

In the name of God amen,
I Thomas Bell of the County of Duncombe
State of North Carolina being of sound
body but of sound mind and memory and
understanding, praise be to God for the same
do make this my last will and testament
in manner and form following.

First

That my Executor hereinafter named shall
provide for my body a decent burial
suitable to the wishes of my family and
friends and to the conditions and
circumstances of my estate and pay all
funeral expenses together with my just
debts (if there be any) however and to
whomsoever due out of the moneys
that may first come into his hands
as a part or parcel of my estate
Item

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Elizabeth O'Bell and to my oldest son
John Bell all my real estate consisting
of the farm upon which I live and
containing eightyfour acres which is fully
described in a deed for the same made
by James Frank to me and all of my
personal property except the property
which belonged to my first wife consisting
of jewelry and Blankets which I hereby
give and bequeath in equal parts & volun-
teerly to my three daughters Marvin Elza and Mary
Bell. The land to remain undivided until
my son John reaches the age of seventeen years
at which time there shall be a fair and
equal division of said land between my wife
Elizabeth and my said son John said division
to be made by three disinterested persons
provided that if my said wife either before
or after said division marry a second time
then it is my will that said half of my
real estate shall descend to my children
in equal parts to wit; Thomas Bell, Marvin
Bell, Elza Bell, Mary Bell, James Bell, Robert Bell,

Sham and share alike. Item - I give and
bequeath to my son Thomas Bell Two hundred &
fifty dollars to be paid out of the property
or proceeds of my said farm when he arrives
at the age of twenty years and the land
above conveyed is charge with said
amount to be paid and shall be liable
for the same in law. Item - It is my
desire that my children shall remain
together at home until in the Providence
of God they may better their conditions
by separations and I do most earnestly
desire them and my wife to carry out
this my solemn request and that they shall
all unite thus in aiding each other and
cultivating the kind and affectionate feelings
of love to each other and the whole family
which is well calculated to make them
useful men and women and prepara-
tion for lives of useful ness in the world
and I do nominate constitute and appoint
my good friend James Frank Sole
Executor of this my last will and testament
herby revoking and making void all and
every other will heretofore made and do declare
this to be my last will and testament
In witness whereof I the said Thomas Bell
have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th
day of November 1885

Thomas Bell (seal)

Signified delivered and published
by the above named Thomas
Bell as and for his last will
and testament in the presence of
us who at his request and in
his presence have subscribed
our names as witnesses

N. J. Ramsey
M. A. West

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas Bell deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Court for said County by James B. Cook the Executor therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said Thomas Bell was duly proven before me by the oath and examination of A. J. Summey and M. A. West the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn doth 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 Thomas Bell, that the said Thomas Bell in the presence of their deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 16th day of November 1895-

And the deponents further saith that the said Thomas Bell 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 these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said Will as attesting witnesses thereto and at the request and in the presence of the said testator, and these deponents further saith that at the same time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid and at the of deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid the said Thomas Bell 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 these deponents and further these deponents say not

A. J. Summey
Solemnly sworn and subscribed
this 25th day of February 1896.

M. A. Reynolds
Clerk Superior Court

I know all men by these presents that I E. W. Herndon of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina recognizing the uncertainty of life and wishing to make while living and in my right mind what I deem to be a righteous disposition of my worldly effects do make publish and declare this as my last Will and Testament

First
I will and bequeath to my nephew Robert Herndon my gold watch and chain

Second
I give to my niece Alice Herndon one hundred (\$100) dollars to be paid by my executors as soon after my death as possible.

Third
I will to my brother Wm. H. Herndon of Mercer County West Virginia my gold headed cane

Fourth
As a reward for faithful services I direct my executors hereinafter named as soon as convenient to pay Henry Kemp colored the sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

Fifth
All the residue of my estate of whatever kind may be left after paying the above legacies and my debts I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Hannah M. Herndon said property to be hers absolutely to manage and dispose of as she may deem best for herself and heirs

To execute this will I nominate constitute and appoint Hannah M. Herndon and Wm. R. Whitson my true and lawful executors and executor and I give to my said executor and executrix full control over my estate with power to sell any and all such property as they may deem necessary or best with power to make title and I further direct with regard to the execution of this will that my executor and executrix be exempted from the requirements of the law which directs them to make reports and settlements with the court but placing full