

In the Name of God Amen - I John Bell of the State of North Carolina Brunswick County being weak and low in body, but of sound mind memory thanks be to Almighty God for it and considering the frailty of my nature under my present calamity and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die - Do think proper to make and ordain this my last Will and Testament - First committing my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and body to earth to be decently buried by the discretion of my executors - then my will and desires is as follows to wit:

First my will and desire is that all my just and lawfull debts be discharged by my Executors then my will and desire is that the remaining part of my estate be equally divided with my loving wife Feby Bell and dutiful children Hannah Russ, Jean Cain, Robert Bell and John Cain and my loving brother James Bell, all share and share alike and I do hereby nominate and appoint my dutiful children Robert Bell and John Cain and my loving brother James Bell Executors to this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby disannul all former Wills by me made, Acknowledging this to be my last in witness whereof I have unto set my hand and seal this Fifth of November and in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven

John Bell

Signed and Acknowledged
In Presence of
Dennis Hankins
William Gibbs

Recorded agreeably to an Act of the Genl. Assembly
Special Session 1908. Ratified Feb'y 1st 1908.

Copied from Original Will on file.

In The Name Of God Amen - I Joseph Hewitt of the County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina being low and weak of body, but of a sound mind and memory. Thanks be to God for it - 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 unto the hands of Almighty God. I have and certain hope of his ascension unto Eternal through the alone merits of my Lord and Saviour wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with I dispose of them in manner and form following that is to say in the First place I give and bequeath to my son Jacob Hewitt one hundred acres of land adjoining Dupont live and known by the name of Boatright and running across to Little Shalotte, Also I give unto my son David Hewitt one hundred acres of land adjoining Jacob Hewitt's and running across to Little Shalotte. Also I give and bequeath him the one half of the marsh known as Samuel Hille's marsh during his life if he should have children lawfully begotten in marriage then to be at his disposal. if not - then to return to the heirs of my body - Also I give unto my son Philip Hewitt one hundred acres of land adjoining Joseph Hewitt Jr and known by the name of Boone and including where the house now stands and running across to Little Shalotte - Also I give unto my son Robert Hewitt one hundred acres of land adjoining Philip Hewitt including where Potter lives - also fifty acres of land adjoining his own tract at the Green Swamp - One negro fellow named Ruff - Also I give unto my son Samuel Hewitt one hundred acres of land, joining Robert Hewitt's - Also I give and bequeath to my sons Robert and Samuel Hewitt Adams Island - Also I give unto my son Thomas Hewitt the Plantation known as Simmons and where he now lives - Also the one half of the marsh known by the name of Simmons and where he now lives - Also the one half of the marsh known by the name of Samuel Hille's marsh - Also I give unto my son Samuel Hewitt three cows and calves for his young bay horse - Also I give unto my daughter Rachel twenty five shillings to be paid her after my death - Also I give unto my daughter Ruth Starnes ten Pounds to be paid to her after my death -