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**BENJAMIN E. BELL
ESTATE**

1840

HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA

July 22^d 1840

Mordcai G. Taylor Administrator of the Estate of Benj ^d Bellows		
24 th	2 Days in getting out letters of Adm.	2.00
..	1 Day in taking Inventory of Dec ^d property	1.00
..	1 Day Writing & putting up Advertisement	1.00
..	Writing Appraisers & Administrator of Affidavit	0.25
..	Paid Esq ^r Barker as per Receipt	0.25
..	Appraisers Fee as per Receipt	2.00
..	Widows Dower	100.00
Aug. 10 th	Filing Inventory in Clerks Office 1 Day	1.00
15 th	1 Day attending to Sale of Dec ^d property	1.00
..	Paid Mr Hamlet for trying Sale as per Rec ^t	0.50
..	Paid Clerk of Sale as per Rec ^t	1.00
25 th	1 Day attending before Justice	1.00
..	Paid Attorney as per Receipt	10.00
..	Paid Esq ^r Hodgins Costs as per Receipt	1.06
..	Paid Benjamin Lawrence for Coffin purchase	10.00
..	Desperate Notes & Accounts	63.25
..	Honor Wills & Note	55.00
..	Daniel Barkers etc. Filed in C. Office	11.00
..	David Testals do do do	28.00
..	Deficit between Appmt ^t & Sale of property	21.00
..	Isaac Hockets etc. shown on trial to have temp.	15.00
..	Isaac Coburns etc. do do do	9.00
..	Hulings Millers do do do	2.00
..	John J. Logans etc. Courtailed before Justice	3.77
..	Simsy Berrys	0.75
..	Paid W. J. Angles for burying Clothes Rec ^t	2.25
..	Paid Mr Fowler as per Rec ^t	0.87 1/2
..	Writing Clerk of Sale Affidavit	0.25
..	3 Days spent in collecting Sale Bill	3.00
..	Filing Barkers & Testals etc	1.00
..	Filing Sale Bill	1.00
Nov. 8 th 1841	Paid J. M. Gregg as per Receipt	\$349.20 1/2
Carried over		2.00
		\$351.20 1/2

July 24th 1840
 M. G. Taylor Administrator of the Estate of Benj. Bell
 Dr. To the Estate as per Inventory. \$ 381.53

Credit Amts. Brought over 357.20 1/2
 Nov. 8th 1841
 Dr. By 1 Attending Probate Court 1.00
 " " Cash paid for publishing Insolvency per Vories 3.00
Whole amt. of credit \$ 358.20 1/2

Gregg's Receipt \$ 16.62 381.51
355.20
 Bal. Due the Estate \$ 26.31

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63.25
 55.00 *Wells Note*
 118.25 *Disparate Notes & Accounts*
 30.50 *Accounts reduced before Justice*
 148.75

The estate of Benjamin Clark in
account with James Green admits to

To six days spent in the business
of said estate - - - \$6.00

Jas. Green

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act
\$6,000

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Rec^d of James James Adm^r de bonis non of J^r Bally
Estate of No. 62^a (Money belonging to the Estate
Feb^y 14th 1845

J^r M. Gugg cl^k

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January

State of Indian }
Hendricks County } I James M. Gregg, clerk of the
Probate Court, of the County of Hendricks,
in the State of Indiana, do certify, that ^{de bonis non} ^{Letters}
administration, of the goods and chattels, rights, credits, monies, and
effects, which were of Benjamin E. Bell, late of the said County,
deceased, who died intestate, is this day in open Court granted
unto James Green, and the said James Green is authorized
to administer the same according to law.

Witness James M. Gregg Clerk my hand, and
the Seal of said Court, the 8th day of August,
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-
dred and forty two

J. M. Gregg Clerk
By J. P. Cranford D.C.

Letter of administra-
tion de bonis non
on the Estate of
J. E. Bell

James Green
Admr.

Rules of Honorable Probate Court

Rule 1st The Estates and Caudes as entered upon the docket will be called as entered, and if there is no appearance, the same will be disposed of for the term.

Rule 2d When any Administrator, Executor or Guardian shall file his voucher for final settlement of the estate whereof he has been Administrator, Executor or Guardian he shall file therewith an account current drawn in a fair hand, in which after debiting himself with all assets that may have come to his hands; then shall be stated on the credit side of the account, First, all costs, of Administration, last sickness, and funeral expenses, amount received by the Widow of property at its appraised value, and such debts due the estate as having been charged to the Administrator or Executor, are not capable of being collected. Secondly, all payments made upon Mortgages or Judgments that operated as a lien on the Estate of the decedent. And lastly payments made upon every other account to the Creditors of the estate. And each of the above classes of items shall form a separate aggregate, and the vouching in support of each item, shall be numbered and referred to corresponding numbers on the account current.

Rule 3d Whenever any Estate shall be considered insolvent, the Administrator or Executor shall immediately after the expiration of one year from the granting of letters of Administration, make out and present to the Court a Schedule showing all the assets that may be available to the credit of such Estate and showing as far as can be ascertained the amount of debts chargeable upon the estate: that a dividend may be struck.

