

will and testament; that they attested it in his presence and at his request; and that, at the time of its execution, he was, in their opinion, of sound mind and disposing memory.

John W. Sanders and David S. Sanders qualify as executors of said will.

(See Book of Orders & Decrees, page 68)

Jas. Rumley, Judge of Probate.

State of North Carolina. Carteret County.

I, Wiley F. Higgins, of the Town of Beaufort, County and State aforesaid, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of life, do make and declare my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say:

First. I give and bequeath to my two children, Charles H. Leon Higgins and Theresa Taylor Higgins, after the payment of my just debts and funeral charges, the share in trade of merchandise, in my store, which may be on hand at my decease, the time of my decease, and all money and all personal property, which may be on hand, or may belong to me, at the time of my decease. To them and their executors and administrators forever.

Second. I hereby appoint my particular friend George W. Taylor, executor of this my last will and testament, and I commit the custody and tuition of my said children to him. I also authorize him to sell, at public or private sale, & at such times and places as he may choose, the stock in trade of merchandise, which I may leave on hand at my decease.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 5th day of April 1876.

W. F. Higgins

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the testator, to be his last will and testament, in presence of us, who, at his request, and in his presence, subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

John Rumley,
O. Warren Wheeler.

Carteret County. Court of Probate. April 11, 1876.

The execution of the foregoing will is proved before me, according to law, by the oath and examination of P. Warren Wheeler and John Rumley, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who swear that they saw the testator, Wiley F. Higgins, execute the same as his last will and testament; that they attested it in his presence and at his request; and that, at the time of its execution, he was, in their opinion, of sound mind and disposing memory.

George W. Taylor, the executor named in the will, qualifies as such.

(See Book of Orders and Decrees, page 70)

State of North Carolina. Carteret County. Oct. 20th. 1873

In the name of God - amen I, William D. Bell of Carteret County, do make and publish this to be my last will and testament. To divide my property which God has blessed me with among my children, in the following manner - viz:

1st. I give and bequeath to my son Cicero W. Bell, a certain piece or parcel of land lying on the West side of Harlow's run, beginning at a white oak on Harlow's run, running East to the middle of a small branch, then up said branch Southwardly, to the road, then across the road and continuing up the same branch, to Hardesty's line, then North 80° degrees West to the main road, then Southwardly, down said road, to where Hardesty's line crosses the main road, it being the line of the Welch Land, then Westwardly, through swamp, to the water edge thereof, to Gideon C. Bell's line, then Northwardly, with his line, and a marked line, running North 39 degrees West, to Harlow's run, then down the various courses of said run to the beginning.

Also another tract known as the Westernmost h of of the Hasket Land.

Also, another tract lying on the East side of the canal, beginning at a point in the division ditch between myself and Gideon C.

Bell, running a right angle line so as to give to W. Bell one half of the land - The East half.

2nd. I give and bequeath to my son William B. Bell, the land where I now live, beginning at the White oak on the run down said run to Harlow Bridge, then South 80° degrees East, 67 poles, then North 85° East across the Creek 36 poles Roadline, then South 50° East, 80 poles to Harlow Creek, then down the Creek to Hobson's Corner pine, then West 100 poles, North 60° North 80° West to the middle of the Branch, then down the Branch to the main road, then with E. W. Bell to the beginning; also another tract, it being the East most half of the Harlow land: also another tract, it being the Westernmost half of the Canal land.

3rd. I give and bequeath to my 3 (three) daughters, Mollie Clegg, Sallie Felton, and Mattie A. Bell, the benefit of a policy, No. 48,845, for 3000 dollars to be divided as follows: 1st. I bequest that 700 dollars of my life insurance policy to be deducted and equally divided between Mattie A. Bell and Sallie Felton. 2nd. I bequest that residue, 2300 dollars, more or less, of my life insurance, be equally divided between Mollie Clegg, Sallie Felton and Mattie A. Bell.

4th. I bequest that E. W. Bell, William B. Bell, Mattie A. Bell and Sallie Felton all have one bed and furniture apiece.

5th. I bequest that all of my money on hand, all my notes and accounts that owing to me, and all my household and kitchen furniture, of all kinds and dimensions and all my horses & cattle hogs and sheep buggy and carts and all my farming utensils and what provisions there will be on hand at that time to be equally divided among all my children, Benjamin H. Bell, Cicero W. Bell, William B. Bell, Mollie Clegg, Sallie Felton and Mattie A. Bell, after my debts

are paid.

6th. I make and ordain William F. Clegg, John A. Felton, E. W. Bell, my lawful executors to this my last will and testament.

Wm B. Bell (Seals)

Signed, sealed and declared to be my will and testament in the presence of us who was present at the signing and sealing.

Wm Hardesty
Rufus W. Bell.

Barren County Court of Probate. Aug. 2nd 1876.

The execution of the foregoing will is proved, before me, according to law, by the oaths and examination of William Hardesty and Rufus W. Bell, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who swear that they saw the testator, William B. Bell, execute the same as his last will and testament; that they attested it in his presence, and at his request; and that, at the time of its execution, he was, in their opinion, of sound mind and disposing memory.

Cicero W. Bell, one of the executors therein named, qualifies as such.

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Jas. Runley, Judge of Probate