

State of Georgia

Fatmell County On the 20th of Feb 1880

I Joseph J. Bell of said State and County being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, and believing that I must shortly depart this life, I give them right and proper birth to respect my wife and my family that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me, do therefore make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

Item 1st I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner, my soul I trust shall return to rest with God, who give I should hope for eternal salvation through the merits of atonement of the blessed Lord and precious Jesus Christ, whose blood is eternally shed for us.

Item 2nd I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my executor hereafter appointed.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Mary J. Struppling the five negroes she has in possession viz. Junes since she became her lady and James youngest child. Also prime cow, buggy and heavy harness in the South western Rail Road.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my son Nathaniel J. Bell the five negroes now in his possession viz.

Sam Flora, Harmon and Glen. Also Katy and Rachel and old Sarah he maintains her life time. Also twenty shares of Southwestern Rail Road stock.

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my son William P. Bell the five negroes which he has now in possession viz. Joshua, Phillis, Mc Cornelia, Litter and also Sam and twenty shares in the Southwestern Rail Road and half of five hundred and thirty acres of land in Madison County, Florida.

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann J. Bell the following named negroes to wit: Betsey and her child, Harriet, old Stephen, Reuben, old Reptune, Little Reptune and thirty shares in the Bank State of Georgia.

Item 7th I give and bequeath to my son Joseph J. Bell the following named negroes to wit: Jim and his wife Katy and her children viz. Edmund, Charles, Alfred, Joshua, Eliza, Abby, Sam and old Kate to be maintained her life time and twenty (20) shares of Central Rail Road stock also my lands in Tattall known as my summer seat or home place with my choicest lands also my Lion home and buggy with two mule doctor and bit.

Item 8th I give and bequeath to my daughter Caroline J. Bell the following negroes viz. Joshua and his wife Margaret and her child Willie, a girl a

- share of the bank stock of Georgia and fifteen shares
of the marine bank of Georgia and my much Charles
1st I give and bequeath to my daughter Henrietta
H. Bell the following named negroes viz Friday
and his wife Jane and her child Amos and
Fanny a boy then seven and Thomas and thirty
shares of the Central Rail Road stock and my
chick Nest
2nd I give and bequeath to my son Alexander Daniel
Bell the following named negroes viz Fata and his
wife Nancy and his four children viz green Margaret
Henry and John young Stephen Edward Charles
but all under the support of his life time and nineteen
shares of Central Rail Road stock at all my
lands in Tattnall County as the persons hands
including where shown here also three mules
Katie duck and George
3rd I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann
Smith Little Peter and his wife and child Mary to
maintain during her life and twenty shares of
Southern Railway Road stock
4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Louise H.
Tattnall twenty shares of the Southern Rail Road
stock
5th I give and bequeath to my wife Susan Bell

- the following named negroes Charles a boy and Sally a girl
during her natural life or widow hood and at her death
or marriage Charles is to belong to my son Joseph H. Bell and
Sally to my son Alexander H. Bell and during her natural
life or widow hood she is to receive from Joseph H. Bell
on the first of January annually fifty dollars and from
Alexander H. Bell on the first of June annually fifty dollars
but it is my desire for her to remain with the children
on the place and the same negroes Charles and Sally are
not to be removed out of my country without giving
them and allowing for the forthcoming of the same
According to the last of Susan Bell
the 1st After all my lawful debts are paid and finally
I have paid for my wife Susan's parting and one
thousand dollars paid to Alexander H. Bell to me his
brother equal to that of Joseph H. Bell my notes and
accounts are present upon to equally divide between
J. H. Bell and Alexander H. Bell of the estate that
the stock be used for the support of the family
until they marry or become of age after which time
all the stock with the plantation to be divided
equally between J. H. Bell and Alexander H. Bell
the 15th I hereby constitute and appoint my son Alexander
H. Bell and Joseph H. Bell executors of the my last
will and testament I also appoint my son Joseph
H. Bell Guardian of the person and property of my

These younger children viz Caroline & Will
24 November 44 and afterwards I told it being
found that to take charge of them and keep them
and their property on the place supports and
educate them in a proper manner the following
the being for the year 1853.

Before said section and Joseph J. Bell
in the presence of Joseph J. Bell
to the last will and testament
in the presence of the President
of the Association and named him in the presence of John
Trotter at his special instance and request and of
each other the following 24th 1853.

R. W. Gorman
R. W. H. Gorman
William Clayton
Hardy Dwyer

State of Georgia
Tattnall County } Before me Hardy Dwyer ordinary for
said county in open court now called at
I told and Joseph J. Bell trustees of the last will
and testament of Joseph J. Bell that he of said being
found and produced before me the last will and
testament of Joseph J. Bell dated and made on the 21st day
of June 1844 to wit R. W. Gorman R. W. H. Gorman William
Clayton and Hardy Dwyer which witnesses being

Only shown before said day that they were Joseph J.
Bell and the last will and testament was published the
testament now presented as last will and testament
being voluntarily and of his own accord and without
any coercion or influence whatever that at the time
of the execution of said will said testator was of sound
and disposing mind and memory that as parents signed
said will as witnesses of the testator and at his official
testimony and request and in the presence of each
other shown to said section to wit R. W. Gorman
before me on the 24th day of April 1853 R. W. Gorman
William Clayton Hardy Dwyer
Ordinary

Recorded 28th April 1853

Hardy Dwyer Ordinary

in and solemnly sworn that this
contains the true last will of the within named Joseph J. Bell
and as far as we know of believe and that we will well to
execute the same by paying just the debts and then the legacies contained
in the said will as far as the goods & estate will thereunto extend
and the same charges inasmuch as will make a true and
satisfactory of all such goods and estate to both as God
shall send and as may be before me Nathaniel Bell
28th day May 1853 Joseph J. Bell
Ordinary