Rule 4th Upon application by an Executor or Administrator for an extension of the time for making final settlement, such application shall be in writing, and filed with the Clerk; and shall set forth the facts and reasons upon which such application is made. And unless reasonable diligence shall have been used in collecting, and paying debts, and in settling the concerns of the estate, the application will not be granted.

Rule 5th That Administrators, Executors and Guardians, in making out their accounts for the approval of the Court as required by Rule 10) shall state the time of each receipt of money, and also the time of each payment.

Received of Mordecai G. Taylor Administrator
of the estate of Benjamin E. Bell deceased, one hundred
dollars in property at the appraised value thereof being the
amount to which I am entitled by law as follows to
wit:

1	Black horse	\$ 40.00
1	Bridle	0.93%
1	Set Oats & Corn	2.25
1	Mantle Clock	17.00
1	Looking glass	1.75
1	Set Chairs	5.00
1	Brittania tea pot	1.25
1	Sugar bowl	0.75
1	Cream mug	0.34%
1	Set China Teas	1.25
1	Pitcher	0.43%
1	Set dinner plates	1.00
1	Do Breakfast do	0.75
1	Butter plate	0.12%
1	Set Cup plates	0.25
2	Preserve dishes	0.75
2	Salt cellars	0.25
5	Tumblers	0.50
1	Pepper box	0.18%
1	Japanned tea canister	0.18%
2	Servers	1.25
5	Brittania table spoons	0.43%
1	Set do Tea spoons	0.25
1	Set knives & forks	2.00
2	Brass candlesticks	0.62%
1	Zin wash pan	0.31%
1	" Bucket with cover	0.50
1	" Do	0.50
1	" Large pan	0.75
Sent Carriage forward		81.62%

Am't Bro't over

1	Small tin pan	\$81.62 1/2
1	do do do	0.43 3/4
1	Tin dipper	0.12 1/2
2	Linen diaper table cloths	0.12 1/2
3	" Towels	2.00
2	Window curtains	0.31 1/4
2	Sheets	1.00
1	Tea Kettle	1.50
1	Oven & lid	1.00
1	Skillet & lid	1.25
1	Stew Kettle & lid	0.87 1/2
1	Large family magazine	1.25
1	Walker's Dictionary	1.50
1	Child's magazine	0.37 1/2
2	Smoothing Irons	0.12 1/2
9	Quart Glass Jars	1.25
9	Pint do do	2.25
1	Mortar & pestle	1.68 3/4
1	Pine Box	1.00
		0.37 1/2

\$100.06 1/4

Given under my hand this 24th day of July 1840

Attest
Jacob Taylor

Esther Bell

Filed in open Court
August 10th 1840
J. M. Briggs clk

Received of
for \$100.06

Received of
Estate

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT WE

Mordecai Taylor & Benjamin M. Smith

of the County of Hendricks, and State of Indiana, are

held and firmly bound unto the State of Indiana, in the penal sum of *Eight Hundred* Dollars, Lawful Money of the United States, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made and done, we bind Ourselves, Our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents: Sealed with Our Seals, and dated this *22nd* day of *July* 18 *80*

THE CONDITION of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound

Mordecai Taylor
will truly and faithfully perform the duties and trusts committed to him

as


Administrator
of the Estate of *Benjamin B. Bell*

deceased, according to Law,

and will truly and promptly deliver over to *his* successor to be appointed by the Probate Court of said County, should any such successor ever be appointed, all such estate, Goods, Chattels and assets, and assign to such successor all such RIGHTS AND CREDITS AS SHALL, OF RIGHT, belong to such successor upon reasonable demand made thereof, then the above obligation is to be void and of none effect, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Witness my hand of
Joel Hodgins
Isaac Ashburn

Mordecai Taylor 

Benjamin M. Smith 



Mordecai Taylor
Administrator of
Ongman & O. Bell
Estate.

Bond of \$10.00

filed in my office July
23rd 1840

J. M. Gugg clk

State of Indiana

Hendricks County } I the undersigned Justice
of the peace do certify the foregoing trans-
cripts as taken from my docket with my
proceedings thereon is just & true

February 14th 1844

Joel Hodgins
Justice of the Peace

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Mordicai G. Taylor Adm^r
1st of the estate of
Benjamin E. Bell deceased
vs
Lease Hockell

Be it remembered that on the 23rd day of August 1840
by mutual consent the parties in this case agree to go in
to trial without process the Defendant files in an ac-
count as a setoff against the Plaintiff's demand the Plaintiff
makes a witness of the Deft & the Deft on his solemn oath
testified to the whole matter, all things investigated
But 12^{cts} It is therefore considered that the Defendant recover
To the 23rd of the said Plaintiff Judgment for the sum of
\$15.00 fifteen dollars debt with interest & cost of suit taxed
at forty four cents & the Pltff in mercy. Given
under my hand & seal this 23rd day of Aug 1840

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Mordicai G. Taylor Adm^r
of the estate of B. E. Bell deceased
vs
Isaac Osborn

