

Pool and Mary Robinson the witnesses thereto, who swear that they saw Sarah A. King the testatrix execute the same as her last will & testament that they attested it in her presence and at her request and at the time of its execution she was of Sound Mind and Memory.

Jas. D. Davis
C. S. C.

Last will and testament of Rufus W. Bell of Harlowe N.C.

I Rufus W. Bell of Harlowe, County of Currituck, State of North Carolina, by occupation a farmer, make this my last will. I give and bequeath and devise my estate and property real and personal, as follows; that is to say:

- Item 1 I hereby appoint my two sons, William H. Bell and James R. Bell executors of this my will without bond.
- Item 2 I desire that my estate shall be held in common for one year after my death and looked by my executors for the use and benefit of the heirs and my creditors, and the proceeds applied to the outside indebtedness of the estate.
- Item 3 I desire that my executors shall sell off as soon as possible after my death so as to secure the best amount of all lands and real property as they may may think advisable excepting however my homestead place and the that part of those farms as are on the

West side of the Laurel Run now as the places of my sons William H. and James R. Bell which I will that they shall have on condition however that in the division of my estate these places shall be valued by disinterested persons.

I desire the ten house and 1/2 portion attached to the homestead place to be used by my two sons William and James for all farm purposes free of charge.

After the expiration of the year as stated for the second item of this instrument I desire my wife Abigail F. Bell to have a life estate in the tract on which I live so as to include all the lands up to a branch near the Southern part of my West Swamp field bounded by the branch up to the road near Geo. T. Bell's tenant; thence with the road Westwardly across the field and tract so as to include entire tract of land North of said boundary with the homestead thence to the Canal.

I desire my wife Abigail F. Bell to have the use of all my household and kitchen furniture during her life with the privilege of giving and appointing it off to the domestic children or circumstances may seem to her to require.

At the expiration of the one year as stated in item 2 of this instrument I desire my personal and perishable property to be sold off by my executors for the benefit of my estate and creditors, and my wife Abigail F. Bell to have of her own choice if she has need of them, one horse or mule, two cows and calves, one or two Cart-fifteen head of hogs and a buggy all for her use and benefit during her life.

In consideration of a Covenantee of of this interest in the insurance policy on my life for their benefit of their interest in said policy that I my business may be more advantageously settled with said insurance money. I hereby will to such of my children whose interest in said money will be used in the settlement of my business that some amount more of my effects except in the case of my daughter Emma and Grand-daughter Hannah whose educations are not finished to them I wish this advantage given over my order.

Children that if their insurance money shall not be used in the settlement of my business that then for me my daughter Emma be allowed four hundred and Blackie B. Hall Three hundred less in the general settlement of my said estate.

Item 9

I hereby request the continuing of my Grand daughter Blanche with her Grand Mother or her Aunt E. J. Bell and I hereby request that my executors shall have in Trust that part of my property that will fall unto her and such amounts of the same be expended upon her that they may deem necessary for her support and for her education and when she becomes of age to pay over the residue to her

In witness whereof

I have hereunto signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as and for my last will at Kailow, Carteret County North Carolina on this the 4th day of July one thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty five

Rufus W. Bell (Seal)

H. B. Berton
Hugh Berton
C. H. Mason
C. C. Bell

Whereas, I Rufus W. Bell have made my last will and testament in writing bearing date on the 4th day of July 1885 none of which I wish materially changed except in the 9th item where I will that in the place of my executors holding in Trust that part of my property belonging unto my Grand daughter Blackie B. Hall I do hereby appoint my daughter Eliza Jane as trustee without bond for her for any and all funds

may be due her from my estate

I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Abigail F. as guardian for my children without bond

In Testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal, the 14th day of October A.D. 1886

Rufus W. Bell

signed, sealed, published and declared by the said R. W. Bell to be a last will and testament in presence of his last will and testament in presence of us, who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

C. H. Mason

C. C. Bell

State of North Carolina Superior Court
Carteret County } February 10th 1887

The execution of the annexed will and Codicil is proved before me according to law by the oaths and examination of C. C. Bell and C. H. Mason two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who swear that they saw Rufus W. Bell execute the same as his last will and testament that they attested it in his presence and at his request and at the time of its execution he was in his opinion of sound mind and disposing memory. The said paper writing is therefore adjudged to be the last will and testament of the said Rufus W. Bell and the same is ordered to be recorded.

John D. Davis
Clerk Superior Court

Carteret County - In the Superior Court

In the matter of the will of Rufus W. Bell
Rufus W. Bell } Clerk Superior Court
James R. Bell being duly sworn, doth say: That Rufus W. Bell, late