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In the name of God - Amen.

I, John D. Bellamy now in my 89th year of age, but through the mercy of Almighty God, having recovered from an illness which over took me on January 2nd 1942, but being of sound mind and memory, as much so, as I have been all my life, deem it my duty to make my last will and testament, disposing of what property and effects I own.

My father Dr. John D. Bellamy was a native of All Saints Parish, S. C., when he moved and settled in Wilmington about the year 1835, owning possessions in South Carolina and in New Hanover, Brunswick and Columbus Counties in North Carolina, and when the war of Secession or Civil War broke out was one of the wealthiest men in the State but when it ceased, his property having been seized and confiscated, when restored to his civil rights he had to sacrifice nearly all his personal estate to pay and discharge nearly two hundred thousand dollars of debts chiefly security money for his friends, after paying same in full, he transferred to my mother by deed all his property to be distributed equally among all his children -

So being admonished by his course, and desiring early in my married life, when I owed no man a penny I bought and gave to my wife Emma M. Bellamy every piece of real estate I acquired, and now and forever thereafter at least ninety percent of property acquired, is her property absolutely, and the deeds for the same are recorded in her name. Being still possessed of considerable property standing in my name, I hereby devise and bequeath all of the same whether real, personal or mixed, to my beloved wife Emma M. Bellamy to be hers absolutely and forever, with the exception of Grovelly Plantation on Town Creek in Brunswick County, consisting of above 3000 acres with all live stock thereon, which I devise and bequeath to my son William M. Bellamy who has been my sole dependence, and has looked out kindly and faithfully for my welfare during my protracted illness. But it is strictly understood that the Estate given William is a life estate unless he leaves a male heir or heirs in which event he is to become vested of a fee simple Estate therein - But if he dies without leaving a male heir, then the property shall go in fee to my son Emmett, if he leaves a male heir, but if both William and Emmett shall die without leaving a male heir, then I devise the same to my three grandsons Hugh MacRae the 2nd, J. Leeds Barroll, Jr. and Lawrence, and to the last survivor of the three, when it shall vest in fee simple.

My purpose is as a matter of sentiment, to keep Grovelly and its stock in the name of my male heir.

I specially request that my wife give out of my Estate Three Thousand Dollars, which is in addition to what I have given her, to my daughter Marguerite Bellamy MacRae, as I have given a home to each of my other children. In the division of the Estate, I request that my wife give the estate left to each of my children share and share alike.

I hereby make constitute and appoint my beloved wife Emma and my son William M. and the survivor, as Executors of this my last will and testament, with the request that they carry out in detail my intentions which they both well know.

This Saturday August 1st 1942

John D. Bellamy

The three sheets above are my will marked Page 1 - Page 2 and Page 3 - I deposit this will with my wife, for safe keeping.

John D. Bellamy

August 1st, 1942.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

I, A. L. MEYLAND, Clerk of the Superior Court of the aforesaid State and County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Last Will and Testament of John D. Bellamy, deceased, as the same is taken from and compared with the original on file in this office.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 2nd day of June, A.D., 1947.

A. L. Meyland
CLERK SUPERIOR COURT

No. 600

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK

I, Will G. Butler, of said State and County, being of sound mind and disposing memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament:

FIRST: My executrix, hereinafter named, shall give my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relatives, and pay all funeral expenses, together with all my just debts, out of the first moneys that may come into her hands belonging to my estate.

SECOND: I give and devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Minnie F. Butler, all my real estate, personal property and mixed property wherever the same is located, of which I shall be seized at the time of my death, to her, her heirs and assigns, in fee simple forever.

THIRD: I hereby constitute and appoint Minnie F. Butler my lawful executrix to all intents and purposes to execute this my Last Will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments heretofore by me made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the said Will G. Butler, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 7th day of March, 1944.

Will G. Butler (SEAL)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Will G. Butler to be his Last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who, at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

John D. Erikson
Mrs. Jewel Bennett
Mrs. John Erikson

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
BRUNSWICK COUNTY

() In the Superior Court, Before the Clerk

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Will G. Butler, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, clerk of the Superior Court for said county, by Minnie F. Butler, the executrix therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Will G. Butler is proved by the oath and examination of John D. Erikson and Mrs. John Erikson the subscribing witnesses thereto, who, being duly sworn, do depose and say, and each for himself depose and say, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Will G. Butler; that the said Will G. Butler, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 7th day of March, 1944.

And the deponent further saith that the said Will G. Butler the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited, to be his last will and testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Will G. Butler was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint, to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent and further these deponents say not.

John D. Erikson
Mrs. J. D. Erikson

Severally sworn and subscribed, this 7 day of July, 1947, before me

S. T. Bennett
Clerk Superior Court

NORTH CAROLINA,
BRUNSWICK COUNTY

() In the Superior Court

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing, and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of Will G. Butler deceased and the same, with the foregoing examination and this certificate, are ordered to be recorded and filed.

This 7 day of July 1947.

S. T. Bennett
Clerk Superior Court