Loel Hodgins Esq
Justice of the peace
Action on acct.
Demand \$9.00

Be it remembered that on the 23rd day of Aug. 1840
the parties to this suit by mutual consent agree to go in
to trial without process the Deft. put in a bill of items
as a setoff against the Pltff's demand. the Pltff makes a
witness of the Deft. who being duly sworn testified to
the whole matter in dispute, all things investigated
It is therefore considered that the Defendant
But 12^{cts} recover of the Plaintiff Judgment for the sum
To the 23rd of fifty eight cents debt with interest & cost of
\$10.00 6^{cts} suit taxed at forty three cents & the Pltff in
mercy. Given under my hand & seal this 23rd
day of August 1840. Loel Hodgins Esq
Justice of the peace

Mordicai S. Taylor Admr
of the Estate of the estate
of B. C. Bell deceased
vs.
Lindsey Brown

Action on a bill
Demand \$1.25

Be it remembered that on the 25th day of August
1840 by mutual consent of the parties in this case
agree to go into trial without process the plaintiff
makes a witness of the Defendant & the said Defendant on
his solemn Oath says that the said Benjamin C. Bell
in his lifetime agreed to take fifty cents on the above
case. It is therefore considered that the Plaintiff
Ent. 192 3 of the defendant Judgment for the sum of
July 192 1/2 fifty cents with Interest & cost of suit taxed at
Foil 64 thirty one cents & the Defendant in mercy
Gives under my hand & Seal 25th August 1840

Recd August 25th 1840 Eighty one one
cents in full } Joel Hodgins Seal
Justice of the peace

Recd in full of the above Judgment

Mordicai S. Taylor Admr
of the estate of
Benjamin C. Bell deceased
vs.
Hulingo Miller

M. S. Taylor Admr

In a/cpt. demand \$2.00

Be it remembered that on the 25th day of August 1840 by
mutual consent the parties in this case agree to go in
to trial without process the Plaintiff makes a witness
of the Defendant & the said Defendant on his solemn
Oath did say that the Plaintiff owed him for a penkn-
-ife & the use of a horse three or four trips at twenty
-five cents a trip & said Defendant says that all the
medicine that he got was three pills & pulling one
tooth It is therefore considered that the Plaintiff take
Ent. 192 nothing by his suit but be immersed in the cost
July 192 & that the Plaintiff recover of the Plaintiff his cost about
\$1.00 & his suit herein expended & that the Plaintiff be
immersed for his false clamour

Joel Hodgins Seal
Justice of the peace

As per debt vol 1

Mordicai S Taylor Adm^r }
of the estate of B. E. Bell deceased }
vs } John A. Logan } Demand \$7.50

Be it remembered that on the 29th day August 1840 the parties to this suit by consent agree to go into trial without process & the Plaintiff makes a witness of the Defendant who being duly sworn testified to the matter in dispute & all things investigated

It is therefore considered that the Pl^{ff} but 12th recover of the Defendant Judgment for T. by 25 the sum of five dollars & fifty six cents S. M. 6th debt with Interest at the rate of Six per Cent 12th cent per annum till paid together with cost of suit taxed at forty three cents Court & the Debt in money. Given under my cost hand & Seal this 29th day of August 1840 Joel Hodgson Jus^{ts} of the peace

Execution January 29th 1841 to Sangster
Execution returned the property sold for four dollars & eighty one cents Feby 20th 1841
Geo Sangster Court.
Received my cost in full
Geo Sangster Court

Rec^d on the above Judgment three dollars & seventy three cents
M. S. Taylor Adm^r

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373
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An Inventory of the Goods, Chattles, and effects of Benjamin C. Bell late of Hendricks County and State of Indiana Deceased, taken by Mordecai G. Taylor Administrator of the Estate of the said deceased with the assistance of Andrew Prather and Joel Hodgins appraisers called for that purpose

Inventory of Benjamin C. Bell

1	Black Horse	+	\$ 40.00
1	Saddle & Martingals		11.06 1/4
1	Bridle	+	0.93 3/4
1	Haulter chain & a piece		0.75
1	Lot. Oats & Corn	+	2.25
1	Mantle Clock	+	17.00
1	Looking Glass	+	1.75
1	Old Breakfast table		2.00
1	New do do		3.50
1	Set Chairs	+	5.00
1	Brittania tea pot	+	1.25
1	Liverpool do do		0.50
1	" Sugar Bowl	+	0.75
1	" Cream mug	+	0.34 1/2
1	Set China tea	+	1.25
1	Common Pitcher	+	0.43 3/4
1	Set Dinner plates	+	1.00
1	do Breakfast plates	+	0.75
1	Butter plate	+	0.12 1/2
1	Set Glass Cup plates	+	0.25
2	" Preserve dishes	+	0.75
2	" Salt cellar	+	0.25
5	" Tumblers	+	0.50
1	" Pepper Box	+	0.18 3/4
1	Lappaned tea Canister	+	0.18 3/4
2	Servers	+	1.25

