

Joseph Lanning the Executor named in the foregoing will was duly qualified in open court as such the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 1834

N. Carolina } County Court April Session 1834  
Buncombe County } The within will was duly proven in open court by the oath of William Morrison a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded

Feb<sup>y</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1827 In the name of God Amen  
I Thomas Bell being sore afflicted in body but yet of sound mind and memory thanks be to the giver of all good for his mercies I do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament I commit my soul to God and after my body to be buried in the usual mode and by this my last will and testament do appoint Samuel Bell John Bell & John Torrett to be my lawful Executors to this my last will and testament

1<sup>st</sup> That all my just debts be punctually paid out of my Estate by sale or otherwise

2<sup>dy</sup> I will and bequeath to my dear wife Jane my lands and tenements, stock of every description the house hold and kitchen furniture and all the farming tools during her widowhood except so much as will defray my just debts should she again marry then she is to have ~~out of the~~ as her portion out of the above named one bed and its furniture one wheel of cards all the pot ware all the dresser ware, one cow and calf, one horse beast worth sixty dollars and one good saddle and bridle a chest and all her wearing apparel &

3<sup>dy</sup> I will that my faithful slave Ephraim be set free at my death. All the lands and property to be sold after my wifes marriage except those items named above for her portion and the money equally divided among all my children Ephraim to be at liberty to choose his own Guardian but under the guardianship of my Executors

Signed Sealed and executed as his last will and testament in the presence of

Test John Corn

Swan P. Burnett

T. Bell

N.B. The widow to have all she makes except the family consumption  
Samuell Bell Executor sworn in open court as Executor the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 1834

N. Carolina } Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions April 1834 The within  
Buncombe County } was duly proven in open court by the oath of Swan P. Burnett a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be registered on the will Docket