

In the Name of God Amen, I Joseph Bell of
 Carteret County, in the Province of North Carolina
 Gent- being in a low state of Health, & calling
 to mind the frail state of Man; Do make & ordain
 this my last Will & Testament, in Manner and
 form Following (Wit-) I commend my soul into
 the Hands of the Almighty God that gave it me, &
 my Body to the Earth from whence it came. ~

Item I give & bequeath unto my son Andrew Bell,
 a Tract of Land which I bought of Col: Thos Lewis
 & George Read, which did formerly belong to the
 Estate of James Winwright-Dead, the said Land
 lying on Little Creek, on the North side of Newport-
 River, & joining to my 2^d son Andrews Land, upon
 Black Creek, the one lot at the North west lan-
 ding in Norfolk County in Virginia, to him his
 Heirs & assigns for Ever. ~

Also my will & Desire is that my son Andrew
 Bell, and Elizabeth his Wife shall have the use
 and service of the Negroes as follows (Wit-) Argyle,
 Daniel, Greasy, Lucy and Tamer. During my own
 Natural Life & his wife's Widowhood, and then I
 give & Bequeath the said Negroes & their Increase, to
 my Grand Children, the sons & Daughters of my
 son Andrew Bell to be Divided when the youngest
 Child comes to the age of Twelve years. Except one
 of the Girls to wait upon my Daughter-in-law during
 her Life. And then to be Returned to my Grand
 Children with her Increase without any change,
 to them their Heirs & assigns for Ever, and except
 the Girl Lent to my Daughter-in-law, the Rest to be
 shared out for the use of the Children, while the
 time of Outliving the same. ~

also one Half Lot in Beaufort known by the Number
 53 being the North Half with the House frame
 upon it, he finishing the same, one Quarter
 Acre and Colaterals marked A.B. Burryons In-
 timate, & my Silver Placed Cais, to him his
 Heirs and assigns for Ever. ~

Item I give & bequeath unto my son Colat Bell
 one Tract of Land joining and lying above
 Black Creek, on the North side of Newport
 River, which said Land I bought of Col: Thos

Lewis's two Reads, formerly belonging to the Estate of James
 Winwright-Dead. Excepting two Hundred acres of the said
 said Land containing in the corners of the said Patent, the
 two hundred acres beginning at the corner Tree of my wife's
 former Land a bypass in Newport-Procetion, then I set
 East one Hundred pole to a Pine, then N. 10 E. to the head
 line of said Patent, to him his Heirs & assigns for Ever.
 also my will and Desire is that my son Colat Bell & Susanna
 his wife shall have the use & service of my three Negroes (Wit-)
 David, James, Stephen, Estlin & Henry, during my own natural
 Life, & the widowhood of his wife. And then I give & be-
 queath the said Negroes and their Increase to my Grand Child-
 ren, the sons & Daughters of my son Colat Bell to be Divi-
 ded when the youngest Child comes to the age of Twelve years
 Excepting the Negro Girl Esther to wait upon my Daughter-in-law,
 during her life, and then to be Returned to my Grand Children
 with her Increase without any change, to them their Heirs
 and assigns for Ever. And except the Girl Lent to my Daughter-
 in-law, the Rest to be shared out for the use of the Children
 while the Time of Dividing the same. also one Quarter Acre
 & Colaterals marked C.B. and one Deer.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Bell the Tract
 of Land which I bought of Christian Read called
 the Hammack, lying on the South side of Newport
 River, Except Fifty acres of the 2^d Land where Joseph Bell
 did live, the 2^d Fifty acres of Land begins at a pine
 near where the Pasture Fence joins to the Head of a gut
 in the marsh, with a line of Mowed Trees across the
 Road, to the head Line of the said I now live on, and
 to contain the Fifty acres.

also half the Tract called Turpentine neck, joining the 2^d
 Joseph Bell's Land, to him his Heirs & assigns for Ever.
 Also my will & Desire is that my son Joseph Bell & Sarah
 his wife shall have the use & service of the Negroes
 as follows (Wit-) Tobe, Nani, Abram, Ruth & Williker.
 During my own Natural Life, & his wife's Widowhood.
 Then I give and Bequeath unto my Grandson, Elijah Bell,
 my Negro Boy Abram, to him his Heirs & assigns for Ever.

