

In the name of God. Amen:

I, Sarah A. King being of sound mind and disposing ^{will and} memory do make, publish and declare this my last will & testament, in form & manner as follows, to wit:

I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses should be paid by my Executor hereinafter named

I devise all my estate in and to two tracts or parcels of land situated on North River; the one tract or parcel adjoining & lying on the North of the land of Wm McKing my son & purchased at a sale by the Sheriff of Eastern County & formerly belonging to my father's estate, and the other tract or parcel lying still North of and adjoining the first tract and known as the Roper tract, to my daughter Mary H. wife of Thomas S. Martin & Margette de la Rosa King my son Francis L. King & their heirs to be divided equally between them when my son Francis L. shall have attained to the age of age: and my Executor is directed and empowered, at such time to divide the same in equal & contiguous parts, and he shall divide and set apart one third of these lands to my daughter Mary H. Martin, and make & execute a conveyance to her & her heirs, at any time, upon her request to take & possess the same.

I devise all the residue of my real estate to my children equally, my sons Wm M. King Francis L. King & my daughters Margette de la Rosa King & Mary H. Martin & their heirs and I bequeath all my personal estate to be equally divided between them.

I nominate & appoint my son Wm M. King my Executor, and Guardian of my infant son Francis L. & my

daughter, an infant, Margette de la Rosa King; and I desire that he should provide for and take the care of my said infant son & daughter, and I empower & authorize him to apply the rents & profits of their lands and the principal or interest of any money arising from the sale or division of their share of my personal estate to their maintenance & education; and, I authorize him to retain five per cent on all receipts & disbursements as Executor of my estate, and ten per cent on all receipts & disbursements as Guardian and further that he may retain for board & be allowed for the same in any accounts as Guardian, a reasonable amount, if he provide for my infant son & daughter in his own family and I request & wish him so to provide for them - and, instead of renting out their estate in my lands on North River, he may farm the same with his own lands & allow my son Francis L. & my daughter - Margette de la Rosa for the use & profits thereof a reasonable sum - not less than fifty dollars cash, so long as they may live with his family & be provided for by them.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name at Beaufort North Carolina the 5th day of August A.D. 1855

Sarah A. King

Subscribed by us as witnesses in the premises

of the testatrix & at her request - by

her daughter

C. P. Pool

Mary Robinson

State of North Carolina,

Eastern County 358. In the Superior Court

October 3, 1855

The execution of the foregoing will is proved before me according to law by the oaths and examination of C. P.

Pool and Mary Robinson the Subscribing 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 Wayne, State of North Carolina, by occupation a farmer, make this my last will. I give and bequeath and devise my estate and personal 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 commission for one year after my death and looked by my executors for the use and benefit of the heirs and my children, 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 decure the best money for 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 Canal known now as the place 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 fixtures 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 in 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 embrace all the lands up to a branch near the Southern part of my tract down field bounded by the branch up to the road near her & 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 house hold and kitchen furniture during her life with the privilege of giving and appointing it off to the several 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 children, 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 ox and Cart-fifteen head of hogs and a buggy all for her use and benefit during her life.

In consideration of a Coneyance of of their 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 same amount more of my effects except in the share of my daughter Emma and Grand-daughter Hannah whose education are not finished to them I wish this advantage given over my other