

the great Branch East of my house to show
and there heirs for ever and my will and
Desire is that the Division line between my
son Henry and Ross should be the main Road
as it now stands and that Henry should have
all that part west of said Road where it crosses
the head of the mill Branch and I hereby
annominate and appoint my worthy friend
and Loving wife Executors to this my last
will and Testament to wit John Roberts
Thomas English and Mary Brees Executors
to this my Last will and Testament and hereby
Revoke and Disannul all other will or wills
By me formerly made In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal in
presence of
this thirtieth Day of December

Ross Brees

witness of us
+ James Brees
M^r Dennis
Charity ^{his} Brees

N^o 10 Item my will and Desire is that this addi-
Be a part of my Last will and Testament that is to
say that if my wife Maryan should marry or die
that my Daughter Joannah Brees should have one
of my feather Bed and two cows and calves
Item my will and Desire is that my Loving Daughter
Sarah Brees should have one feather Bed and
furniture and two cows and calves as witnesses
my hand and seal this fourth Day of January 1802

Signed Sealed and
in presence of us

Ross Brees

+ James Brees
Jedast ^{his} Medders
Charity ^{his} Brees

Carteret County Court -
May term 1802

The foregoing will
and Codicil was proved in open Court by the
oath of James Brees a subscribing witness
Attest Geo Read Clerk

In the Name of God amen, I Salathiel Bell of Carteret County
in the State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind
Blessed be God, do this 22nd day of September in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and three, Make and Publish
this my Last Will and Testament in manner following that
is to say.

First-

I lend unto my beloved wife Sarah Bell during her Natural
Life my House and the Easternmost part of my plantation I
now on to be divided by a line of marked trees, beginning at a
mulberry tree marked for a corner standing on the back head near
and on the east side of a pond in my plantation which stream
into the sound on the west side of my House I must live in
thence running N. West meaning the same course of the land
belonging to Nancy Telford to the back line of my land including
all that part near and joining Nahunta Creek with all the
Buildings thereon, the aforesaid Land and Buildings at the end
of my Wife shall be the property of, and belong unto my son
Daniel Bell as hereafter mentioned, I likewise grant and
give unto my wife free Liberty to make use of any timber for
Rafts or fire wood for her own plantation or house upon
any part of the tract of Land I now live on, I also lend unto
my wife during her Natural Life the work and service of my
Negro man named Cole, and at her Death the said Negro Cole
to be the property of my Grand Daughter Nancy Telford as here
after mentioned, Likewise I lend unto my wife during her
Natural Life the work and service of my Negro man named
Elept and at her Death the said Negro Elept to be the prop-
erty of my son Josiah Bell, I also lend unto my wife all my
House hold Furniture except my Desk and Looking Glass,
I also lend unto my wife all my plantation tools my
cows and all my stock of every kind for her support
during her Natural Life, at her Death to be divided with
my House hold Furniture (what then may be in being or
found) among all my children both Sons and Daughters
and my Grand Daughter Nancy Telford and my wife,
three sons, I also lend unto my wife Sarah Bell my
Wind mill which is now building during her Natural
Life and I give unto her all the money now in my House
(belonging to me) to finish the said mill, but my four sons
and my two Daughters and my Grand Daughter Nancy Telford
to have their grinding done toll free.

Item

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Bell all
my Lawfull right and title to four Negroes viz

Daniel, Mrs, Cole and her child being a boy named
Harbord to her and to her Heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Josiah Bell two hundred
and eighty acres of land lying in the fork of Newport
River joining on the S. west branch being the land where he
formerly lived which Land I bought from John Sanders
to him and to his Heirs and assigns for ever.

I also give and bequeath unto my said son Josiah
Bell my Negro man named Stee to be his property
at the Death of my wife, to him and to his heirs and
assigns for ever. Some Land I have given him by deed.