And Likewise I give & bequeath my Negroes Tobe,
 Nani, Ruth & Williker & their Increase to the Rest of my
 son Joseph's Children, be they sons or Daughters,
 to be equally Divided when the youngest comes to
 the age of Twelve years, & in the mean time the said

Negroes, John Naro, Lento & Wallace to be hired and on their wages to be paid to witness for the use of my sd grand children at the time of dividing the same.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Malachi Bell the tract of land where I now live to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Also my will & desire that my son Malachi Bell and Elizabeth his wife shall have the use & service of the Negroes as follows, (viz) George Pharris, Jack, Bill, & Rhody and their increase (Note - Will torn so as to render it unintelligible)

True Ethers to wait upon my Daughter in law during her life and then to be returned to my Grand Children with her increase without any charge to them their heirs and assigns forever. And except the girl lent to my Daughter in law the rest to be hired and for the use of the children when the time of dividing the same. Also one feather bed & Baskets marked C.B. and one Desk.

Item I give & bequeath unto my son Joseph Bell the tract of land where I bought of Christen Bell called the Hammock lying on the South side of Newport River except fifty acres of the said Land where Joseph Bray did live the sd fifty acres of land begins at a pine near where the pasture fence joins to the head of a gut in the marsh with a line of marked trees across the Road to the head line of the said land I now live on & as to contain the fifty acres.

Also keep the track called Pumpentime

joining the sd Joseph Bells land to him his heirs & assigns for ever.

Also my will & desire is that my son Joseph Bell & Hannah his wife shall (live term) Never beginning at the corner (to wit) Express in Newport Proclamation, then 8th 11th East one hundred pole to a pine, then 12th 15th E. to the head line of said Patent, to him his heirs & assigns for ever.

Also my will and desire is that my son Leabt Bell & Susan his Wife shall have (Balance of live term and cartages)

Item I give and bequeath unto my two sons Leabt & Malachi Bell my Tract of Land lying on the back of Gates Creek Land, formerly belonging to Col. Tho. Lovin Beach, to them their heirs & assigns for ever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Grand son Daniel Bell, son of Leabt Bell being one tract of Land which I bought of Col. Tho. Lovin and George Read, known and distinguished by the name of Deep Creek Land, on the North side of Newport River formerly belonging to the Estate of James Winwright - Deceased.

Also Two Hundred acres that is Excepted out of the Tract given to my son Leabt Bell, my Grand son paying the Dist. Rate of the two Hundred acres, from the date of the sd Patent, also my House & Lot in Beaufort Town known by the number 19 with the south half of the Lot number 23 and the House standing on it, And if for the Regis^r Office to him his heirs & assigns for ever.

Also my Negro Hannah I give my negro woman Joannah my Negro boy Abel & my negro boy Charles & their increase. And my Smiths Tools of all kinds, one young horse called Spark, two Panther heads & Bolders marked C.B. and the cattle called his in his own mark, also my time to him his heirs & assigns for ever, and I desire my son Leabt Bell have the use of four of the last hundred to land for the term of two years - that is upon my son Joseph Bells Land. And also one third of the Inclosed Ground on the Plantation I now live on to land for two years, and liberty to keep his House hold Goods in part of the same. I now live in & to reside in the House during the term of two years if Required.

And my desire is further, the three Negroes now given to my three sons Andrew, Joseph & Malachi Bell, shall assist my Grand son Leabt Bell in any work he

shall see fit to put them about, for the space of two months. Provided that my Grandson shall request it at such times of the year, that the crops of my sd. sons Andrew, Joseph & Malachi Bell shall not be damaged thereby.

And my Desire is further the three negro Men given to Andrew, Joseph & Malachi Bells, shall assist my son Caleb Bell in any work he shall see fit to put them about, for the space of two months. And he shall request it at such times of the year that the crops of my sd. sons shall not be damaged thereby. Likewise I Desire further that my son Caleb Bell shall have the Liberty to get Cypress Timber in the Swamp, given to my Grandson David Bell for his Plantation use.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Granddaughter Sarah Bell Daughter of Andrew Bell, One Feather bed (linen) my will & Desire is that my three sons Caleb, Joseph & Malachi Bell, shall receive all my outstanding bills, and pay all my just debts out of my Estate.

