

In the name of God, Amen.
 I William Bell of Bartlett County, and State of North Carolina, being in sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God, do this 25th day of April in the year of our Lord 1837, one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven, make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following, that is to say first of all, I leave to my beloved wife Elizabeth for during her widowhood my home and land which lyeth on the West side of the Creek in the County aforesaid, also a bed and furniture, also one mare named Naud, also two head of Cattle. I leave to my Grand-daughter Caroline Bell a Negro Woman by the name of Rod who shall be bound out until the aforesaid Caroline arrives at the age of twenty one, but should the aforesaid Caroline in her minority the said Negro woman Rod then return to the surviving heirs (I will that she increase the said Rod also return with her). I give or leave to each of my four sons who will follow by William David Rufus & Gideon a bed & furniture and two head of Cattle. I leave to my sons Rufus and Gideon one Hundred Dollars apiece for their schooling. I leave that part of property which shall remain over and above the aforesaid gifts and presents to be divided equally between them whose names follow by my wife Elizabeth Bell, Solomon Bell, William Bell, Richard Bell David Bell, Rufus Bell and Gideon Bell. I will that this my Will and Testament remain being attested in any way until the end of the present year.

I hereby make and ordain my two sons Solomon Bell and Richard Bell Executors of this my last Will

and Testament. In Witness whereof I the said William Bell have set to this my Will and Testament my hand and seal this day and year above written. Signed, sealed and published and declared by the said William Bell the testator as his last Will and Testament in the year of our Lord 1837 April 25th Day in the presence of us who were present at the time signing and sealing hereof
 Robert Taylor
 Joshua Taylor

William Bell (Seal)

Bartlett County Court

February Term A.D. 1840

The foregoing last Will of William Bell dec'd, deceased, was proved in open Court and in due form of Law by the oath of Joshua Taylor one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered said Will to be recorded.

Witness my hand & seal this 1st day of March 1840.

A true copy

Dr. Rumley C. C.

In the name of God, Amen.
 I John Merritt of Beauford in the County of Bartlett and State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God do this 25th day of April in the year of our Lord (1840) one thousand eight hundred & forty make and publish this my last Will & Testament in manner following that is to say, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Susan Merritt the dwelling house & half lot with the improvements thereon where I now live, also three stone houses & part of lots No. 1 & 15, Old Town, also I give or bequeath

unto my wife, Susan Merritt the following Negro
boy and maid by the name of Alfred, one woman
by the name of Merced, and one by the name
of Sarah, also all my household & kitchen furniture together
with all of my out standing debts of every description
with some more that may be due to me from any firm
or person, to her her heirs & assigns forever she just
paying or causing to be paid all of my honest &
just debts.

Secondly, I leave unto my wife Susan Merritt
my Negro maid Kings during her natural life, after
it is my Will that be the said Kings belong to
John Merritt Perry the son of Benjamin S. Perry

In Witness whereof I the said John Merritt here
to this my last Will & testament set my hand and
seal the day and year above written

signed, sealed published & declared

by the said John Merritt, the

testated as his last Will & testament
in presence of us who were present

at the time of signing & sealing thereof
George Dill
M. B. Bell

Barren's County Court

February term A. D. 1848
The Within last Will of John Merritt deceased
was proved in open Court and in due form of law
by the Oaths of George Dill and William B. Bell
the subscribing Witnesses thereto. and ordered that
said Will be recorded

A true copy

W. R. R. R. R.

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In the name of God. Amen

I Buckner H. Hill, of the County of
Hartwell State of North Carolina, being of sound and
perfect mind and memory (blessed be God for the same)
on this twenty seventh day of February, in the A. D. one
thousand eight hundred & forty four, (1844)
do make and publish
this my last Will and testament, in manner following,
that is to say,

First, I give and bequeath, unto my beloved wife
Hope Hill, during her natural life, only, all of my estate
of every description, real, personal, household & kitchen
furniture &c. and after the death of my wife Hope
Hill, to descend to my nephew, Edward Hill, his heirs
and assigns forever.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to the heirs of my brother
John Witham and Elatus May & Parnell, Twenty shillings
each.

Thirdly, It is my Will and desire that all of my just
debts be paid, out of my property above bequeathed.
Fourthly & lastly, I hereby make and ordain my nephew
Edward Hill, executor of this my last Will and
testament. In Witness whereof, I the said Buckner
H. Hill, have to this my last Will and testament
set my hand and seal, the day and year above
written.

signed, sealed, published, and declared, by
the said, Buckner H. Hill, the testator as his
last Will and testament, in the presence
of us who were present at the time of
signing & sealing thereof
Nathaniel Mason test
Joseph B. Mason

B. H. Hill (Seal)