

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 miled, 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 shilling sterling more.
- 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 children 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 Neale, 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 Neale, 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 Neale, son to Thomas Neale 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 Neale, 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

to John Neale, Henry Neale and Ann Neale, to be equally divided between them, that is to share and share alike. It is my will and desire that my whole estate shall be kept together until my just debts be paid - that is to say before any division shall take place. And I hereby make and ordain my beloved wife Eleanor Neale Executrix, and my beloved friends John Saml Sevell, and William Palmer, Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I, the said Thomas Neale do to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this and year above written

Thomas Neale

Sequed, sealed, published and declared by the said Tho^s Neale, the testator as his last will & testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof. Pitt William Roberson
E^t Palmer.

Brunswick County, April 20th, 1797.

The within Will of Thos. Neale was registered in the Clerk's Office in book A. pages 12. & 13. by

John Cairns, Clerk.
Recorded agreeably to an Act of Genl. Assembly, Special Session.
Ratified Feb'y 1st 1798. Copied from Old Records book A.C. p. 12 & 13.

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State North Carolina } In the name of God. Amen!
Brunswick County, I, Drury Allen, of the State and County aforesaid, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God, do this 8th day of March in the year of our Lord, One Thousand, seven hundred and ninety-seven, make & publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following:-
First, I will and bequeath to my wife Margaret Allen, my negro man named Dick, my negro woman named Tames, and a girl, her daughter named Sue, to her, my wife, during her natural life, then at her, my wife's death, to become the property of my son, Elkanah Allen, and my two grandsons James Randalson, son, and Drury Allen Randalson, that is to say, the negro man Dick to be the property of my son Elkanah Allen and his heirs forever; and the woman Tames and her daughter Sue, to be equally divided between James Randalson and Drury Allen Randalson, that is to share and share alike to them and their heirs forever. Item, I will and bequeath to my wife Margaret Allen, all my stock of horse and hogs, to her and her heirs forever. I also will and bequeath to my wife Margaret Allen, one half of my stock of cattle during her life only, and at her death to be equally divided between my two children, my son Elkanah Allen and my daughter Mary Moore, to them and their heirs forever. Item, I will with my plantation with all my plantation tools to my wife Margaret Allen, during her life and no longer. Then I will and devise the said plantation and land thereunto belonging to my son Elkanah to him and his heirs forever. Item, I will and bequeath to my son, Elkanah Allen and his heirs forever the following negroes, to wit:- negro man Sam, negro man Jo, and negro man James. Item, I also, will and bequeath to my son Elkanah Allen, and my daughter, Mary Moore, the other half of my stock of cattle to be equally divided between them, that is to share and share alike to them and their heirs forever. Item, I will and bequeath to my grand daughter Nancy Moore, daughter to Mary and James Moore, a negro girl named, Hagar to her and her heirs forever. Item, I will and bequeath to my two grandsons James Randalson and Drury Allen Randalson, the following negroes, to them and their heirs forever the following Negro woman Bella, negro man Gold, Negro boys Billy, Jack, Emmit, and Valentine, to be equally divided between them, that is to share & share alike. I do also, appoint my son Elkanah Allen sole executor to the property left to my grand children in this will. I will and bequeath to my son Elkanah Allen all the debts due me by General Benjamin Smith which is by Bond