Also my Will & Desire is that my four sons, Andrew, Caleb, Joseph & Malachi Bell & my Grandson David Bell, shall have the remainder of my Horses, Hogs, Cattle, Sheep & Household goods, not before given, Equally Divided amongst themselves.

Provided Nevertheless my will & Desire is that if any of my sons, or Grandson David Bell die without Lawfull Issues, that their their part of the Land & negroes that I have herein given be equally Divided among the rest of my sons & Grandson David Bell and one may be, or their heirs. And also if the negroes that I made over to Mary Taggart in Princess Anne County, in Virginia, as may appear by a bond and in my House, Ever return back to my family: that they shall be equally Divided among my four sons & my Grandson David Bell, or their heirs.

What small remains of my Estate, shall be Divided as follows. (Wight) My three sons Caleb, Joseph & Malachi Bells shall first A price on each article, such as Horses, Cattle, Sheep Hogs & Household goods, and then my Grandson David Bell to take the first choice & Andrew the next. Caleb, Joseph and Malachi in their place according to their age.

Lastly I Nominate and appoint my three sons Caleb,

Joseph & Malachi Bell Executors of this my last Will and Testament. Revoking and making null and void all other will or Wills heretofore made by me, Holding & making this my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal this 15th Day of January 1775.

Signed, Sealed, Published
& Delivered to be his last Will & Testament in the Presence of us.

Elijah Shepard +
Tho: ^{his} Oglesby
Soleman Shepard Junr.

for Bell (Seal)

I Joseph Bell of Carritt County do this 23rd day of April make and publish this my last will & Testament in manner following (that is to say) I give to my son Caleb Bell my horse called Robin & my Riding saddle & I give to my son Malachi Bell my horse called Joe & Likewise I give to my Grandson David Bell my hand mill, and also I give to my Grandson Joseph Corbell Bell one young Cow now in my pasture & my mark to be recorded for him after my decease. And whereas in my Last will I have left the use & service of my negroes given to my four sons Andrew, Caleb, Joseph & Malachi Bell, to their wives during their widowhood & one negro to my Daughter (This line not decipherable)

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal & Signed, Sealed and published by the sd. Joseph Bell as a last will to be annexed to his will for Bell (Seal)

in the presence of
John ^{his} McNeil
Tho: ^{his} Oglesby

In the Name of God Amen. I Joseph Bell of Sussex County State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory God be thanked. Do this 31st day of December 1812 make and ordain and publish this my last will and Testament.

I lend unto my beloved wife Jane Bell during her Natural Life the use and service of my negro woman named Pries, my negro boy named Abel and one half of that part of my Plantation lying eastward of Timpertine Neck Swamp (whereon I now live, with privilege of timber and firwood on the woodland belonging thereto for her House and plantation use, but not to sell or carry away, and not to debar my children the privilege of living in the House with her while they are unmarried.

I give and devise unto my three Grand sons William Reuben Bell, Elijah Bell and Lubbens Bell children of my son Elijah Bell &c. two tracts of land lying in the forks of Newfrost, one of two hundred and fifty acres granted to me by patent dated July the 15th 1772 joining the land formerly owned by Sanders the other fifty acres at the head of the Juniper swamps joining my said son land and granted to me by patent dated July 17th 1797. To them and their heirs and assigns for ever.

I give and devise unto my said three Grand sons the children of my son Elijah &c. and unto my Daughter Mary Lohadwick, three hundred and twenty acres of land being the north part of a patent granted to me dated September the 7th 1795, joining Michael Ellis patent on Ellis or white lake also joining the line of William Bays patent and the land patented by Rich^d Dobb Spaight and my son Elijah Bell land my said Daughter Mary to have one half and my said three grand sons the other half, To them and to their heirs and assigns for ever.

