

## Estate of John Bell

Name in Record	Reason for Being in Record	Date of Record
John Bell	Writes last will & testament	Feb. 4, 1847
Wife	Unnamed but provided for	
Jeremiah Bell	Son of John Bell; also to be named executor	
Vincent Bell	Minor son of John Bell	
Mary Bell	Minor daughter of John Bell	
Josiah Crawford	Witness to John Bell writing his last will & testament	
Joseph Wilson	Witness to John Bell writing his last will & testament	
Samuel L. Rugg	Clerk	

Roll No. 2<sup>nd</sup> '11 of John Belt

I John Belt of Jefferson Township  
in Adams County in the State of  
Indiana do make and publish this  
my last will and testament hereby  
saying and making void all former  
wills by me in anywise  
made. First, I direct that my body  
be decently interred and that my  
funeral be conducted in a man-  
ner corresponding with my Estate  
and situation in life and to such  
worldly estate which it has pleased  
God to entrust me with. I dis-  
pose of the same in the following  
manner, to wit: I direct, first, that  
all my just debts and funeral ex-  
penses be paid as soon after my  
death as possible out of the first  
moneys that shall come into the  
hands of my executor from any  
portion of my personal Estate. I  
also direct that my personal Estate  
shall be equally divided between my  
daughters, Hannah and  
Mary after my wife  
deceases her third. I also direct  
and bequeath to my son Jeremiah  
the land on which I now live it  
being the north-west quarter of the  
South East 1/4 of Sec 19 Town  
25 North of Range 18 East containing  
forty acres conditional that he

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support his mother during her  
life and maintain his Brother  
Benjamin and his sister Mary  
until they are twenty or years  
of age and give them common  
schooling. I hereby make and  
ordain my son Jeremiah  
Executor of this my last will  
and testament.

In testimony whereof I John  
Belt the Testator have hereunto  
set my hand and seal this  
fourth day of February A.D. 1847  
Signed sealed published  
and declared by John Belt  
as his last will and  
testament

Joseph Crawford John Belt  
Joseph Miller  
State of Indiana  
Adams County ss I John C. King  
Clerk of the Probate Court of  
Adams County do hereby certify  
that Joseph Crawford of said  
County personally appeared before  
me ~~the~~ and being of lawful age  
and duly sworn on his oath said  
that he was acquainted with  
John Belt the Testator whose  
signature is affixed to the  
within will and testament per-  
fecting to be his, that he saw

Will of John Belt

said testator in his lifetime  
subscribed said will by writing  
his name thereto and heard  
him publish and declare the  
same to be his last will and  
testament that said testator  
was at the time of signing his  
name thereto of sound mind and  
memory and not under any  
coercion or restraint. And that  
he the said Josiah Cowford  
subscribed his name to said  
will as a witness thereto at the  
request of said testator and  
in his presence and in the  
presence of the other subscribing  
witness

Josiah Cowford

In testimony whereof I  
have hereunto set my  
hand and affixed the  
seal of said Court this  
23<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1847

Sam<sup>l</sup> L. Rugg