Item I give unto my two sons Malachi Bell and William
Bell all the westernmost part of my land and plantation
where I now live divided as aforesaid including all
that part lying between the Land lent to my wife and
the Land belonging to Nancy Fulford to be equally
divided between them, and the westernmost part
joining the Land belonging to Nancy Fulford to be for
my son Malachi Bell and shall be his property
and the Easternmost part joining the Land on part
lent unto my wife, to be for my son William Bell
and shall be his property excepting only timber and
fire wood on said Lands to my wife for her own plan-
tation and House use during her life. The aforesaid
Land divided and bounded as aforesaid more or less
I give and bequeath unto my two said sons Malachi
Bell and William Cole Bell to them and to their
Heirs and assigns for ever. Likewise I give and
bequeath unto my two said sons Malachi Bell
and William Cole Bell two hundred acres of
Land I bought from Isaac Oelison lying in the fork
of Newport River to them and to their Heirs and assigns
for ever. Also I give unto my two said sons one
Entry for fifty acres of Land joining the aforesaid
Land to them and to their Heirs and assigns for ever.
Also I give and bequeath unto my two said sons
Malachi Bell and William Cole Bell fifty acres
of Land on the banks being a Ranging Right
I bought from Norton Howard's wife, to them
and to their Heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son David Bell all that

part of my plantation and Land, that I have lent unto my
wife as aforesaid being the Easternmost part from the morass
mulberry trees to Melen Holness more or less including the House
mill and all the building thereon, to be for his use and benefit at
the Death of my wife. (My three sons, Josiah, Malachi & William & Bell
my two Daughters Susanna Percraft and Sarah Robertson and my
Grand Daughter Nancy Fulford, to have their grinding done toll
free excepted, to him and to his Heirs and assigns for ever.

I also give and bequeath unto my said son David Bell
two hundred acres of Land I bought from Brown lying in
the fork of Newport River, joining the Land given unto my son
Josiah Bell, to him and to his Heirs and assigns for ever.
Also I give unto my said son David Bell my looking Glass.

Item I lend unto my Daughter Susanna Percraft during her Natural
Life the work and service of the Negroes mentioned as follows viz
my Negro woman named Jane which I bought from David Bell
and her three children, named Daniel, Sam, and Moriah,
and I do hereby give and bequeath the aforesaid Negroes named
Jane, Daniel, Sam and Moriah unto the children of my said
Daughter Susanna Percraft both sons and Daughters to be
delivered to them clear of all charge at the Death of my said
Daughter Susanna, and to be equally divided among all her children
when the youngest of them come to the age of twelve years, to
them and to their Heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Robertson and unto
my Grand Daughter Nancy Fulford two hundred acres of Land I
bought from Shepard and Roundtree where the mill now is
with the mill and buildings thereon, the mill swamp to be
the dividing line between them, the westernmost part for my
Daughter Sarah Robertson and the Easternmost part for my
Grand Daughter Nancy Fulford, to them and to their Heirs
and assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Robertson my
Negro Woman named Rose and her child named Bet-
to her and to her Heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Nancy Fulford
fifty acres of Land lying in the fork of Newport joining
the Land I give unto my son Josiah Bell near the former
swamp, granted to me by patent, to her and to her Heirs
and assigns for ever. I also give unto my said Grand Daughter

Nancy Fulford my Negro man named Cole which is lent unto my wife to be delivered to her at the death of my wife to her and to her heirs for ever, but if my said Grand Daughter should die without Lawful issue then and in that case I do hereby Ordain and Revoketh the above and aforementioned Gift of Land and Negro Cole and it shall be null and void, and then I give and bequeath the said Land and Negro named Cole unto my four sons Josiah Bell, Malachi Bell, William C. Bell and David Bell and unto my two Daughters Susanna Leacroft and Sarah Robertson, to them and to their heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my two sons Malachi Bell and William Cole Bell my Negro man named Charles to them and to their heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand son Malachi Robertson one lot in Beaufort Town which I bought from Robert Williams, to him and to his heirs and assigns for ever. Also I give and bequeath unto my said Grand son Malachi Robertson all my Right and title unto my young Negro boy named Daniel, to him and to his heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my wife Sarah Bell and unto my two sons Josiah Bell and David Bell my quarter part of the Schooner Margaret, to them and to their heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath my new plot unto my wife and unto my four sons Josiah, Malachi, William Cole & David Bell.

