

of said County, is dead, having first made and published his last Will and Testament, and that Wm H. Bell and Jas. R. Bell are the executors named therein. Further, that the property of the said Rufus W. Bell consisting of land, horses, Mules, Steam Mill & other personal property is worth about \$20,000-00 as can be ascertained at the date of this offer and that W. H. Bell, E. Jane Bell, J. R. Bell, Clara Elliette, V. J. D. Bell, Emma L. Bell and Blanchie B. Hall, the three last named being minors, of Carteret County and Dora Willeford of Chowan County, N.C. are the parties entitled under the will to the said property.

Swear to and subscribe by James R. Bell
before me, this 3rd day
of February 1887
Jab. D. Davis
Clark Superior Court

I Mary A Brooks of the County of Carteret and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but Considering the time of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my Last Will and Testament, in manner and form following that is to say:-

First that my Executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts however and to whomsoever owing

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I give and devise to my Brother in Law George Brooks at my right in the tract of land called Solomon I now have or as to include my interest in the Mansion House all out houses and other improvements, to have and to hold to him the said George Brooks for and during his life, then after his decease to go to his daughter Sarah and her heirs, to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever

I give and devise to my Brother in Law George Brooks my feather Bed and bedding all my Household and Kitchen furniture to him and to hold to him the said George Brooks for and during his life, then after his decease to go to his Daughter Sarah Haskin and her heirs, to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever And Lastly - I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend

my Lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my Last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause hereof - hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me hitherto made. In witness whereof I the said Mary A. Brooks do hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of May AD 1887

Signed sealed published and declared by the said
Mary A. Brooks to be her
last will and Testament
in presence of us who at her
request and in the presence
do subscribe our names as
Witness thereto

Alfred H. Chadwick
William Brooks

Mary A. Brooks *(Signature)*

State of North Carolina Superior Court
Carteret County May 28th 1883

The execution of the foregoing will is proved before me according to law by the oath and examination of Alfred H. Chadwick and William Brooks the subscribers witnesses thereto, who swear that they saw Mary A. Brooks execute the same as her last will and testament - that they attested it in her presence and at her request and at the time of its execution she was, in their opinion of sound mind and disposing mind and memory.

The said paper writing is therefore adjudged to be the last will and testament of the said Mary A. Brooks and the same is ordered to be recorded.

Jno. D. Davis
Clark Superior Court.

In the Name of God amen I William Alexander of the Town of Beaufort County of Carteret and State of North Carolina, being in health of body and of sound mind memory and understanding praise be to God for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ann L. Alexander her heirs assigns, forever all my property real, personal, and mixed, of what nature or kind soever, and whatsoever, the same shall be at the time of my death.

And I do nominate constitute and appoint my said wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and canceling with all and every other will or wills at any time before made by me, and do declare this to be my last Will and testament. In witness whereof I the said William Alexander, have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of Dec 1883. one thousand Eight hundred & Eighty three

I have declared and published ^{to} William Alexander ^{that}
the above named William Alexander
for his last will and testament in
presence of us, who at his request
and in his presence, have subscribed
our names as witnesses thereto

J. B. Davis
L. A. Potter

State of North Carolina Superior Court
Carteret County August 6, 1883

The execution of the
foregoing Will is proved before me according
to law by the oaths and examination of