

In the name of God Amen, I George Bell of Carteret County and State of N^c Carolina, being of sound Mind & Memory, God be thanked, Do this Seventh day of August in the year one Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty eight, make and publish this my last Will and Testament in following manner, that is to say, In the first place my Will and desire is that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid out of ready Money or such Effects as can be best spared for that purpose.

Item, I lend unto my loving wife Mary Bell during her natural life the one third part of all my Estate, both real and Personal she to have the use and profit thereof during her natural life and at her decease the Land and whatever other personal Property to be disposed of as hereafter mentioned.

Item, I lend the other two thirds of my Estate both real and personal, unto my Daughter Hepsabeth Foot for her own support & the better to enable her to raise and support and school her four children which she had by her Husband Davis Foot dec^d, and whereas my desire is that my grand son Stephen Bell Foot should be educated in a suitable manner for a Minister of the Gospel, I order that the one half of the years Rent of the Land given him by a Deed of gift, be applied towards schooling the said Stephen Bell Foot as aforesaid.

Item, I give unto my Brother Horn Bell and to each of his Sons the sum of ten shillings each - as their share of my Estate.

My will is that one Acre of my Land on the point where my Father and the rest of the Family already are buried be reserved as a family burying place for ever.

Item, All my Real Estate which I shall die possessed of and which is not otherwise disposed of, and also all the Personal Estate which shall remain of my Wife's part after her decease and also all that shall remain of my Daughter Hepsabeth's part after her decease I give to be equally divided between the three daughters of the said Hepsabeth which she had by her late Husband

Davis Foot dec^d namely Hepsabeth, Chior and Mary Davis. to them or the Survivors of them their heirs and assigns for ever.

My will further is that Richard Brutch and soon his wife shall have the Use of Ten Acres of Land, being the easternmost part of my Plantation, during the space of eighteen years from the date here of, he or she paying the yearly Rent of one Ear of Corn per year for the same.

And lastly Revoking all former Wills I appoint my said Daughter Hepsabeth Foot and my friends Richard Brutch and Samuel Loffers my Executors to execute this my last Will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning here of

Geo Bell 

I signed & acknowledged
in presence of
Jacob Chhadwack
Thomas ^{his} Needy
Saml Loffers

November term 1794 When this Will was proved in open Court in due course of Law by the Oath of Jacob Chhadwack Thomas Needy (who being summoned for that case) and Saml Loffers and allowed by the Court to be good at the same time, Richard Brutch and Samuel Loffers, two of the persons named in the Will Qualified as Executors to the said Will

Test: Benj^y & Fulford C.C.

February term 1795 When Hepsabeth Foot came into Court and Qualified as Executrix to the said Will
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