

That John W. Ford, Mr. John Ford on Committee—
Hyd County of May term 1811—The Sure Evidence
of this last will & testament with a Letter containing a paper
which proved in open Court by the oath of John W. Ford & John
W. Ford the two subscribing Witnesses to the same in due form
& ordered to be Recorded—

Transcribed Feb. 12th 1811
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P. D. Harris csc

In the name of God Amen, I Joshua Bell of the County of Hyde being
in sound disposing mind & memory thank God I am able to
for it calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is
appointed for all men to die do make and give in last will and testament
this to be my last will and testament thus saying and discharging
all that I will or wills by me in and in form of manner following—
I give and bequeath unto my grandson George the son of
Samuel Bell a certain piece of land containing by
estimation one hundred acres or thereabouts of land sit-
ting the northernmost part of my land, beginning at the head
of a pit where my pasture fence comes down to, and running
with the ditch through my corn field then North twenty
nine degrees East to my back line then with my line to-
wards Silvershorne and down to the water and with the
water to the beginning to him & his heirs forever. I give
and bequeath unto the heirs of Samuel Bell Lawfully begotten
of his body one negro woman named Judy and her children
one negro boy named Seth and another boy by the name of
Rabiah to them & their heirs forever. I give and bequeath
unto my son Joshua Bell the one and placed above shew-
ing I now devise to him and his heirs forever. I devise like-
wise give unto my son Joshua Bell one negro woman
by the name of Fanning and all her posterity and
one other negro boy by the name of Pica and my father—
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bed and the furniture belonging to it; to him and his heirs forever.
I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Lawfully begotten
of her body one negro girl by the name of Sally; I give
and bequeath unto her one negro girl by the name of Sally; I give
will and desire is if my said daughter and her children die without
Lawful heirs then the above said negro be Equally divided amongst
my other heirs to them & their heirs forever. I give and bequeath
unto my daughter Frances Bell one negro girl by the name of Pica and
one negro boy by the name of Charity one negro woman named Fanny and one
negro girl and the furniture belonging to her & her heirs forever.
I give and desire is that if my daughter Frances Bell should die
without Lawful heirs then the above said negro be Equally divided
amongst the rest of my heirs. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sally
Bell one negro girl by the name of Pica one negro boy named Pica
one negro boy named Seth and one feather bed & the furniture belong-
ing to it to her & her heirs forever. I give and desire is if my
daughter Sally die without Lawful heirs then her negro be Equally
divided amongst the rest of my heirs. I give and bequeath
unto my daughter Judith one negro woman named Pica and
two children one named Diana and the other Maria one
feather bed & the furniture belonging to it to her and her heirs for-
ever. I give and desire is if my daughter Judith and her heirs
die without heirs then the said negro be Equally divided amongst my
other heirs. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Emily
Charles two children one by the name of Joshua Charles and the
other by the name of Pica Charles one negro woman by the name
of Pica and her children one by the name of Pica and the other Sally
and one negro girl by the name of Pica to them & their heirs forever.
I give and desire is if my said daughter and her children die
without Lawful heirs then the said negro be Equally divided
amongst my other heirs. I give and bequeath unto my daugh-
ter Sally Taylor one negro woman named Pica and the half of the
bed and her heirs forever. I give and desire is if my daughter
Sally Taylor and her heirs die without Lawful heirs then the said
negro be Equally divided amongst my other heirs. I give
and bequeath unto my daughter Pica Bell one feather bed & furniture
belonging to it. I give two children one named Pica—
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John and the other George which I omitted at first to put in was to be disposed with as the others above. I then gave and bequeathed unto my son Samuel Bell one half for his own use. I then gave and bequeathed unto my daughter Agnes one half of the same. I then gave and bequeathed unto my son Joshua Bell all the Remainder of my Estate that is not already given away by the will in and out of the same and his heirs for ever. Lastly I do appoint my son Joshua Bell my whole & sole Executor to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & first my seal this 27th day of June 1810—

Signed Sealed & published in

the presence of—
William Parrnell?
Rothas Martin }

John A. Bell Senor

Concord to my will, I also give & bequeath unto my said children & children of my son Samuel Bell to be equally divided among them one negro woman by the name of Rachel and her future increase and to them & their heirs for ever. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11 day of March 1811

Signed Sealed in the presence of John A. Bell Senor

William Parrnell?
Rothas Martin }

Hyde County & May Term 1811
The due Execution of this Last will with the Concord was proved in open Court by the oath of William Parrnell one of the subscribing Witnesses to the same in due form

& ordered to be Recorded

Attest Ben. Sherman Clerk

Exscribed Feb. 12th 1810

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P. D. Harris etc

In the name of God I bind John Benson of the County of Hyde and the County of being of and possessing a sound disposing mind & memory but feeling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will to be and contain my last will and testament; First Ridding and making void all other wills heretofore made by me or for me, and making this and no other to be and contain my last will and testament in force & manner following. I give, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Benson during the term of her natural life the house and that part of my plantation whereon I now live that lies to the westward of the line that shall be run a cross my land just as for the Endward of the house as will include all the houses in said woodland End, also one Bed and furniture that belongs to my daughter Amantia until my said daughter may marry and it and my Boy or one during her natural life, named Mary with one cow & calf and the care of one negro man named Jim. I then I give and bequeath to my said son much corn and wheat as may be sufficient in these articles for her support for one year to be paid off to her by my Executor. I then I request my Executor to let all my negroes (except Jim whom I have some away at public or private sale until my said Nehemiah shall arrive to the age of ten or twelve years old and the commission profits arising therefrom to be applied to the maintaining and educating my children at the discretion of my Executor. I then I give and bequeath all my negroes (except Jim, to be paid off I will between all my children when my son Nehemiah shall arrive to the age of ten or twelve years old. I then I give and bequeath to my son Nehemiah Benson all my lands and improvements and subject to my wife's claim for the first labor found by this will. I then I give and bequeath all the rest of my property not already given away to be equally divided amongst my son Nehemiah, my daughter, Ruthy, Dorcas, Mary Lydia & Amantia Benson which division shall take place immediately after my Death. Lastly I do nominate and appoint my trusty friend John Brindell the son of my former wife my whole and sole Executor to this my last will and testament on next page—