Last Will and Testament of William H. Bell

I William H. Bell of the County of Fannin and Republic of Texas being of sound mind and well knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do this day make the following disposition of all of my effects viz

To my wife Elizabeth Bell I give and bequeath all my Estate real and personal during her natural life to have and to hold as her own bona fide property without being required to give bond and security to any court or authority whatever to give or receive titles for land for any bonds which I hold or may have given to to others And at her death if anything remains to be equally divided among my children

In case my wife Elizabeth Bell's death shoulds take place our youngest child should arrive at the age of Eighteen years I give the farm on which she lived at the time of her decease together with all the household furniture and farming utensils also negro boy Tom negro girls Mary and Cynthia as well as the increase and gains of the above named property to the support and education of my four youngest children until they arrive at the age of Eighteen years at which time should there be any thing remaining I wish it equally divided among all my children

I have now disposed of all my earthly effects according to my own desire and most earnestly wish that it will be strictly complied with.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this day of November A.D. 1842

Samuel Johnson
Sifford Johnson

Wm H. Bell (Seal)