

In the Name of God Amen.

I Severan Blossom of the County of Carteret-
Being Weak of Body and in a Low State of
Health but Sound of memory think it best to
make this my Last Will and Testament--

first- my Will and Desire is that my Res-
shel Property that can be best- Spared to
be sold sufficient- to Pay all my Just Debts.

Item I give and bequeath to my three Children born
Jana and Hamner one Bay mare called Jana to
be Equally Divided between them and their heirs
for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Nancy
all the Remains of my Property both Real and
Personaly of what-kind or Nature it may be that
Remains after all my Lawfull Debts be paid
to her and her heirs for ever.

I Nominate and Appoint- my Trusty and
worthy friend Stephen Fulford Junr. to be
Executor to this my last Will and Testament-
Wherefore I have set my hand and seal the
Day and Date- above Written

This 10 Day of March one Thousand Seven
Hundred and Ninety Nine

Severan ^{his} Blossom
more

Signed Sealed in the

Presence of us

John Fulford
Abraham Simpson
John ^{his} Simpson
more

Carteret-County
May term 1799

The above written Will was proved
in open Court- by the oath of John Fulford one
of the subscribing witnesses thereto-

Samuel Leffers C. C.

In the Name of god amen I Peter Brees of the State
of North-Carolina and County of Carteret- Being Sick
and weak in Body But of sound and perfect- Rep-
osing mind and memory So make and ordain this
my Last will and Testament- and calling to mind
the Mortality of this Body and knowing that- it is
appointed for all men once to die I Recommend my
Soul to god that- first- gave it- and my Body I Recommend
to the Earth- to be Buried in Decent- Christian Burial
at the Discretion of my Executors and touching of my
worldy goods where with- it hath- pleased god to Bless
me I give and Dispose of in the following manner
and form.

Item my will and Desire is that- my Oxen and two three
year old Steers and as many more of such cattle
as my wife has Best- sport should be sold at publick
Vandue as will pay of all my Just- Debt- my will
and Desire is that- my house ~~and~~ Lands I hereby give
to my Loving wife Maryan an Brees during her natural
Life or widowhood Item I give and Bequeath unto
my Loving wife Maryan my negro man Sam and all
my stock of hogs and all my stock of cattle that- is not-
sold to pay my debts- during her natural Life or
widowhood- -

Item I give and Bequeath- unto my Loving wife
Maryan all my Beds and all my house hold furniture
of Every kind during her natural Life or widowhood

But- if my wife should marry then and in that-
case my will and Desire is that- my wife Maryan
should have and I give and Bequeath unto her and
her heirs for ever one yearling Red and fawn
one woolsen wheels and bands six pulley plates
and four settling chesons-

Item I give and Bequeath to Loving son Henry Brees
all my Lands that- lie on the west- side of the
Mill Branch with the field called gamms to him
and his heirs for ever Item I give and Bequeath-
unto my Loving son William Brees all that- part
of my Land that- lie on the East- side of the
great- Branch the Branch that- lie East- from
my house so known Item I give and Bequeath-
unto my Loving son Peter Brees my millmen house
and plantation with all the land that- joins the
same from the Mill Branch west- of my house to

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
Cada 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
David 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