Filed in open Court
Dec 19th 1844
J. H. Bell

Am't Carry Forward

\$ 54.06 1/4

Ants Brought Over

			\$ 94.06 1/4
5	Britannia table spoons	x	0.43 3/4
1	Set 20 Tea spoons	x	0.25
1	Set Knives & forks	x	2.00
2	Brass candlesticks	x	0.62 1/2
1	Tin wash pan	x	0.31 1/4
1	" Bucket with cover	x	0.50
1	" "	x	0.50
1	" Large pan	x	0.75
1	" "	x	0.43 3/4
1	" Small "	x	0.12 1/2
1	" Dipper	x	0.12 1/2
1	Pair shovel & tongs		0.62 1/2
1	Cork Inkstand		0.06 1/4
2	Linen Diaper table cloths	x	2.00
3	" Towels	x	0.31 1/4
2	Window Curtains	x	1.00
2	Sheets	x	1.50
1	Broom		0.10
1	Cast tin kettle	x	1.00
1	Barthens Jar		0.18 3/4
2	" Crocks		0.25
1	Large Family Magazine	x	1.50
1	Walker's Dictionary	x	0.37 1/2
1	Childs Magazine	x	0.12 1/2
1	Rifle Gun		18.00
1	Pair pill bags		1.75
2	Smoothing Iron	x	1.25
9	Quart Glass Jars	x	2.25
1	Oven & lid	x	1.25
1	Skillet & lid	x	0.87 1/2
1	Stew Kettle & lid	x	1.25
9	Pint glass Jars	x	1.68 3/4
	Ants Carried Forward		\$ 137.44 1/2

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Amt Broke Over		\$137.47 1/2
5	Quart glass tincture	1.75
4	Pint " "	0.75
2	Quart Bottles	0.37 1/2
1	Lot Vials	0.75
1	Small Spatular	0.18 3/4
1	Mortar & Pestle	1.00
1	Marble Slab	0.50
1	Case Surgical Instruments	15.00
1	Cork Screw	0.12 1/2
1	Lar Pill Hydrarg	1.00
1	Lot Medicines	5.14 1/2
1	Box Blacking	0.10
1	Curry Comb	0.10
1	Lot Ammunition	0.12 1/2
1	" Sundries	0.25
1	Pine Box	0.37 1/2
1	Stove & pipe	5.00
1	Large Grain Bore	0.75
1	Glass Jar	0.25
1	Lot Shelving & Drawer	1.00
1	Pair Horse Phemes	0.37 1/2
1	Small pine Box	0.06 1/4
		\$172.47 1/2

Given under our hands this 24th day of July 1840

Andrew Prather } Approver

Isaac Hodgins

Mordecai G. Taylor Administrator

To the above may be added,

Abner Wiley's Note to the said Benjamin Beech \$55.00

Interest on same 0.25

Due bill on David G. Worth 2.31

Note on Isaac Holton 8.00

Note on Abraham C. Logan 15.00

Note on William Morse due Dec. 25 th 1840	12.50
Note on Joel Jackson	2.50
Account against Jesse Hockett	15.00
Account against Isaac Osborn	9.00
Account against Moses G. and Ransom Corlew	20.25
Account against Linsey Blair	9.50
Account against John L. Logan	7.50
Account against Alfred M. Wiley	8.00
Account against Huling Miller	2.00
Account against Linsey Brown	1.25
Account against Mary Brown	1.50
Account against David Vestal	28.00
Account against Daniel Barker	11.00
Account against Alfred Caveness	0.50
	<u>\$209.06</u>

Making in all ————— \$381.53 1/2

Given under my hand this 24th day of July 1840

Mordecai G. Taylor Administrator

State of Indiana Hendricks County to wit.

Personally appeared before me, Samuel C. Barker a Justice of the peace in and for said County, Mordecai G. Taylor Administrator of the estate of Benjamin B. Bell, deceased, and Andrew Prather, and Joel Hodgen, Appraisers of said Estate, and being duly sworn, the said Andrew Prather, and Joel Hodgen say, that the above Inventory and appraisement as signed by them is a just and true inventory and valuation of the goods, Chattels, and effects of the said Benjamin B. Bell to the best of their Judgment. And the said Mordecai G. Taylor says, that the above is a true Inventory of the personal estate of the said Benjamin B. Bell, so far as the same has come to his hands to be administered

Samuel Barker J. P.

Account of sales of the personal property of Benjamin E. Bell, late of the County of Hendricks and State of Indiana, deceased, at a public auction held in the town of Plainfield on the fifteenth day of August, A.D. 1840—