I lend unto my son Joseph Lohadwick Bell, and unto his wife Hannah Bell for their support during their lives, and for the support of my two Grand children Joseph Bell and Ward Bell the children of my said son Joseph L. Bell during their minority and for the support of my said sons children if he should ever have any more born unto him during their minority, that part of my lands lying

lying and being in the County of Hartwell on the south side of Newfrost River, on the west side of Timpertine Neck Swamp. Beginning at the mouth of Timpertine Neck just at the River side at my landing, then running up the course of said gut on small creek to Timpertine Neck swamp, then up the middle of said swamp to the corner of Rang. Wilkies land patented by Willet Buffington, the said corner at first was a dogwood being rotten and burnt, there is a Chickasaw pole and an Oak marked for the same, including all my lands in Timpertine Neck and part of Reeds Neck marsh excepting a small strip of the said land joining the aforesaid corner and Rang Wilkies land being four poles wide extending to Rang Neck land, is reserved for my other children for an outlet, and the timber and fir wood on the said lands to be for their own plantation or home use, and not to be sold or given away, fifty acres of the aforesaid lands was given to my Father Joseph Bell as of Deed dated the 19th February 1776 and fifty acres of the same land from said Bell as of Deed dated the 20th of March 1776, and the remaining part of said lands and marsh being part of a larger patent was granted to me by patent dated the 5th day of December 1792.

The whole of said Land Supposing to be two hundred and fifty acres bounded as aforesaid I give unto my three aforesaid Grand children Joseph Bell and Ward Bell children of my said son Joseph L. Bell and unto my said sons children if he should ever have any more born unto him to be shared property at the Death of my said son Joseph L. Bell and his wife Hannah Bell and after they my said Grand children shall arrive to the age of twenty one years or the survivors of them that may arrive to that age, and if any of my said Grand children shall have either child or children born unto them and should die before they arrive to that age, then in that case that child or children arriving to the age of twenty one years shall possess its part of the said lands in manner and form aforesaid I give and devise the aforesaid lands bounded as aforesaid supposed to be two hundred and fifty acres more or less unto my aforesaid Grand children the children of my said son Joseph Lohadwick Bell to them and unto their heirs and assigns for ever.

I give and devise unto my son Lohadwick Bell all that part of my Land given unto me by my Father Joseph Bell by Deed dated February the 17th 1776, that lies on the North side of the main Road and South line of Newfrost River the main Road to be the dividing line between him and

I give and devise unto my said three Grand sons the children of my son Elijah &c. and unto my Daughter Mary Lohadwick, three hundred and twenty acres of land being the north part of a patent granted to me dated September the 7th 1795, joining Michael Ellis patent on Ellis or white lake also joining the line of William Bays patent and the land patented by Rich^d Dobb Spaight and my son Elijah Bell land my said Daughter Mary to have one half and my said three grand sons the other half, To them and to their heirs and assigns for ever.

his sister Nancy, also my Land lying between and joining the aforesaid Land, and middle of transportation across from the dividing line between him and his Brother Joseph B. Bell, comprising where my house stands I want him in and the greater part of my plantation and pasture marsh and being part of a tract of Land granted to me by patent dated December the 5th 1792, only one half of said plantation to come to his possessions and die before the decease of my wife, the other being lent to her for the term of her life, my son and two daughters, Church, Sarah and Jane to have privilege if they choose to live in my house with my wife while they are unmarried and my wife and said Daughters not to be debarred from timber and fire wood for there plantation and home use, the Land above described divided and bounded under the above restrictions, To my said son Church Bell and to his heirs and assigns for ever.

Item That strip of Land excepted in the divis. to my son Joseph B. Bells children and lent unto him and wife during there lives joining Benj. Williams Land being four poles wide and extending to Roads new Land, I give and devise unto my said son Church Bell and Daughter Nancy for an out let; To them and to there heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I lend unto my Daughter Nancy Elliott for her support during her natural life, that part of my Land called the wood point lying on the south side of the main Road and on the head of a small creek where she now lives, joining a line of Joseph Bells and the land formerly owned by Nathl. Bell at the said Road dividing it from that part given unto my son Church, being part of the same tract; the my said Daughter Nancy to have full right to use freely fire wood and timber on said Land for her own home and plantation use, but not to sell, and give and devise the said Land at her decease unto her son Joseph Bell Elliott to be his property if he lives to attain to the age of twenty one years, but if he dies under that age, then to his sister Hannah Lovitt Elliott if she attains to the age of twenty one years, but in case she also dies under that age, then to the first child my said Daughter may have to attain to that age, and for want of such then to her oldest blood child, in case any of her children so dying under age may have a child or children to survive them, and in case my said Daughter dies having no

