

No. 22. In the name of God, Amen! I, James Bell, Son of the County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina, being of good health and perfect mind and memory, and knowing the vanity of human life, do make and ordain this to be my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following, - that is to say, I recommend my soul to Almighty God, who gave it, and to my body the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors, hereinafter named. In primis, I will and require that all my debts and funeral expenses be first paid and satisfied; and as to all worldly estate at last pleased God to bless me with I give and devise in manner and form following:-

Item, I give unto my beloved wife, Sarah Bell, during her life, all my Estate, real and personal, as well as milled, and of every kind whatsoever, except a negro wench, named Judy, which is my will and desire, after my wife's decease, to be set free, also a negro wench named Eley, which is my desire shall be at my wife's own disposal and the remainder of my Estate, after her death, to be divided among my children as follows:-

Item, I give unto my son, James Bell, and his heirs, a negro fellow named Harry, one rifle gun, a chest and a bed with furniture.

Item, I give unto my son, Samuel Bell, and his heirs, a negro wench named Anney.

Item, I give unto my son, Nathaniel Bell, and his heirs, a negro fellow named Prince.

Item, I give unto my grandson, commonly known by the name of John Henderson and his heirs a negro wench named Gary.

Item, I give unto my daughter, Sarah Galloway and grandchildren, Alfred, Cornelius, Mary and Amelia and their heirs, a negro wench named Beck, with her increase from this date, with one feather bed. It is my will and desire that my daughter Sarah Galloway have the sole use of the negro wench named Beck with her increase, if any during her life.

Item, I give unto my daughter, Rebecca Breward, one shining sterling silver.

Item, I give unto my granddaughter, Mary Cairns, and her heirs, one wench named Murrish, but in case the said Mary Cairns should without issue, it is my will and desire that the wench Murrish and her increase be equally divided amongst my children, James, Samuel, Nathaniel and my daughter Sarah Galloway share & share alike.

Item, I give unto my grandson Joseph Bell, son of James Bell, and his heirs, a negro boy named Joe.

Item, It is my will and desire that the wench named Phillis and her increase, if any, be equally divided with the residue of my estate amongst my three sons and daughter, Sarah Galloway.

and share alike. I do constitute, make and ordain, my beloved wife Sarah Bell, Executrix, with my sons James and Samuel Bell, Executors to this my last Will and Testament, revoking and annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made, satisfying and confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of June, 1793.

James Bell. and
Signed, sealed, published, pronounced, and declared by the said James Bell, as his last will and testament in the presence of
Will. E. Lord
Jacob Leonard

Brunswick County Court Office 20th of April, 1797.
The above will of James Bell, Senr. was registered in book A. pages 10 & 11 by
John Cairns, Clerk C.

Recorded agreeably to an Act Genl Assembly, Special Session 1908.
Ratified July 1 " 1908. - Copied from Old Records book A. O. p. 10 & 11.

No. 176

In the name of God, Amen! I, Thomas Neal, of the County of Brunswick, and State of North Carolina, Planter, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God, do, this sixteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord One thousand, seven hundred and ninety six, make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner following, - that is to say, First, that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid; Then first I will and bequeath to my beloved wife, Eleanor Neal, one third of all my personal estate, with all my household furniture, all my stock of every kind, also all my boats of every kind to her and her heirs forever; Then I will and bequeath to my said wife, Eleanor Neal, my plantation where I now live with the low land on the opposite side of the River, during her life time only, and at her decease, I will and bequeath said plantations and land upon said, to my beloved grandson, Henry Neal, son to Thomas Neal deceased. Then I will and bequeath to my wife's son, Ephraim John Vernon, a survey of land situated on Woods Creek, known by the name of the rice field plantations, to him and his heirs forever. Then I will and bequeath to Elizabeth Vernon, daughter to my wife, Eleanor Neal, a survey of land situated on said creek to her and her heirs forever. The survey of land given to Ephraim Vernon contains three hundred acres, and that given to Elizabeth Vernon contains one hundred acres. Then I will and bequeath the other two thirds of my personal estate to my three grand children, that is to