

Josiah Bell:

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In the name of God Amen

I Josiah Bell of Beaufort North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory Blessed be God do this the Twenty first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two do make and publish this my last will and testament in the following manner.

That is to say

First I give and bequeath unto my son William F Bell the following negroes (slaves) to wit

One negro woman named Rose and her six children and Rebe. Moses. Mary. Pleasant and old Margaret with their increase and also I give unto my son

William F Bell my New Port Land and one half of my land on North River To have and to hold unto the said William F Bell his heirs & assigns forever the above named negroes and Lands

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Charity E Davis. The following negroes Slaves, to wit

Hebby Jacob Hannah. David. John Daniel Henry Black Hannah James Gust & Edward, Orny with their increase and also I give unto my Daughter Charity E Davis my Plantation called the Harris Plantation and Twenty five acres of land that I Bought from George Harris also that tract of land lining between Newport River and Fogue Sound known by the name of Bells Chapple To have & to hold unto the said Charity E Davis her heirs & assigns forever the above named negroes & lands

Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my son Josiah F Bell the following negro Slaves to wit

One negro woman named Famer and four children, namely Margaret. Samuel. Martha Ann & Lucy.

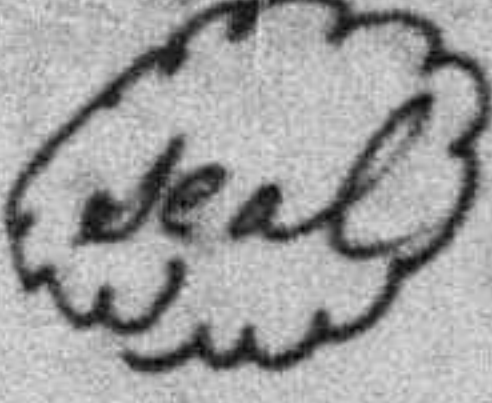
Charles. Isaac. Lewis. Benjamin. Roddy. Clarry and old Hannah with their increase and also my house where I now live & premises and one half of lots N^o 5 and 6 New Town and one half of my North River Lands and one Brass Clock To have and to hold unto the said

Josiah T Bell his heirs & assigns forever the above named
negroes lands & house and premises.

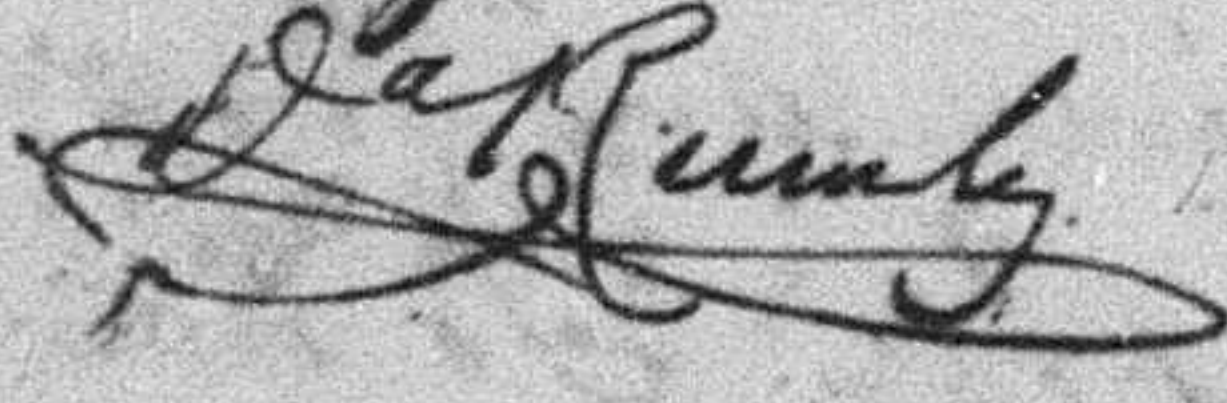
Fourthly I give and bequeath to my three children
William Cary & Josiah one negro woman to support
by the name of Nancy she being insane

Fifthly The Balance of my Estate that is not otherwise
disposed of after paying all of my Just Debts my funeral
expences and Tomb Stones for my grave and tomb
for the grave of my wife The Balance to be equally
divided among my Three Children

And I do hereby make and ordain my two sons Wm
T Bell & Josiah T Bell and my son in law John P Bell
my executors of this my last will and testament in
witness whereof I the said Josiah Bell have to this
last will and testament have set my hand and
the day & year above written

Josiah Bell 

Signed sealed published &
declared by the said Josiah
Bell as his last will & testament
in the presents of us who were
present at the time of
signing & sealing thereof

+ Benjⁿ S. Perry


Carters County Court

May term A D 1843.

The foregoing last Will of Josiah Bell deceased
was proved in open Court and in due form of law
by the oath of Benjamin S. Perry one of the subscribers
witnesses thereto and ordered that said Will be
registered.

Jed. Rumbley