ever — Item. I Give & bequeath unto my Sister in Law
Penelope Munton, two Negroes Luke, & Clem, to her & her heirs for Ever, provided
she should not have & her Lawfully Begotten of her body then I leave the said
Negroes to my Brother Shadrach Bell, to him & his heirs for Ever — I leave
all the Rest of my Estate to be sold by my Ex^{rs} to pay my just Debts, & if
any remain after paying my Debts & Making up the Sum of money
which I have Given to my Brothers, I leave it to my Brother Shadrach Bell, I
Nominate & Appoint J^r Thomas, & J^r Dawson, to be my whole & Sole
Ex^{rs} of this my Last Will & Testament, & so hereby Disallow Renounce and
Revoke all other wills Legacies formerly by me Made & this & no other to be my
Last will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal

When I have given to my former & present
Nominate & Appoint J^r Thomas, & J^r Dawson, to be my whole & Sole
Ex^{or} of this my Last Will & Testament. & so hereby Disallow Renounce and
Revoke all other Wills Legacies formerly by me Made & this & no other to be my
Last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal
this 20th day of November 1783 —

Sign Seals & Delivered in the presence of

George Daffin, Samuel Whitaker

Joshua Bell
his Seal
Wm. Hooten

Halifax County J^r Feb^y Court 1784 Then the foregoing
Will was duly proved in Open Court by the Oath of Samuel
Whitaker, who on his Oath did say that he saw the Testator
Sign Seal Publish & Declare this to be his Last Will & Testament
& that at the time of signing the same he was of Sound Mind
& Memory to the best of his belief thereunto whereupon J^r Dawson
Qualified as Ex^{or} & on Motion Ordered to be Recorded —

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