child of the age of twenty one years, she said Land to be for the benefit of her children (if any) in there marriage, my son Church and his family always to have free and full liberty to pass with boat or otherwise along the path or Road that runs to and from the sawing without the least hindrance or difficulty, To said child attaining the age of twenty one years as aforesaid, or for want of such, then to the oldest surviving issue of them dying under age. I give and devise the said Land in manner aforesaid to stand to the heirs and assigns for ever. But in case no child of my said Daughter lives to attain the age of twenty one years and there should survive no issue from there dying under that age, then on the decease of her my said Daughter Nancy and all her children and issue of her children, my Will and devise is that they pay Thomas Elliott if ever he builds a farm house on the said Land the value thereof.

Item After receiving my Negro boy Bob to take care and service of my son Church the term of two years after my decease for purposes hereafter mentioned, I leave him in the hands or in the power of my Executors to let my Daughter Nancy have him to work for her, or hire him out for her exclusive benefit and that alternately or occasion may require during my said Daughters natural life, and not to let him the said Negro be corned or sent off out of this County of Berkshire to live elsewhere and I give and bequeath my said Negro boy Bob at the decease of my said Daughter Nancy, to her son Joseph Bell Elliott and to her Daughter Hannah Lovitt Elliott if they live to attain the age of twenty one years and to all other child or children she may have to attain that age for there common and equal interest and benefit, but in case none of the children lives to attain the age of twenty one years, then I give the said Negro Bob to and among all the surviving issues (if any there be) of her children so dying under that age, to them and there heirs and assigns for ever, and in case my said Daughter dies leaving no child of the age of twenty one years, she here and devise of the said Negro boy Bob to be for the benefit of her children (if any) in there marriage, but in case no child of my said Daughter lives to attain the age of twenty one years and there should survive no issue from there dying under that age, then on the decease of her my said Daughter Nancy and her children and issue of her children I give and bequeath the said Negro Bob unto my said Daughters Sarah and Jane Bell to them and there heirs and assigns for ever.

Item

I appoint my son Church Bell to pay all my just and Lawful debts, and to enable him to do so my will and desire is for him to receive and keep in his possession the whole of the mill on Smith Swamp, with the appurtenances and the whole of the timber and lightwood on 825 acres of land adjoining thereto owned between him and me, untill he can pay my debts by sawing plank and scantling, with the help of the other sources hereinafter directed, and I give and bequeath unto my said son, that his choice of my Sleighs and Oxen and take six to make him three Yoke of Oxen, also I lend unto him my Negro Man named Andrew, for the term of three years after my decease, either to be hired out or work at the mill or my son Church shall think proper, also I lend unto my said son Church my two Negro boys named Lusa and Bob for the time of two years after my decease to help him at the mill, and my will and desire is that all my out standing debts be collected by my Executors and the friends of them and what plank and scantling that may be on hand or to be made at my decease with such other subsidies as my son Church can speedily accumulate by sawing timber and making saw to be first applied to pay such of my creditors as are not willing to wait for their money, and if any of my debts still remain unpaid and the creditors not willing to wait till Church can pay them out of the means above mentioned then — as many of my cattle not herein otherwise given as may be necessary I desire may be sold, and the proceeds applied for that purpose, provided nevertheless if my son Church can and will pay all my debts by means herein previously directed or any means of his own contrivance and industry, then I give and bequeath all my cattle not before or otherwise given unto my four Daughters Sarah, Ruth, Nancy and Jane and unto my son Church.

Item

and I give and devise unto my son Church Bell, one quarter part of said mill on Smith Swamp and appurtenances, and quarter part of all the timber on the said 825 acres of Land, this quarter part being on half of my part. To him and to his heirs and assigns for ever. I think it will pay him for the trouble he may be at.

