

Sale for the present Money. And it is my desire if it may be so, that my Childrens Share of the Estate with their increase may be reserved for them undiminished. Recommending both my Children and Wife to the Blessing and Protection of Providence.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my beloved Wife Huldah and my Brother James Bell Executors and Executor of this my last will and Testament. Ratifying and Confirming the same the day & year above Written.

Signed Sealed Published
& Declared in presence of
John Williams
Robt Williams

December Barret Court 1780

These are to Certify that the within Will was proved in Open Court by the affirmation of Robt Williams a Subscribing Witness thereto and that he also saw Ann Williams Witness the same

Test Read alike

In the Name of god Amen.

I William Baker of Barret County and State of North Carolina being in A poor State of Health in body but in perfect Sense of mind Memory And Understanding and balking to mind that it is appointed for all men to dye I do hereby make this my last will and Testament and this is to say I do hereby first give and bequeath my Soul into the hands of almighty god That give it also I give my body to be buryd in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executors and as to my worldly goods which it hath been please god to bestow on me I do hereby give and bequeath in Testaments and form as Followeth, that is to say first I give and bequeath unto these my beloved Sons one hundred and fifty acres of land fifty acres to each of my three Sons Namely John Baker and Nathan Baker William Baker and further my will is that my beloved wife Elisabeth Baker shall have her third part of the said land During lifetime also I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Mary Tolson one shilling Sterling being her full part. I also give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Hannah Daniels one shilling Sterling being her full part. I also give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Elisabeth Hickman one shilling Sterling being her full part. I also give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Sarah Baker one feather bed and bolster one Cow and her in brease. I also - - -

My will is that all my just Debts be paid, and Discharged then my will is all the Rest of my Estate which I do give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife shall be for her and my Childrens use During her life and then to be Equally Divided between my four youngest Children namely, John Baker, Nathan Baker, William Baker, Sarah Baker, and this I Acknowledge that this is my will. Accounting all other hereby made by me and I do hereby Acknowledge that I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 13th Day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and eighty three 1783

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of us
William Baker

Shadrach Ball. John ^{his} Baker
Barret County May term 1800

The foregoing will was proved in open Court by the oath of Shadrach Ball and Letters ordered to issue

Saml Leffers C.C.

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In the Name of God, Amen. I Elijah Bell of Beaufort County and State of North Carolina, being mind full of mortality and desirous to leave my worldly affairs to the peace and comfort of my family, do this twenty third day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. After paying all my just debts out of such part of my personal property as can best be spared from the use of my family, I leave all my estate real and personal in the care of my beloved wife Mary Bell, and desire she will take the same part of it as a discreet person takes or would take of their own property; and the use profit and income of the my estate as aforesaid I give and bequeath unto my said wife Mary, during her widowhood or (as the case may be) till my children respectively arrives to mature age or marriage for her own support or maintenance and for the support or maintenance of all my children, and as much may require for the education of my children. That is to say, In case my wife Mary should marry at any time after my decease, then for the devised and legacies hereinafter contained to be laid off.

and held in severally among or between my said wife and children, she to take her part or portion to her self. — Or in case at anytime before or after my wife marriage any of my children should arrive to mature age or marry, then for such child's portion or legacy to set off to him or her, and severed from my other property. The above things being premised I now proceed to dispose of my estate in devised and legacies to my said wife and children to take effect accordingly.

I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary Bell all that part of the Lot N^o 23 Beaufort Old Town, I bought of Joseph Borden same to her eleven feet broad which together with her twenty five feet of the Lot N^o 22 whereon her house stands will make a complete settlement, to her and to her heirs and assigns for ever.

My half of the vine mill on the island near Beaufort I leave in common for the joint support and profit of my said wife and all my children and the expense for repairs on her to be jointly born among them.

I give and devise to my three sons William Robertson Bell and Gilbert Bell all the Lands I own by

one tract on Ellis Lake on the head of Beaufort River, one on Hunter's Island, one of fifty acres on Beaufort River, also all the by passes included by a bill from William H. Taylor on a tract of land on Hunter's Island. To them there heirs and assigns for ever.

In order to make the share of my two Daughters Nancy Bell and Hannah Bell equivalent or equal to my sons in my estate I give and bequeath unto my said two Daughters Nancy and Hannah one negro girl named Sophia, one negro girl named Sarah, one negro boy named John and one negro boy named Bob or Robert; and if either of my said daughters should die leaving no issue, I give and bequeath all the said Negroes to the survivor of them, to them there heirs and assigns under the above restrictions for ever.

All the rest of my estate of every kind and nature after paying all my just debts out of such part thereof as can best be spared as hereinbefore mentioned, I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Bell and all my children to be divided between them in equal portions share and share alike except my negro woman named Tall her I leave to be owned by my said wife and all my children and when the said Woman shall be maintained out of my Estate as much out of the share of one of my children or my wife as out of another, to them there heirs and assigns for ever.

