

State of North Carolina
Hoke County -

Being now in Sound mind Sense and Memory Thanks be to the Supreme being I do with the Will of God make and Ordain and Conclude this my Last Will and Testament as Jewish may ever remain in full force and Virtue.

Item I do lend to my Well beloved Wife Asmath Bell all my whole Stock of Cattle during her Widowhood & after her death I do give my said Wife one third part of said Stock of Cattle after each Legatee has his or her Legatee to her and her heirs forever I also give to her one old Black Black Horse and all my Stock of Hogs and all my Stock of Sheep and Hires of Cows also 1 Bed & furniture and one Case and Bottles 1 Tier Gallon Iron pot and 1 pair pottrammells & Hooks and a Hand mill to her & her heirs for Ever. I also lend her for Life only the use of my plantation whereon I now live, also lend her the use of one case of Drums two Tables one of which is a Lrag Table all my sitting Chairs and all my Spinning Wheels 1 Club etc

Item I give to my Daughter Mary Bell 1/3 part of Stock Cattle after my Wife Asmath Bell's Mummy I also give to my Daughter after the Death of my wife 1 Table with Lrag one Chest a young mare Case and Bottles 1 Bed and furniture a pot to her & her heirs forever

Item I give to my Daughter Hannah Bell one third part of my Stock of Cattle after the Widowhood of my Wife Asmath Bell I also give to my Daughter one Bed and furniture 1 Case Bottles 1 young Horse 1 pot a hand I also give to her after the Death of my wife 1 Case of Drums and one Table also 2 Hires Cows to her & her heirs forever

Item I give and Bequeath to my son John Bell a certain Tract of Land containing two hundred and two acres siting the said Land whereon I now live with all the improvements thereon belonging Reserving the meannors Plantation to well Beloved Wife Asmath Bell to him and his heirs forever I also give him two Cows and Calves 1 pair Dog Irons a Looking Glass one Hires of Rustation and his Hires and assigns.

Item I further give to my wife Asmath Bell all my Corn -
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& Bacon a frying pan Skillet as well as one pair flat Iron to her and her heirs for Ever -

I hereby constitute and leave my good friends Ephraim Elber & John Bell to be Executors I do hereby authorize my Ex^{rs} Ephraim Elber to buy one Negro Boy Slave or two and Sittum York of Age out of the money that I shall leave which amount is Ninety pounds which he is to take into his possession Immediately he shall buy the Said Boy to the best advantage and make over to my son John Bell a full Sale agreeable to law. I also lend to my wife the Negro Boy during her natural life I do also impower my Executor to sell at publick Auction all the personal Estate which is not here in Mentioned I do also request my Executors to do the best for my three Children give them the best Education that can be Admitted of and lend my son John Bell to some good Trade that they may think best when he arrives at the Age of Twenty years of age or more Witness, whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this 26th day of March and in the Year of our Lord 1788

Witnessed before Signed
Signed Sealed and delivered
in the presence of
Just William Daily -
Mary Elber

N.B. I do wish Executors to convert the money arising from the above mentioned Sale to the Schooling of three Children as may be most advantageous March 26th 1788. Abram Bell

Just.
William Daily - The above will and Testament of Abram Bell Described was proved in Court by the oath of William Daily Evidence thereof who swore that he believed that the Testator was of a Sound and disposing mind and Memory at the time of his Signing the same, ordered to be Recorded.
Just

Inscribed Dec. 25th 1789
Abram Record of will and accounts

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R. D. Harris C.S.

Caleb Horroan Clerk