

Now, I give to my two sons Nathaniel and Sylvester the Plantation whereon I now live to be divided in the following manner Beginning at the house at a ditch Near the middle of my field running up the ditch to the head thereof a direct Course to the division line between my own Henry & John's, the western part I give to my Nathaniel and the Southern part to my son Sylvester.

Thus, all the Part of my Estate Real and Personal I leave to be Equally divided between my wife and seven children except the house and lot I bought of Lockmy Spicers the Book House and lot and the land joining and directly back Solomon Euckys. That part of my property I direct my Executors to sell at public Sale to Discharge my Debt.

Lastly I appoint my nephew Solomon Selby my Executor wholly and solely to this my last will & Testament.

Original & Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1805.

In the presence of us

Joseph Gibbs

John Selby

Samuel Goddard

Hyde County February Term 1805

The due execution of this last will and Testament of Joseph Gibbs, Decedent, was exhibited with Oath & sworn by the oath of Samuel Goddard an Evidence thereto, ordered to be Recorded.

Just Clerk Samuel C. C.

Transcribed January 30<sup>th</sup> 1805.

From Record of Wills & Deeds

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P. D. Harris c. c.

In the Name of God amen. I Nathan Selby of the County of Hyde and State of North Carolina being in possession of a sound disposing Mind and Memory do Make and Ordain this Instrument of writing to be and Contain my last will and Testament in manner and form following Viz: I appoint my Executors, Executors after my Death to have my body decently buried and believe to the effect of this will all the legacies agreeable to the direction of this will which will appear as follows Viz:

Imprimis, I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Nancy Oliver fifty acres of land more or less lying on the western side of the leading ditch from the main road to the Plantation formerly belonging to George Oliver. One Negro Boy named Bob one Negro lying Call his head of sheep one Cart and one fletcher bed & furniture which said Cart & bed & furniture she has now in her possession. Thus, I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter the Eliza Watson one Negro woman named Aggy & her Child named Annas one young Man one Cart and one fletcher bed & furniture which said fletcher bed & furniture & Cart she has now in her possession also fifty Dollars in Cash. Thus, I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter the Comfort Selby fifty acres of land more or less lying on the Eastern side of the leading ditch from the main road to the Plantation formerly belonging to George Selby one Negro boy named Isaac one old Man one Cart one fletcher bed & furniture & fifty Dollars in Cash.

Now, I give and bequeath to my beloved son William Selby the Plantation and Tract of land whereon I now live containing one hundred acres more or less, one Negro Man named Simon one Negro woman named Phoebe one Negro boy named John one Boy named John Hyde and the residue of all of my Estate, property of every Description that is not already given away to him his heirs and assigns forever.

It is my Will that my said son William Selby shall pay all my Lawful Debts, and furnish my

beloved wife Elizabeth Selby with a comfortable and quiet maintenance during the term of her Natural Life—

Lastly and all I nominate and appoint my own William Selby & my own in law Benjamin Watson Executors to this my last will and Testament first appointing and Motoring said all other wills heretofore made by me or for me. In Testimony whereof I have set my hand & seal this Eighteenth day of April 1805.

Notar Selby

Original sealed & acknowledged  
this instrument of writing  
to be & contain the last  
will and testament of the Testator  
in presence of

Joseph Mattes & the due Execution of this will  
was proved in open Court  
by the oath of Joseph Mattes an evidence  
thereof. Ordered to be recorded  
Test Our Friend and Clerk

Transcribed January 30<sup>th</sup> 1900.  
From Records of Wills & accounts.

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P. N. Harris C. C.

In the Name of God Amen. I Wilson Bell of the County of Hyde and State of North Carolina. Being sick and weak in body but of a disposing mind thus be it God for the same do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner following. —

First. I give & bequeath my soul unto the hands of all mighty God that gave it me & which I shall receive at last. I have pleased God to bless me with in this life. I give devise and bequeath in manner following my friends. I have with my beloved wife Doan Bell during her Natural Life one Negro Man named Jolly and one Negro Girl named Beth and one third part of all my personal Estate with the manner of the said. To be equally divided amongst (all) five children after the Death of my wife except the Negro girl named Beth, which said Negro Beth I give to my Daughter Mary afford with one Man having fifty acres of Marsh and three more & fifty acres of Marsh on the bottom Marsh to him and his heirs forever.

Thus, I give and bequeath unto my grandson Benjamin D. Bell & my Grand Daughter Minnie Bell six pounds Current Money of this State to them and their heirs forever.

Thus, I give and bequeath to my grand children to wit: Ormond Eosta Williams Eosta & Popper Eosta the sum of six pounds each Current Money of this State to them and their heirs forever.

Thus, all the residue of my Estate I give and bequeath to my five children to wit: Richard D. Bell Edwige Bell Doan Moore daughter of Edward D. Mary afford & to be equally divided between them by William Eosta & Benjamin Forman.

Lastly, I nominate unto and appoint my own Edwige Bell & my own in law John Bayford my Executors to this my last will and Testament before my friends & conforming this to be my last will & Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal.

This 19<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1805. Dix Bell

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