

Chatham County, N.C. February Term 1849.
This certifies that the foregoing last will & testament of
Joshua Williams, died was ~~proven~~ ^{proved} in open court
by the oath of John A. Hawks one of the subscribing
witnesses, who to ~~ordain~~ ^{be proved} when upon the
oath of one of the Executors therein named appearing
open court, & was qualified - and Turner Dymon the
other Executor therein named appeared in open court
& renounced his right to qualify as such -
Teste A. A. Stedman C. C. C.

In the name of God Amen - I Elijah Bell of the County
of Chatham & State of North Carolina being in a low state of
health but of sound mind & memory as usual I do hereby
to God for my do make and ordain this paper writing
to be my last will & testament in manner following -
First that all my just debts be paid

2^d Item I give and bequeath unto my cousin Bennett Laster
a certain negro boy by the name Amor, to him & his heirs
in fee simple forever -

3^d Item I give and bequeath to my nephew Jonathan Clark
a certain negro girl by the name Fanny to him & his heirs
in fee simple forever -

4th Item - I give & bequeath to my sister Susannah Clark
during her natural life a certain negro girl by the name of
Loriza and after the death of my sister as aforesaid I dis-
rect and request that said negro girl Loriza be sold free -

5th Item - I give & bequeath to my nephew Joseph Bell
son of Thomas Bell five certain negro boys namely Sidney
Barthly Green Elijah & Gilbert to him & his heirs in fee simple
forever -

6th Item - I give and bequeath to my old friend Job Clark
One Hundred dollars to him & his heirs forever -

7. Item - I give & bequeath to my nephew Elijah Clark
a certain negro girl by the name Eliza & her child Permin-
ah to him & his heirs in fee simple forever -

8th Item I give & bequeath to my brother Thomas Bell
& sister Susannah Clark all my lands to be equally divided
between them to them & their heirs in fee simple forever -

9th Item I give & bequeath to my brother Thomas Bell
all the residue of my property both real & personal that
I have not heretofore given away to him & his heirs in
fee simple forever -

10th Item - And lastly I do here nominate to constitute
and appoint my Brother Thomas Bell my Executor

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to this my last will & Testament (nothing as other
wills by me made and acknowledged this being only
to be my last will & Testament in manner and
form as above stated. In witness hereunto I Thomas
Elijah Bell doth hereunto set my hand and seal
the Twenty eighth day of November in the year
of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and
forty three. The words a certain writing by
the name of Louise entered before a judge

Thomas Slater
John Neal

Elijah Bell *Test*

Chatham County May Session 1849

In obedience to a writ of procedendo issuing from the
Superior Court of Law of Chatham County in the suit of Tho
mas Slater vs William Clark dothory which was a cause to
the paper writing propounded as the last will & Testament of Elijah
Bell dec'd and an issue to try whether said paper writing was his last
will & Testament in this Court & carried by appeal to the said Superior
Court the Court here according to the said writ of the Superior
Court proceed to order the said paper writing to be entered on the
minutes of this Court & recorded as the last will & Testament of
Elijah Bell dec'd. The same having been duly proved and
pronounced & declared to be & contain his last will & Testament
and Thomas Bell the Executor therein named appears in open
Court taking the oath of an Executor & is duly qualified as the
Executor of the last will & Testament of Elijah Bell dec'd.

Test. M. H. H. H. C. C. C.

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I David Edwards of the County of Chatham
& State of North Carolina being of sound mind
and perfect memory, do make this my last will
and Testament in manner as follows viz I will
and bequeath to my son John M Edwards one
tract of land containing one hundred acres
situated in the County of Guilford and
State aforesaid on which I formerly lived adjo
ining the lands of Samuel Westbrooks and oth
ers to him and his heirs in fee simple

To my son Thomas Edwards I give one hundred
and seven off of the south part of the planta
tion on which I now live to him and his heirs
in fee simple To my beloved wife Margaret
I give the balance or remainder of my home
plantation supposed to be about one hundred
and thirty three acres to her her lifetime or
widowhood and at her death or marriage my
wife is that the last named tract shall be sold
at public sale by my Executor and the proceeds
thereof equally divided between my three daughters
Emily Walker Margaret Edwards & Martha Edwar
ds or their lawful heirs To my daughter I
give one bureau one bed and furniture which
it is understood by the family she now claims
and to my daughter Martha I also give one
bureau one bed and furniture of equal value
To my son John M I give one bay mare and
her two colts which it is understood he now
claims also to my son Thomas I give one some
l mare and her colt which it is understood
he now claims I give the balance of my whole
estate not otherwise disposed of in this my last
will together with all the possessions of my