I should my wife Mary Bell at any time when in her power think well of it or so disposed my wish is that she would by devise or other means give to our two daughters Nancy and Hannah the house and thirty six feet of ground where we now live and to our son William Robertson, Elijah and Biddens the remaining hundred acres of land of that tract of three hundred acres on the east side of Newfort River which William Robertson bought of John Bygott.

I Desire my wife Mary Bell and all my children will jointly in equal portions annually make up the sum of three Dollars out of their respective shares of my estate and give to my negro boy Bill as a present for his fidelity asking as he likes.

I Desire my Executors will make and return into Court a true Inventory of all my Estate.

Lastly I constitute make and appoint my Father Joseph Bell my Brother in law James Chadwick and my son William Robertson Bell to Execute this my last will and testament.

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

Elijah Bell (Seal)

Signed Sealed and Published
by the above named Elijah Bell in the presence of us
Anthony Davis
Jane Bell

(over)

Carters County Court Dec Term 1809.

This written paper was then exhibited into Court & by oath of Anthony Davis a subscribing witness was legally proved to contain the true Last Will and Testament of Eliph Bell dec'd & James Chadwick one of the Executors therein named qualified as such & Letters Testamentary issued to him.

Attest Geo Read Clerk

In the Name of God amen, I Caleb Bell of Carters County in the State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and Memory, Blessed be God, do this first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eleven, make and Publish this my last will and Testament in manner following that is to say, first, that all my just and Lawful debts be paid as hereafter Directed.

I give unto my son Jacob Bell, that part of my Land joining Black Creek, being the Easternmost part, beginning at James Wainwrights Corner formerly a pine, but now a Stake, thence running a Westerly Course half way to Carters Branch, thence running a Northerly Course to the back line of said patent - so as to in take back part of the same to be as wide as the front; thence Easterly along the back line of the patent to Black Creek, thence down the various Courses of the said Creek to the beginning, the above mentioned Land laid off and bounded as aforesaid, I give and bequeath unto my said son Jacob Bell his paying one third part of all my Debts to him and to his Heirs and assigns for Ever.

I give unto my son Joseph Cole Bell that part of my Land joining Borden's Land, being the Westernmost part of my Land I now live on, Beginning at the Mouth of the Branch, where my negro James holds a small piece of ground, thence running up the various Courses of said Branch to the fork, then running up the same Course of Borden's land to the back line of my said patent, thence westerly

along the back line of my said patent to the corner, thence running down along Borden's line one mile, thence to the beginning, the above mentioned Land laid off and bounded as aforesaid, I give and bequeath unto my said son Joseph Cole Bell, his paying one third part of all my Debts to him and to his Heirs and assigns for Ever.

I give unto my son Caleb Norrie Bell, that part of my Land I now live on, beginning at the Mouth of the Branch, where my negro James holds a small piece of ground at my son Joseph C. Bell, beginning corner, thence running Easterly along the line of said patent to the Mouth of Carters Branch, thence running up the middle of said Branch to the back line of my said patent, thence westerly along the line to my son Joseph C. Bell back corner, thence down his line to the beginning, including my House and plantation where I now live, the above mentioned Land laid off and bounded as aforesaid, I give and bequeath unto my said son Caleb Norrie Bell his paying one third part of all my Debts to him and to his Heirs and assigns for Ever.

I give unto my two Daughters Charlotte Chadwick and Elizabeth Bell, that part of my Land lying and being between my son Jacob's part and my son Caleb Norrie's part that I have given them, the above mentioned Land I give and bequeath unto my two said Daughters Charlotte and Elizabeth, to them and to their Heirs and assigns for Ever.

I give and bequeath unto my three sons, Jacob Bell, Joseph Cole Bell and Caleb Norrie Bell my two hundred acres of Land lying near the Head of Deep Creek called the - of Lockers, they paying all my just Debts to them and to their Heirs and assigns for Ever.

I give unto my son William Bell all my Slave Smith Tools, and I have paid for some Land he has now possession of.

I give unto my Grand Son Caleb Bell the Son of my son William Bell one heffer and that my son William shall to come.

I give unto my Daughter Abigail Chadwick ten Dollars to be raised out of my property I have given already a great deal of timber unto my son in law Solomon Chadwick.

My Desire is that my Daughter Charlotte have all the cattle called hers now in her mare.

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Bell one bed and Furniture, one Cow called hers one Henning wheel, loom and gir.

I give unto my three sons Jacob Bell, Joseph Cole Bell and Caleb Norrie Bell my timber Carriage and Chaise. Also I give unto my three said sons Jacob, Joseph Cole, and Caleb Norrie two Suits and two Purses for Over. my will and Desire is that my large horses and sail, my Fair-hill now in the woods my cattle