

In the name of God, Amen. I, William F. Bell, of Carteret County and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament; that is to say, I give, bequeath and dispose of my property as follows, to wit: To my beloved wife Mary F. Bell, I give all of my household and kitchen furniture, and the following named slaves, to wit: Old Able, John, Lemmy, Moses Jr., Samer and unnamed child, Spencer, Able Jr., Rose, Curtis, Cicero, Cesar, and all their increase, during her natural life, and at her death I give to my son David W. Bell negroes John and Moses Jr. and a note I hold against him for fifteen hundred and thirty-two dollars and sixty-nine cents, given at Beaufort N.C. March the 20th eighteen hundred and fifty-six, interest included.

And to my son William F. Bell I give the sum of ten dollars to be paid to him by my Executor.

And to my son Jaber W. Bell I give the sum of ten dollars to be paid to him likewise.

And the balance of the above negroes and property after the death of my wife, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary F. Gillet and the heirs of her body.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five (April 1st 1865)

Wm F. Bell (Seal)

Signed in the presence of

Cyprian

Thomas C. Wood.

I make, constitute and appoint my son-in-law Thomas F. Gillet to be executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my seal the day and date above written, in the presence of two witnesses

Cyprian

Thomas C. Wood.

Carteret County Court, May Term 1868

The foregoing will is proved in open Court by the oath and examination of Cyrus Fovee, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. And thereupon, Thomas F. Gillet, the Executor herein named, qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law.

Jas. Rumley C. C.

(See Minutes, page 419)

In the name of God, Amen, I, Jane Ward, being old and weak of body, but of sound mind, memory and understanding, and considering the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof; and to the end I may be the better prepared to leave this world, whenever it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make and declare this my last will and testament, in manner following, that is to say:

1st It is my will and desire that my executor procure for my body a decent burial, and the expenses to be paid out of my estate.

2nd I lend unto my nephew, Durant H. L. Bell, and to his wife Fannie V. Bell, during their lives, part of Lot number one hundred and thirty-seven, being the lot I bought of the said D. H. L. Bell, and after their deaths I give it to their children, Church Bell, Frances D. Bell, Ann M. Bell, and Julia H. Bell, to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

3rd I lend unto my nephew, Durant H. L. Bell, all of my household and kitchen furniture, and all other property belonging to me, or which I may have, real or personal estate, of any kind, whatever, and after his death I give all of the same unto his children, Church Bell, Fannie D. Bell, Ann M. Bell, and Julia H. Bell, their heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly: Revoking all other and former wills I do hereby appoint my friend and nephew, Durant H. L. Bell, executor of my said will to all intents and purposes to execute the