1	Saddled Martingails.	Jacob Taylor	x	11	12½
1½	Watterhairs	Mfred M Wiley	+	"	36½
1	Breakfast Table	Abner Wiley	x		6½
1	New breakfast Table	Loel Hodgins	x	3	06½
1	Sea pot	Ezekiel Hornaday	+		44
1	Shovel and Tongs	John S Boyd	+		50.
1	Cork ink stand	Isaac Osborn	+		3
1	Broom	Benjamin Payne	+		14
1	Lar	Lindsey Blair	x		18
2	Crocks	Eli M. Caslin	+		25
1	Rifle Gun	Eli M. Caslin	+	15	25
1	Pair pill bags	Lindsey Blair	x	1	00
1	Curry Comb	Jacob Taylor	x		7½
1	Lot of Sundries	Benjamin Lawrence	+		25
2	Quart bottles	Isaac Horton	+		25
1	Lot of ammunition	Benjamin M. Smith	x		6½
1	Glass jar	Lindsey Blair	x		25
1	Cork screw	Eli M. Caslin	+		6½
1	Lot of vials	Abram Hoadley	+		87½
5	Quart Glass tictures	Eli M. Caslin	+		93½
4	Pint Glass tictures	Abram Hoadley	+		50
1	Small Spatchuler	Lindsey Blair	x		25
1	Marble Slab	Abram Hoadley	+		10
1	Lar pill Hydrange	Abram Hoadley	+		25
1	Lot of Medicines	No sale			
1	Box of blacking	Hester Bell Widow	x		6½
1	Box of Surgile Instruments	Jacob Taylor	x	8	00
1	Pair of horse Shlens	Benjamin M Smith	x		37½
1	Stove and pipe	Lindsey Blair	x	4	01

1	Lot of Melvins and drawers	Eli M. baslin +	81 $\frac{1}{4}$
1	Small pine box	+ William Wattan +	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
1	Large Grain box	Benjamin Lawrence +	37 $\frac{1}{2}$
1	Lot of Squills	Abraham Hoadley +	50
1	Lot of Lallap	Lindsey Blair x	13
1	Lot of Spruce buds	Abraham Hoadley +	5
1	Lot of Cream of Tartar	Lindsey Blair x	13
1	Lot of Fox Gloves	Abraham Hoadley +	10
1	Lot of Salts of Niter	Lindsey Blair x	7
1	Lot of Spanish flies	Abraham Hoadley +	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
1	Lot of Spicas	Ditto +	12
1	Lot of Tartaremetic	Ditto +	10
1	Lot of Gum Scammony	Ditto +	10
1	Lot Mugar of Lead.	Benjamin Lawrence +	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
1	Lot of Arabic	William F. Wattan +	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
1	Lot of Pill preparations	No sale	
1	Lot Pipe Pine	No sale	
1	Lot Gambooge	Abraham Hoadley +	5
1	Vial of quicksilver	Ditto +	5
1	Lot of Bone set	Lindsey Blair x	4
1	Vial Sinitive	Abraham Hoadley +	20
			\$ 51.48
Test Joel Hodgins Clerk of said sale			
Mordecai G Taylor Adm ^r			

State of Indiana, Hendricks county, to wit.

The above named Joel Hodgins makes oath that the above is a just and true account of the sale of the personal estate of Benjamin C. Bell late of said County, deceased.

Sworn before me, a Justice of the peace of said County, this the seventh day of October A.D. 1841
James Dugan J.P.

Benjamin B. Bell's
Estate

Sale Bill

Filed in the Clerk's office of the
Hendricks Probate Court
October 7th 1841

J. M. Buzz, Clerk,
by J. A. Minkins

1840

Benjamin E Bell Dr

To Ezechiel Honaday

April 15	1 Set of Plates			8 ¹ / ₂
	1 Do Do			75
	1 Tea Kettle			1 00
	1 Pitcher			75
	1 Covered Bucket			56 ¹ / ₄
	1 Wash Pan			31 ¹ / ₄
	1 Pepper Box			12 ¹ / ₂
	2 ¹ / ₂ yards of Canvas	D	50	1 25
	1 brock			19
	1 Do			9
	1 Jar			19
	1 Butter Plate			12 ¹ / ₂
	1/2 pound of Mace			6 ¹ / ₄
	2 Oz of Indigo	D	16 ² / ₃	33
	2 ¹ / ₂ lbs of Sugar	D	12 ¹ / ₂	25
	1 Pair of Tongs			63
	5 ² / ₄ lbs of Salt	32 ¹ / ₂		20
18	1/2 lb of Candles	at 44		22
				791 ¹ / ₄

B. E. B. & Co.

To

E. Hornaday

Oct 7. 71.

Filed for cert
Aug 10th 1881

J. M. B. B. & Co.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT WE
Henry M. Voris

James Green &

of the County of Hendricks, and State of Indiana, are

held and firmly bound unto the State of Indiana, in the penal sum of *Two Hundred*
Dollars, Lawful Money of the United States, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made and done, we
bind Ourselves, Our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents: Sealed
with Our Seals, and dated this *8th* day of *August* 18*12*

THE CONDITION of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound

James Green

will truly and faithfully perform the duties and trusts committed to

him

as *Administrator*

Ac bonis non
of the Estate of *Benjamin E. Bell*

deceased, according to Law,

and will truly and promptly deliver over to

his

successor

to be appointed by the Probate Court

of said County, should any such successor

ever be appointed, all such estate, Goods, Chattels and assets, and

assign to such successor

all such RIGHTS AND CREDITS AS SHALL, OF RIGHT, belong to such

successor

upon reasonable demand made thereof, then the above obligation is to be void and of none effect,

otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law.

James Green 

Henry M. Voris 



B. E. Bell Estate

James Green Adm^r
de bonis non

Paid \$200.00

Filed in open court
August 8th 1842

J. M. Grogg clk

To the Honorable James McBline Judge of the probate court of Hendricks County in the state of Indiana; The memorial of Mordica J. Taylor administrator of the estate of Benjamin C. Bell deceased respectfully sheweth that the amount of the personal estate of the said deceased which has come to this hands to be administered including debts due to the estate at the appraised value as appears by an inventory thereof now on file in this court is.

