

In the name of God amen I William Bell of
Mecklenburg County being sick but sound and perfect memory
and considering that it is appointed for all men once to die
do make this my last will and testament bearing witness thereto
in before made by me to be void and of none effect &
first and foremost I give my soul to God that gives me
reprieve for the resurrection of eternal life in the world to
come and my body to the earth from whence it was taken
to be buried in such decent manner as my executor here
after mentioned shall think fitting & as for my worldly estate
which God of his gracious goodness hath bestowed upon
me I give and devise over manner following.

First I leave to my wife Ann Bell my land & plantation
my more cattle hogs and all my moveable estate during
her life after her decease I give my land and plantation
to my son William Bell to him and his heirs forever
I wish that after my wife's death that my moveable estate
then remain be equally divided between my two youngest
children William Bell and Jane Bell.

and lastly I do appoint my wife Ann Bell to be —

I wish that after my wife's death that my movable estate
shall remain be equally divided between my two youngest
children William Bell and Jane Bell.

and lastly I do appoint my wife Ann Bell to be
executrix of this my last will and testament In Witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 11 day of
February 1778

I signed sealed & delivered
in the presence of

William Bell his mark

Jane's Mother

Charles Coffey

~~Jane's Mother~~

All natural heirs for Mecklenburg County this 11th of February 1778

This will was proved by the oaths of Charles Coffey &

Jane's Mother & Charles Coffey & ordered to be recorded

Examiner

Teste

John Brown & Co.

After the death of William Taylor also in agreement with William