

The Will of
James Bell

1801

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In the name of God amen,

I James Bell of Carteret County in the State of North Carolina being weak of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament, and as concerning my outward estate I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First I lend unto my beloved wife Rebecca Bell the use of all my estate both real and personal only such part of the land that my two Sons hereafter named may choose to settle upon and such priviledges therewith on the land as may be thought by judicious men to be requisite for them during her natural life.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son William Bell one half of all the lands whereon I now live to be divided in the following manner to begin on Harlow's creek and run a straight line to the back line then this my son is to have the part which is the most north westerly to whom I give the same and to his Heirs and assigns for ever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Stephen Bell the other half of my land which lyeth the most South Easterly to him his Heirs and assigns for ever.

My Will and desire further is that if my said wife can help any of my Children at any time hereafter to any thing she can spare for their use that she so may do, and keep account of the value thereof which is to be accounted as a part of the share of each of those whom she so have received any thing of her after my decease. And after the decease of my said wife I give and bequeath all my personal Estate to be equally divided amongst all my Children.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my said beloved wife Rebecca Bell Executrix and my son William Bell Executor to this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and disannulling all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made; Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament this twentyfour day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety seven. 1797.

Signed sealed pronounced
and declared by the said James
Bell to be his last Will and
Testament in presence of us
Joseph Dew

James Bell 

Thomas Haskitt

Joshua Potter

Carteret County May term 1801 the
above will was proved in open Court
by the Oaths of Thomas Haskitt and
Joshua Potter. Letters ordered to Issue

James Bell's Exrs

Inventory of James
Bell's estate to Aug^r
term 1861

Inventory of the Personal Property of James Bell Decr
3 Feather Beds 3 horses 17 head of horn Cattel 1 Loom —
10 Chairs 1 grinstone 1 Plow and Plow gear 1 Linnen
Wheel 2 Go mollen's Chest 2 Table 4 Bed Sticks
2 Cook Pots 1 Dulch 1 Tea kettle 11 puler plates
3 puler Dishes half Dozen Carlton plates 2 fat pots
2 Houls 1 Coffey pot 4 Cups and Saucers 4 tin Cups
1 Funnel 3 Looking Glass 1 Box Iron 1 Nail —
1 English musket 2 Candel Stick 2 pair Sticks
1 hand mill 3 Axes 5 hoes 1 Tree best of Cooper tools
1 Crop Cut Saw some Carpenters Tools 3 Barrels
1 hors Cart 2 Riding saddle 1 Chipmunk hatbox
1 Cair and some Bottles 2 Bee hives 25 head of hogs
8 Pans of Leath 1/2 Dozen knives and forks
2 pails 2 pigens 2 wash tubs 1 pair Iron Dogs —
1 pair of pier Tong 3 Buckets 1 Corn new Iron wedge
3 Nails 2 cluges 1 Churn 1 Skillet Carlton pans —
1 Sugar Box 2 Drinking Glasses

William Bell
Rebecca Bell Extract

Account of sales of
James Bell's estate
in August term 1801.

Account of Sails of the *Star* of James Bell Gov^r

July 18th 1801

1 Lot of Jenters & playens -	W ^m Bell	£ 1-15-0
1 Brass	do	1-0
1 pair Stillands	ten Killingsdamm Broter paid	15-0
1 Looking Glass	Joseph Hardasto paid	6-0
1 Arm Chair	Thomas Hasket	4-0
1 Lot of Saws & Chisel	Joseph Borden	1-0
1 Serral Harce	W ^m Bell	15-15-0
4 Iron hoops	James Wether	6-6
		<u>£ 19-3-6</u>