\$381.53

paid bill less than the inventory

21.00

360.53

The following sum was due and owing by the deceased, so far as has come to the knowledge of the undersigned to wit

amount retained by widow of said \$100.00

Separate debts to deduct 148.75

Claims filed against the estate 157.25

\$405.90

360.53

45.37

45.37

the expense of Administration not included

Shewing a deficit of

such is the condition of the estate of the

deceased of every description so far as in the knowledge of your Memorialist from the above statement it clearly appears that the whole property of the said deceased which has been made assets in the hands of your memorialist to be administered is insufficient to satisfy the debts and demands outstanding against it. Your memorialist therefore prays that he may be allowed to settle the said estate as insolvent in conformity with the statute in such cases made and provided that the creditors of said estate may be notified accordingly and that he may have such other relief as may be consistent with justice and equity, and your memorialist will pray &c

November 8th 1841

Mordica J. Taylor

Benj E Dells
Estate

Memorial of
Insolvency

J. C.

Filed in open Court Nov 8th

1841

A. M. Briggs clerk

In the Hendricks Probate Court February
 Term A.D. 1894?

An Exhibit showing the
 situation of the estate of Benjamin E. Bell dec'd.
 The undersigned Administrator of said estate
 wants show to your honor that his predecessor
 stands charged (as appears from the sale
 bill and inventory now on file with the sum
 of \$581.53

From which may be deducted as credits to
 the former administrator the following
 amounts to wit -

" amount received by widow in
 " accordance with the statute \$100.00
 " amount that the property sold
 for less than appraisement 22.00 \$22.00

amount paid by former administrator
 payment of preferred claims to wit;
 as per vouchers filed here with

1. Receipt of Douglas & Israel for printing publicizing inventories	4.00	
2. Brewster's receipt for	10.00	
3. Hawley's receipt	87.	
4. W. L. Myles receipt	2.25	
5. B. Lawrence's receipt	10.00	
6. A. Mather's receipt	1.00	
7. Joel Hagers receipt	3.06	
8. James M. Gregg's receipt	2.00	
9. Wm. Hamblet's receipt	.. 50	
10. Paul Barker's receipt	.. 25	\$33.95

next claims on which suit was brought
 and claims defeated as will appear by
 transcripts here with filed

1. account on Isaac Hackett for	16.00	
2. account on Isaac Osborn	9.00	
3. do on Lindsey Brown	6.75	
4. do on Huling Miller	2.00	26.75

next desperate debts in the hands
 of the former administrator which
 are here with filed numbered from
 1 to 9

was 1 part of judgment on the check of		
" Joel Hagers on John A. Logan for	1.83	
" 2 note on John Wiley for	55.00	
3 " " A. B. Logan	15.00	
4 " Isaac Hallam	8.00	79.83

what amount of credit came from

\$262.51

amount of credit Debit on	\$262.51
no 5 account on Alfred Wiley	8.00
6 note due to him for	2.50
7 act on Lindsey Blair	9.50
8 act on Moses G. & Hanson for	20.25
9 left recovered of David Vestal then account charged	24.00
there is also an account in the files of this court against the estate of Benice Barker which is thought to be worthless for amt charged by former administration for his service as pr account on file but which has not been allowed by the court	11.00 13.50

Whole amt of credit to which the
former admin is entitled is — — \$351.26

which deducted from the amt with
which he stands charged leaves
as assets in his hand at his death
which was not administered the sum of \$30.26

which amount of thirty dollars
and 26 cents came into the hands
of the present admin and has been
disposed of as follows to wit
1st paid to James M Gregg for court
fees in said cause as pr receipt
now on file — — \$16.62

2d Receipt of Lael Hadgen
for transcripts from his
docket which was paid by
this admin. — — 1.25

3 returned for his service
as admin. — — 6.00

4 pd Henry M Varies for
his services in investigating this
estate — — 2.50

whole amt paid out by this admin-
istration is — — —

263.75
~~11.25~~

there is an allowance made in favor
of this administration against the
estate of David Vestal decreed by this
court for four dollars which
remains on the record of said court
which will ever pay the whole
amount that came in to his hand
the sum of ~~forty~~ ^{thirty} cents which said
claim this administration relinquishes
to any creditor that may wish to
collect the same believing that it
will be worth more than the claim
to collect it in less the value of
that estate pay it out of his
pocket and in as much as there is
not perhaps three dollars belonging
to said estate after payment of expenses
and preferred claims this admin-
istrator prays you to discharge
him from any further duties
in reference to said estate and to
~~discharge him therefrom~~ and
will ever pray &c