Item I give and bequeath unto my two Daughters Susanna Leacroft and Sarah Robertson, my old plot.

Item I give unto my son Malachi Bell one half day Charr, to be done to be done by Joseph Davis, I spoke to him for them.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Robertson my Mahogany Dock.

Item I give and bequeath unto my wife all my stock in trade and all my provisions now in my house and all my corn in the field not gathered.

Item My wife and I desire that all Negroes lent to me and given unto my children by my Father Joseph Bell be equally divided between all my children and my Grand Daughter Nancy Fulford agreeable to her will.

Item It is my will and desire that my Grand Daughter Nancy Fulford should live with my wife and for her to have the use of all the property belonging to my said Grand Daughter for her support till she comes of age.

Item my will and desire is that my after named Executors shall get in and receive all my Debt and pay all my just and Lawful Debt, and I hereby make and Ordain my wife Sarah Bell Executrix and my two sons Josiah Bell and Malachi Bell Executors of this and to this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I the said Malachi Bell have to this my last will and Testament set my hand and seal the year and day above written.

Signed Sealed Published and Delivered by the said Malachi Bell, the Testator as his last will and Testament in the presence of us
Joseph Bell
Nancy Bell
Jona Bell

I Malachi Bell Sen.^r in the State of North Carolina do this 22^d day of September 1803 make and Publish this my Codicil to this my Last Will and Testament in the manner following, that is to say, as I have given my Negro woman named Rose and her child called Bet to my Daughter Sarah Robertson, I do now lend the said Negro woman Rose and her child called Bet unto my wife Sarah Bell during her Life and at her death to be delivered unto my said Daughter Sarah Robertson, to be her property according to my will, and Lastly it is my will and desire that this present Codicil be annexed to and made part of my Last will and Testament to all intents and purposes.

In witness whereof I the said Malachi Bell have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed Sealed and Published, Malachi Bell (Seal)
by the said Malachi Bell as a Codicil to be annexed to his will in presence of us
+ Joseph Bell. Nancy Bell. Jona Bell.

Carters County Court-February term 1804.

I certify the foregoing Codicil. was then legally proved in open Court-by the oath of Joseph Bell as a part of the Last Will and Testament of Malachi Bell dec'd and is therefore to be such considered.

Geo Reed C.C.

Carters County Court-February term 1804.

I certify the within Testament was then legally proved in open Court-by the oath of Joseph Bell and Sarah Bell, Malachi Bell and Josiah Bell qualified Executors thereto and Letters ordered to issue

Geo Reed C.C.

In the Name of God amen I Abigail Bell being weak in Body but of sound mind and memory do ordain and appoint that my last will & Testament

First-I will my Body to the Church from whence it was taken and my soul into the hands of my almighty and merciful maker. and as to my worldly property I dispose of it in manner following viz.

My Bed, Bed Stead and furniture I give and bequeath to my two Daughters Sally and Liza

also I give to my two sons Daniel and Samuel each one chest-and the remainder of my property after all my Just Debts are paid I give to be equally divided among all my children and lastly I

hereby appoint-my Brother Daniel Williston Executor to this my my last-will & Testament-

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the first day of December

One Thousand eight-hundred and four

Signed Sealed and acknowledged in presence of

* John Briggs.

Newel Bell

Abigail ^{dec} Bell ^{mark} 

Carters County-
Feb'y term 1805

This will was exhibited into open Court-and proved by the oath of John Briggs, & Letters ordered to issue to Daniel Williston who qualified Exr.

Geo Reed C.C.