William Bell
 Beulah Bell *at*

James Bell Will —

June Term 1823

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1823

In the Name of God amen I James Bell of the County
of Carteret and State of North Carolina being weary
Weak of Body but of Perfect Sound Mind and
memory but Calling to Mind the Mortality of my
Body nowing it is onst appointed For all Men to
Die Do Make and Publish this My Last Will and
Testament in Manner and Form Following first I
Commit My Soul to the Care of Almighty God -
Who gave it hoping For Grace Pardon for All my
Sins through Jesus Christ My Redeemer and My
Body to the Dust from Whence it Came Secondly
My Will and Desier is that My Executors here in after
Mentioned Sell all My Lands that I own up Neopost
River and such other articles of Property as they shall
think best to Raise Money to Enable them to Pay my
Just Debets and this Sale shall be good to All intents
and Purposes as I My Self hold do
Item I Give unto My Loving Wife Elisabeth Bell During
her Widow hood My Negro Woman Named China but
Should My wife marry again then and in that Case My
Will is that at her Manage the Said Negro woman China
and all her increase of children be Equally Devided
between and amongst My wife and My children -
I here and Give a Like Which Said Negroes I Give
unto them their Heirs and assigns forever also all the
rest of My Property that may be Left after Paying My
debets to be Equally Devided as above mentioned -
Item I Give and Bequeath unto My wife My reason
and Estate to her and her Heirs and assigns forever
Lastly I do ordain Nominate Make and appoint
My wife and Joseph Borders My Executors to this My
Last Will and Testament in Witnes Where of I have here
unto Set My hand and Seal this 31st Day of March
1823 Signed in Presence of
Matthew Harris
x Jonathan Hibbs

James + Bell
mark

State of North Carolina }
Carteret County. } June Term 1823 I
certify that the within written paper was Exhibited
into Open Court and proved by the oath of James
an Hobbs, one of the subscribing witnesses thereof
to contain the True last will and testament
James Bell, Elizabeth Bell one of the executors
therein named qualified as such in Open Court a
Letter Testamentary ordered to Issue to her executor.
G. Rumley C. C.

Elizabeth Bell exr.

of James Bell

Inventory

Sept. Term 1823

An Inventory of the Property of James Bell Deceased. Taken June 10th 1823

1 cow & calf 1 Steer Beast	1 Flax Hackle —
1 Dry Cow 17 heads of Hogs	1 y ^r . Steebyards —
1 grubbing Hoe 2 weeding do	Books Accounts 15 [¢] dispend
1 Turpentine Bucket & Chipper	Notes on hand at Testators
1 y ^r . Iron Wedges — — —	death 80 [¢] . — — —
2 weeding Hoes 100 —	
1 old Lot of Drumperry —	
1 Drawing Knife — — —	
2 Jointer Irons	
1 y ^r . band Compasses . . .	
1 adze 1 hand 1 Screw driver	
2 Broad Axes 1 Chipping hatch	
1 club ax 1 Froe 1 Single Tree	
2 Bar ploughs 2 club axes	
3 Empty Bbls 1 weeding hoe	
2 Sides of Leather 1 Basket	
1 Tub 2 Large Spinning wheels	
1 Small wheel 2 Empty bbls	
1 Clock Reel 2 Iron Pots	
2 Tea Kettles 1 Pot Trumtl	
1 y ^r . Pot Hooks 1 water pail	
1 Bread tray 2 washing tubs	
1 half Bushel 2 Pewter dishes	
6 Pewter Plates — — —	
2 Earthen Pitchers —	
1 Chest 1 ba fat — —	
3 Feather Beds & furniture	
2 bed Steads & Cords —	