James Green-
Adm'r

B. E. Bells
Exhibit of
final settlement

closed

filed in open court
Feb 13th 1844
Jm. G. G. clerk

Cooperate notes
and account

July 4th 1840

Benjamin C. Bell in account with

Shelton Fowler

To 1 qt. Cogniac Brandy

\$0.87 1/2

Recd the above ~~and~~ demand in full of Mordecai

G. Taylor Administrator of the Estate of

Benjamin C. Bell decd. this the 24th day of

October 1841

Shelton Fowler

Plainfield June 26th 1840

One day after date I promise to pay B. C.
Bell or Bearer Fifty five dollars for value

Abner Wiley

Attest
M. G. Taylor

Plainfield July 29th 1840

For value received one day after date I promise to pay
Mordecai G. Taylor Administrator on the Estate of Benjamin
C. Bell Fifteen dollars

Abraham C. Logan

Sheldon Howley

Receipt for

\$0.87/-

(31)

62/-

15

50

87/-

1.85/4

66

Debit

(2)

Notes \$55.00

A. C. Logan

Note \$15.00

(31)

Debit

Plainfield July 2^d 1840
One Day after date I promise to pay B. E. Bell
or Bearer Eight Dollars for value Recd.
Isaac Hollar

Plainfield 1839
Alfred M. Wiley
In Account with B. E. Bell &
To Medical Service \$8.00

Plainfield June 26th 1840
One Day after date I promise to pay B. E. Bell
or Bearer Two Dollars and fifty cents for value Recd.
Attest
M. G. Ruster
Loel Jackson

Plainfield 1839
Linsey Blair
In Account with B. E. Bell &
To Medical Service \$9.50

Isaac Hutton's
Note \$8.00

(4)

Desperate

Joel Jackson's
Note \$2.50

(6)

Linsay Blair's
Note \$9.50

(7)

(5)

William M. King
Dec. 8. 1860

Desperate

Desperate

Plainfield A.D. 1840
Moses G. and Ransom Corlew

In Account with B. E. Bell D

To Medical Service per Mrs. Corlew \$20.00

To do do per Ransom 5.00

" Cash Lent Moses G. at Indianapolis 2.25

Or By. Paid N. Lawrence by Ransom \$4.00 4.00

\$20.25

Plainfield August 17th 1840
Received of Mordecai G. Taylor Administrator of the Estate
of Benjamin E. Bell deceased Fifty Cents for trying the
Sale of the personal property of said deceased
"William Hamlet

Recd Indianapolis, Dec 5. 1. 1841 of M. G.
Taylor, three W. 70000, by the hand of W.
Matlock, four dollars in full for publishing
order of Hendricks Probate Court in re-
lation to the estate of Benj. E. Bell.
Longleaf & Co

Mass. G. S. Landon
Boston Mass.
Dec. 20. 185-

(8)

Belmont

(9)

Miss Annette
Beverly
In care

Received of Mordecai G Taylor Administra-
tor of the estate of Benjamin E Bell
deceased, ten dollars for my services as
Attorney

Samuel Brenton

July 7. 1840 Benjamin E Bell to W. J. Hughes
70 67th Black Cropper for John Hazard
at 37th to pay 2.25

Nov 9. 1841 Received payment in full of
Mordecai G Taylor Administrator on the above
W. J. Hughes

Plainville September 2nd 1840

Benjamin E. Bell in Account with

Benjamin Lawrence

To Making Coffin & Case for the same \$10.00

Received the above demand in full of Mordecai G Taylor
Administrator of the Estate of Benjamin E Bell deceased this

the 30th day of January 1840

Witness

J. S. Marks

Benjamin^{his} Lawrence
mark

Samuel Brewster
Receipt
For \$10.00

2

W. J. Ungles
Receipt for
\$2.25

(4)

Benj Lawrence
Receipt for
\$10.00

(5)

Recd of Mordecai G. Taylor Administrator of the Estate
of Benjamin E. Bell deceased One Dollar for services ren-
dered as appraiser of the personal property of said Dece-
ased
Andrew Prather

March
Plainfield 16th 1841

Received of Mordecai G. Taylor Administrator of the Estate of
Benjamin E. Bell Deceased ~~two~~ dollars for appraising &
checking on said Deceased Estate & one dollar & six cents
Cost on fruits wherein said Administrator was cash
Isaac Hodgson

Recd Two dollars part of my fee as clerk of the probate court
in the estate of B. E. Bell decd. Recd of M. G. Taylor
Adm.^r Nov 5th 1841
J. M. Sneyd clerk

J. M. Gregg.
Receipt
For \$2.00

(8)

Jack Hodge
Receipt
For \$3.06¹/₂

(7)

A. Prather
Receipt
For \$1.00

(6)

attested the 4th 1844

Proof of a Mordering. Tyler Administrator of the
estate of Benjamin E. Bell paid twenty-five cents
per dollar undered as justice of the peace
Saml. Baker

I do Pardon Phillips ten dollars for value
Recd of him as witness my hand and seal
this 20th of January 1840

B. E. Bell

Filed in my office
Jan 21st 1840
Wm. Briggs Clerk
by J. H. M. (unclear)

#28.26 Plainfield May 12th 1840
One day after date I promise to pay
J. M. Barland on Bares Twenty Eight
Dollars & twenty six cents with ten percent
for value Recd