Item

and when all my debts is paid the other quarter of said mill and appurtenances with my other quarter of the timber on the 825 acres of Land

I lend unto my two Daughters Sarah Bell and Jane Bell for their support during the life of my Daughter Sarah, but not for her nor her heirs to sell any Timber off the said lands only at the mill where sawed, that my said Daughters to be at one quarter part of the expense of repairing and keeping, the said mills in order and of hauling and sawing the timber and grinding the grist; and I give unto my two said Daughters Sarah and Jane two Sleighs or Oxen and my son Church to haul them, and my will further is that the quarter of the mill and timber lent unto my two said Daughters Sarah and Jane, and the Oxen, should remain under the care and management of my son Church as there agent, and after my debts is paid, the balance of the proceeds of the timber sawed and brist-ground that shall come to their share shall after the expenses are deducted for him to pay unto my two said Daughters for their support during the life of my Daughter Sarah, and at her decease I do hereby revoke the said lent of the said mill and timber unto my two said Daughters and it shall be null and void, and I give and devise the said quarter of the mill and timber unto my said son Church Bell, then to be his property to make him full satisfaction and amends for all the trouble he may be at, To him and to his heirs and assigns for ever, and I give and bequeath unto my son Church Bell and unto my Daughters Sarah Bell, Jane Bell, my Old Negro Woman Nancy to live at the mill, and I desire them to use her well, to cherish and to cherish her and assigns

Item

I give and bequeath unto my son Church Bell my Negro man Harry to him and unto his heirs and assigns for ever.

Item

I give unto my two Daughters Sarah Bell and Jane Bell my Negro woman named Peg for her and her increase if any, should be born, after my decease, to be equally divided between my two said Daughters or their children if any at the expiration of twenty years after my decease and if either of my said Daughters should die leaving no children of their own before that time the survivor of them or her heirs shall possess the whole and shall be there property in manner and form aforesaid. I give and bequeath the said Negro woman Peg and her increase if any unto my two said Daughters Sarah Bell and Jane Bell unto them and unto their heirs and assigns for ever.

Item

I give and devise unto my son Church Bell one hundred acres of Land lying on the head of Smith Swamp

Joining the tract of Land whereon the miller Stand was granted to my Father by patent dated the 2nd day of December 1763, and by him given to me by Deed dated the 14th June 1770, to him and to his Heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and devise unto my son John Church Bell, a certain parcel or parcel of Land situated and lying on the South side of Newfane River being the half of a tract one hundred acres granted to my Father, patent dated the 16th December 1768 and by him given unto me, the said fifty acres joining the easterly side of the tract of Land whereon the miller Stand now is, to which Joseph Bell Junr formerly lived, to him and to his Heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my two sons Joseph B. Bell and John Church Bell all my Expresses on Hamlet Creek bought of John Smith or by bill of sale dated March the 1st 1770 To them and to their Heirs and assigns for ever.

Item as I have made my son John Church Bell fully able to pay my debts I hope if he lives he will fulfill and perform the trust and confidence I have put in him, But if he dies before my debts is paid, then in that case, my will and devise is that my Executors take possession of my part of the tract and appurtenances the timber and the negroes I have lent or given him and his heirs out until the proceeds thereof will pay the Deficiency, but in case all above mentioned fail of discharging my debts, then my will is that my Children pay the Deficiency in proportion to the Value I have given them respectively.

Item I lend unto my Daughter Kitturah Bell for her Support and for the support of her Husband Malachi Bell during their lives a piece of Land or ground in Stamford Town being part of the lot N^o 18 to be laid off Beginning at the Westmost lower Corner of said lot N^o 18, thence running up Northerly along Turner Street one hundred and Ninety Seven feet; Thence running easterly the Course of the said lot Fifty feet; Thence running Southerly the Course of the said lot, one hundred and Ninety Seven feet; thence the front street; Thence along the said Street westerly Fifty feet to the Beginning. My said Daughter Kitturah Bell and her Husband Malachi Bell to enjoy all the Privileges, Rights and Profits of the aforementioned ground or land bounded as aforesaid with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining for their own use during

their lives and at their deaths the Rents and profits arising from the same shall be for the support of my said Daughter Pamelly the Daughter of my Daughter Kitturah and for the profit and support of my said Daughter Children if she should ever have any more or any descendants from them for their use and Support during their own age, and I give the said Land or ground bounded as aforesaid and bounded as aforesaid in Stamford being part of my lot N^o 18 unto my said grand Daughter Pamelly the daughter of my said Daughter Kitturah, and unto my said Daughter Children if she should ever have any more and unto their descendants if any, when they arrive to the age of twenty one years or the survivors of them shall may arrive to that age, to be their property at the death of my said Daughter Kitturah and her husbands, and when they or the survivors of them shall arrive to that age, in manner and form and under the aforesaid restrictions I give and devise the aforesaid mentioned Land or ground unto my aforesaid grand Daughter Pamelly the Daughter of my Daughter Kitturah and to my said Daughter Children and descendants of her Children if any shall arrive to the age of twenty one years or aforesaid, to them and to their Heirs and assigns for ever.