Elizabeth Bell Extra

June 10th 1823 Act of Sail of the Estate of James
Bell Deceased

1 Cow and calf	to	Elizabeth Bell	\$	3	0
1 Stear beast	to	Deto		7	80
1 Dry cow	to	Moses Watson		5	60
2 Sows	to	Francis Dennis		4	00
1 Saw & 5 Sheaves	to	Elizabeth Bell		4	20
9 Sheaves	to	Jeremiah Watson		7	00
1 grubber hoe & 2 weeding hoes	to	Moses Watson		0	00
1 Buck & dipper of Lurpton	to	Dennis Watson		0	50
1 pair of 3 Ren wedges	to	Richard C Dennis		0	00
1 Large weeding hoe	to	Sarah Bell		0	80
1 weeding hoe	to	Elizabeth		0	20
1 Deto	to	Deto		0	50
1 Lot of old Snumprey	to	Wilkins Hibbs		0	60
1 Drawing knife	to	Daniel Temple		0	50
2 Joiner Irons	to	Abraham Oglesby		0	40
1 pair of Barl Conys	to	Deto		0	50
1 adels howel screwdriver	to	Jonathan Hibbs		0	30
1 Broad axe	to	Sarah Bell		1	80
1 Broad axe	to	Wilkins Hibbs		0	20
1 Chipping Hatchet	to	Daniel Temple		0	30
1 Glob axe	to	Wilkins Hibbs		0	10
1 Squirrel tree & pole	to	Deto		0	10
1 Glob axe	to	Elizabeth Bell		0	50
1 Glob axe	to	George Bell		0	60
3 Emty Barrels	to	Elizabeth Bell		0	10
1 weaving Loom	to	Elizabeth Bell		1	00
1 Side of leather	to	Elizabeth Bell		1	10
1 Side of Leather	to	Moses Watson		2	30
1 Basket	to	Elizabeth Bell		0	30
1 Lard Tub	to	Peter Pelletier		0	40
1 Large wheel	to	Elizabeth Bell		1	60
1 Deto	to	Deto		0	50
1 Small wheel	to	Elizabeth Bell		0	20
2 Emty Barrets	to	Elizabeth Bell		0	50
1 block Reel	to	Wilkins Hibbs		0	70
1 Large Iron pott	to	Peter Pelletier		2	00
1 Small Iron pott	to	Polley Sampson		0	70

Tee bittle	to	Elizabeth Bell	0
Tee bittle	to	Susanna Rhodes 2/6	0
Trammel	to	Jonathan Hibbs	0
pair of Pot Hooks	to	Peter Pelletier	0
water pail	to	Elizabeth Bell	0
Bread tray	to	Dito	0
washing tubbs	to	Dito	—
half Bushell	to	P. the Pelletier	—
Puter Dish	to	Michael Tomney	—
puter plates	to	Moses Watson	2
Puter Dish	to	Luis McCain	—
Erthan Pitcher	to	Daniel Oglesby	1
Small Pitcher	to	Fanny Bell	—
Small Chist	to	Fanny Bell	1
Beufet	to	Marah Bell	3

\$ 52

Elizabeth Bell Esq

Elizabeth Bell Esq

of James Bice

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Act^d Sales of the estate
of James Bell Dec^r

Dec^r Term 1823

Account of Sales of the Property of James Bell Dec
The 1st day of November 1823

1 Bed & Furniture	Elizabeth Bell	7 00
1 Ditto Ditto	Ditto Ditto	7 25
1 Ditto Ditto	Ditto Ditto	8 25
2 Bed Steads & Beds	Ditto Ditto	1 00
1/2 Glass Window	Thomas Morton	" 25
1/2 Pair of Stairs	Frederick and Pelletier	" 50
1 Tilted Floor	Elizabeth Bell	1 10
1 Bar Floor	Jeremiah Watson	" 25
4 Books Testament	Elizabeth Bell	" 30
1 Hymn Book	Ditto Ditto	" 10
5 Table Spoons	Ditto Ditto	5 50
5 T. & Spoons	Ditto Ditto	" 30
1/2 Chest	Lewis Mc Bain	1 75
5 Flag Bottom Chairs	Elizabeth Bell	1 55
1/2 Grit Stone	Thomas Morton	" 06
50 Acres of Land	Jeremiah Watson	25 00
1 Table	Elizabeth Bell	" 10