B. E. Bell

B.E. Bell.
Note 28.26

May 29th 1840 I assign the within
Note to R. Conner J. McFarland

Filed in my office
Jan 27th 1841
W. G. Moore
By J. McFarland

B.E. Bell.
Note

April 27th 1840

I assign the within Note to J. McFarland
for value recd

May 29th 1840

W. G. Moore

J. McFarland assign to R. Conner
J. McFarland

Recd on the within note

James B. B.
27/10/41
Receipt
for \$0.25
(10)

Painfield Jan. 24th. 1840
Dr B & Bell Please pay Thos. McFarland
Ten Dollars and this shall be your Receipt
for the same
John Curry

Two months after date I promise to pay J. C.
Larrano Twenty three dollars & Twenty nine Cents
for value Recd Feb 5th 1840
B. E. Bell

one day after date I promise to pay E. McEaster
the just & full sum of seven dollars & fifty six cts
it being for value Recd of him as witness my
hand seal this last day Dec 1839
B. E. Bell

B. E. Bell
\$10.00
order

May 29th 1840
Assign the within to
A. Brown of C. H. Standard

Filed in my office Jan. 27, 1841

O. M. Huggins, Clerk

13, J. H. H. H. H.

Feb 16 1840
Paid \$5.00 in this note
by Shireley
at 1st Paid on this
note \$13.32

Bells
note
\$23.29

Filed in my
office Feb 27th
1841
O. M. Huggins, Clerk

A. E. Bells
Estate

B. E. Bells
note
\$25.50

B. E. Bells
Estate

\$40

12 Paid 100.00 do. Huggins

Filed in office of my Clerk

Feb 27th 1841

O. M. Huggins, Clerk

May 9th 1840
 Benjamin C. Bell to Sarah Wiley
 for 26^{lb} Bacon at 6^{1/4} \$ 1.62 1/2
 Vine for 15^{lb} do at 8^{1/3} 1.25
 \$ 2.87 1/2

Plainfield June 4th 1840
 Due George Sargster or Beards Thirteen Dollars
 and fifty three cents for Value Recd.
 B. C. Bell

Benjamin C. Bell —
 To burial Expenses. { Ezekiel Yormeloy
 July 6th 1840. { 4 jobs of Bleached Drilling at 31. 1.24
 Buttons 6
 5 1/2 yds of Shrouding @ 68 3.41
 1 pr. of Cotton Hoys 50
 1/4 yds of Black Circassian @ 125 1.50
 1/8 of Crape @ 68 65
 \$ 7.62

B. E. Bell's

Estate

vs

E. Hornaday

Acct \$7.62

Filed in open court
May 10th 1841

J. M. Gregg clk

Filed in my office
March 15th 1841

J. M. Gregg clk

May 8. 1841
Account with
David H. Hays

Filed in my office
17th Feb. 1841
J. M. Gregg clk

February 14th 1844

Record of James Green Administrator
of the Estate of Benjamin E. Bell deceased
To Payor name \$1.25 in full for five Transcripts
from my docket

Jack Hodgson
Justice of the peace

Received of James Green administrator of the
estate of Benj. E. Bell ~~two~~ dollars &
50 cents for my services in investigating
the affairs of said estate
February 15th 1843 Henry M. Davis

STATE OF INDIANA, HENDRICKS COUNTY.

Hendricks Probate Court, to February Term, 1842.
Mordcai G. Taylor, administrator of the
estate of Benjamin E. Bell, deceased,

The creditors of said estate.

THE creditors of the estate of Benjamin E. Bell, late
of Hendricks county, Indiana, deceased, are here-
notified that at the November term, 1841, of our said
court, the above named administrator filed his bill of
complaint shewing the insolvency of this estate, and
praying generally for relief; and that unless they noti-
fy the said administrator of the existence and extent of
their respective claims, by filing the same, or a state-
ment of the nature, description, and date of the con-
tract or assumption upon which the same may be found,
in the office of the clerk of said court, previous to
the final distribution of the assets of the said decedent,
the same will be postponed in favor of the claims of
more diligent creditors.

By order of our said court.

dec 2-6wp

Attest, J. M. GREGG, Clerk.

State of Indiana Hendricks county
Be it remembered that on the 16th day
of February 1844 personally appeared in open court
Simon D. Hadley of said county who after being
solely sworn upon his oath saith that the above
appended notice of insolvency was published in
successive weeks in the Indiana Journal a publication
of general circulation published at Indianapolis and
further saith not

S. D. Hadley

J. M. Gregg clk

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this day and year above
written

B. E. Bell.
Estate
Proof of ^{public}
then of
Ancestry

Dec 20th 1850

L. B. Bell

A

George

(2)

State of Indiana

Hendricks County

Know all persons
That it may concern That I Esther
Bell of the County of Hendricks and State
of Indiana, widow of Benjamin B.
Bell late of said County deceased, have
renounced, and do by these presents
renounce, release and forever quit
claim, all my right and title to the
administration of the estate of the
said deceased; and I desire that
the same may be committed to
my Brother Mordcai C. Taylor,
Witness my hand this 22nd day
of July 1840

Isid. Hodges

Esther Bell

BENJAMIN E. BELL
ESTATE

1840

HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA