

Thomas Bell will

In the name of God Amen

March Nineteenth One Thousand Seven hundred & ninety two

I Thomas Bell of the County of Washington and western territories South of the Ohio being weak in body yet of a sound & perfect understanding thank be to God for his Mercy to me but calling to mind the Mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I ~~do~~ make & declare this my last will & testament that is to say principally & first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it & as for my body I commit it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent Manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the almighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I do ~~desire~~ give and bequeath & dispose of the same in the following manner & term It is my will and I do Order that in the first place all my Last debts & funeral Charges be settled and paid - I therefore do bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth the black mare named Gley & her saddle & bridle with the bed & lay on & all its furniture and the draper & all its furniture and her maintenance of the land wherett she remains a widow providing she be ⁵⁰⁰ allowed to live on it If not I will and bequeath Order that it be sold & the profits laid out for other land & her to have her maintenance of that land & one cow with a white face Cherry by name.

Item I will and Order that the land be equally divided between my two sons John & David each providing the same, and as preferable to the other he is to pay the other until he is equal with him & I give to John the bay mare and my Rifle Gun & he is to school David & Mary. David is to be taught to the single rule of three Mary to read good word distinctly as for my daughter Sarah I Order that she have the hager calf we I gave her over & above the rest.

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And as to my other property (W.D) house cow sheep and hogs with my house hold furniture I
will & positively Order that they be divided & equally divided among all my children and
providing this comes not up to the land I positively Order that the two boys pay to my daughters
until all have alike as for those of my children yet unlearned I positively Order that
they be taught to read distinctly & it to be paid out of the whole of my estate at the discretion
of my executor & providing that it may please God to call any of these my children out
of time into eternity before they come to years to dispose of their share it is to be equally divided
among the rest. — Item I Order that my beloved wife Elizabeth & Brother William Bell be
executors of this my last will & Testaments & Brother John Bell Guardian

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Thomas Bell (Seal)

Robert Carson

James Bell

William Bell

The foregoing will was proven in court by the Oath of Robert
Carson & James Bell the Subscribing witnesses thereto at May 1792
Elizabeth Bell and William Bell qualified as examiners
of the above will