Item My part of the lot N^o 16 in Stamford Town being a piece twenty three feet on the front street, and extending back the Course of the lot two hundred and forty seven feet, with seven feet more off the lot N^o 14 joining thereto and to extend back the same distance from the front street, except it should be that my old house should be on any part thereof, that part of said ground if any except the said ground founded as aforesaid I give unto my grand son Joseph Bell the son of my son Joseph B. Bell if he lives to attain the age of twenty one years, But if he dies and never attains to the age of twenty one years then in that case, I give the said ground unto his Brother Ward Bell if he lives to attain the age of twenty one years, but if he dies under that age and my son Joseph B. Bell should ever have Child or Children that should arrive to the age of twenty one years, then I give the same ground unto them, and the rent that may become due from William Fisher or others to be applying for the purchasing and support of my aforesaid grand Children in their minority, but if my said grand Children should all die and never may should arrive to the age of twenty one years then my grand son Joseph B. Bell to receive the Rents for his own use during his Life, under the above restrictions, I give and devise the said ground or land bounded as aforesaid unto my said grand Children the Children of my son Joseph B. Bell and unto

there live and assign for ever.

Item I give unto my two Daughters Sarah Bell and Jane Bell fifty feet of ground or land on the front street of Beaufort Town, it being part of my Lot No 7, joining the ground or land given to my Grand Children the Children of my son Joseph C. Bell. Including where my house that Malachi Bell now lives in, now stands, with the house thereon, the said ground to extend back from the front street, the course of the Town front lot two hundred and forty seven feet, and if either of my said Daughters should die and leave no child or Children that may be her heir, then in that case the survivor of them shall possess the whole of said Land or ground, bounded as aforesaid with all the appurtenances thereon, in manner and form aforesaid. I give and devise the aforementioned Land or ground with all the building and appurtenances thereon unto my two only Daughters Sarah Bell and Jane Bell to them and to their heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give in manner following unto my two Grand Children Joseph Bell Elliott and his sister Hannah Lovitt Elliott the Children of my Daughter Nancy Elliott if they arrive to the age of twenty one years, and if my said Daughter should have either child or Children that shall arrive to the age of twenty one years, all that part of my ground in Beaufort Town, being twenty five feet on the front side lying between the line of the Land or Ground given unto my Daughter Kithurah and the Ground given unto my two Daughters Sarah and Jane Bell, extending back from the front street the course of the lot two hundred and forty seven feet, the said ground or piece of Land to be rented out by my Executors for the use and benefit or schooling or support of my said Grand Children in their minority, and for the support of my said Nancy during her life, in manner and form aforesaid. I give and devise the aforesaid twenty five feet of ground or land on the front street bounded as aforesaid unto my aforesaid Grand Children the Children of my Daughter Nancy or the survivor of them that shall arrive to the age of twenty one years, to them and to their heirs and assigns for ever. Nevertheless my will and desire is that if my Daughter Nancy Elliott should see cause or wish to live on the lot of ground in Beaufort that I have given to her Children, and Thomas Elliott or husband

should build a good house on the same in any reasonable time, then my Executors are to rent it out while my said Daughter Nancy lives therein but at her decease or if she leaves it to live elsewhere, then my Executors to rent it for the benefit of her Children as aforesaid, but if her Children all die and never attain to the age of twenty one years then at the decease of my said Daughter Nancy the said gift of the aforesaid Ground being void, and I hereby disannul the same and it shall be null and void and of no effect, and on the said ground being then the property of my other Children my will and desire is that they pay Thomas Elliott for the building he may put thereon the value thereof.

Item I give and devise unto my son Joseph C. Bell thirty acres of Land in the fork of Newport on the North side, or west end, either that he may choose of a patent dated the 19th July 1794 for eighty acres called the great place, joining his own land and the land formerly belonging to Elijah Bell, to him and to his heirs and assigns for ever, also I give unto my said son Joseph C. Bell my sack ^{and} my silver watch that I lent him.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Hannah Davis my Negro boy named Abel that is lent unto my wife, my said Daughter to take possession of him at my wife's decease, to her and to her heirs and assigns.

Item I give unto my Daughter Kithurah Bell my Negro gaud called Charity to her and to her heirs and assigns.

Item I give and bequeath unto my two Grand Children Solomon Davis and Polly Davis the Children of my Daughter Hannah Davis, my Negro boy called Isaac being a child the son of my Negro woman Peggy to them and to their heirs and assigns.

Item I give & devise unto my four daughters Sarah Kithurah, Nancy and Jane my Sancto Land a ranging right between old Topsham Inlet and where the little Inlet was bought of Elijah Bell by a Deed to me, and to Joseph C. Bell and Church Bell dated March the 25th 1800 never to be divided, to them and to their heirs & assigns for ever.

Item I give unto my Daughter Sarah Bell my best bed bedstead and furniture called hers & my home chestering drawers.

Item I give unto my Daughter Jane Bell one bed & furniture.

Item I give unto my son Church Bell one bed & furniture the same that was at Smith Swamp at the mill, my shell & my cane.

Item I give unto my four Daughters Sarah, Kithurah, Nancy & Jane my Silver spoons.

Item I desire all my Chairs Tables Pots and other small articles my wife and two Daughters may want to live in, may remain with them, if any of them should move away from the house, to go

- for them among themselves.
- Item I give unto my wife and two sons Joseph Church & Church and my four daughters Sarah, Hannah, Nancy & Jane by law.
- Item I leave all my plantation tools for the use of the plantation and mill.
- Item All my provision on hand at my decease and all my crop of grain whether growing or ripe in the fields or in the house and all my hogs I give unto my wife and my two daughters Sarah & Jane and unto my son Church for their support.
- Item Whereas in the life time of my son Eljah Bell I offered to give him my Negro man named Sullivan after my name and he refused to have him and he said he thought he had rather be free should be free (or worse if that offer) Now in conformity to my said sons wish or desire and making it a matter of conscience to leave him a slave to his children contrary to his desire, I now do leave the said Sullivan to be free, and do give him his freedom from and after the time of three years that I have had him to work with my son Church, and I give the said Sullivan fifty acres of land in the great-blade in the fork of Newporth joining Joseph Church & Bell's land.
- Item I give my negro man Luce unto my daughter Mary Chalmers & my son Joseph L. Bell, only reserving his service the term of two years after my decease, to my son Church as hereinbefore mentioned, to them and to their heirs & assigns for ever.
- Item My negro woman Pries lent to my wife, my will & desire is for her to remain where she now is or as near as may be convenient, and I give and bequeath the said negro Pries unto my son Church and unto my two daughters Sarah & Jane Bell to be their property at the decease of my wife and as she will be old and has been of great service in raising my children, I wish and charge them to use her well giving her all the encouragement and chance to get to heaven possible.
- Item My will and desire is that the negroes mentioned in my Father's will lent to me and given unto my children shall with their increase be divided among my children agreeable to the true intent & meaning of his will.
- Item I have before given all my rights and claim I had unto the negroes or property in Virginia by an agreement and bond between my Father and Thomas

and Mary Fegacholy as mentioned in my Father's will unto my son in law James Chalmers and unto my son Joseph L. Bell and unto the children of my son Eljah Bell and my other children as aforesaid will have nothing to do with it.

Lastly Revoking all other and former wills, I hereby nominate and appoint my son Church Bell and my friend George Rags my Executors to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning thereof. In witness whereof I the said Joseph Bell have hereunto set my hand and seal.

Signed Sealed & Published
in the presence of us

x Wm L. Bell
x David Bell

Joseph Bell (last)

Barren County Court of Pleas & Quarter Term May Term 1835

There was this written paper exhibited into Court and proved by the oaths of William L. Bell & David Bell the subscribing witnesses to contain the true last will & Testament of Joseph Bell dec'd who comprising in their oaths their belief that the Testator was, at the time of signing & publishing the same, in his right mind, and they signed the same as witnesses in presence of each other, by his request - and Church Bell one of the Executors therein named qualified as such and Letters ordered to issue to him accordingly.

Certified by me
Geo. Read, Clerk