

trust to my Executors &c. to the use and benefit of my son
Robert C. Rives and his Children to wit. Madison Rives
Selva. and her Children minor. Sam and Martin
her further increase. shall in all cases be liable to pay
debts as I am bound as security for my said son
Robert C. Rives so as to save himself my estate from any
incumbrance or liability for him

And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint
trusty and well beloved friends William Alston Rives
Joseph John Goldston. William Goldston James
Joseph Rives and James Franklin Rives my Executors
of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof
I, Edward Rives aforesaid have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my seal the day and year first written
Sign'd Seal'd and acknowledged Edward Rives (Seal)
in presence of us

John T. Petty (Seal)
Isaac Clegg (Seal)

Chatham County } This certifies that the foregoing
February Session, 1840 } last Will and Testament of
Edward Rives dec'd was proved
in open Court by the oaths of John T. Petty and Isaac Clegg
the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.
Whereupon William A. Rives and William J. Rives
two of the Executors therein named appeared in open Court
and was duly qualified

Leah A. Moore and 666

In the name of God Amen 107
I Mary Bell of the County of Chatham and State
of North Carolina being old and in a low state of
health but in mind and memory as usual thanks
be to god for it and knowing according to nature
I must soon depart this life do make this my last
Will and Testament in manner and form as
follows

1st That all my just debts be paid 2nd Then
I give and bequeath unto my youngest son Elijah
Bell the following negroes to wit, namely Jim and her
Children Nat Mary, Sidney and Bailey to him his
heirs and assigns forever 3rd Item it is my Will
and desire that the residue of my property (if any
that I have not Will'd away shall fall into the Estate
of my deceased Husband and divided amongst
Jonathan Bell, my deceased son James, Bell, his wife
Bell Thomas, Bell Elijah Bell and Susannah Black
according as my deceased Husband has directed his
property by Will to be divided amongst the above named
heirs - 3rd And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint
my trusty friend Isaiah Burnett, Executor to this my
last Will and Testament revoking all others by me made
and acknowledging this and this only to be my last Will
and Testament in manner and form as above stated
In Witness Whereunto I set my hand and Seal this 15th day
of December A.D. 1839. - The said Executor intimated before
me

signed
Mary Bell (Seal)
Elijah Bell
Wm Black
Isaiah Burnett

her
Mary X Bell (Seal)
mark

Chatham County } This certifies that the foregoing
February Session, 1840 } last Will and Testament of
Mary Bell dec'd was proved in

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Open Court by the oath of Thomas Bell a
 subscribing Witness thereto and ordered to be recorded
 Whereupon the Executor herein named appeared
 in open Court & was duly qualified

Test J. A. Stearns C. C. C.

I Catharine Mumble of Chatham County
 and State of North Carolina being weak in
 body but of sound mind and memory but considering
 the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make
 and declare this my last Will and Testament
 in manner and form following that is to
 say - first that my Executor herein after named
 shall provide for my body a decent burial
 and pay all funeral expenses together with my
 just debts out of the money that may come into
 his hands as a part of my Estate the balance of
 my Estate I give and devise to my youngest
 daughter Milly Vestal consisting of one bed and
 furniture and all my stitching furniture together
 with all my notes and all my debts or dues that
 may be coming to me in any shape or way with
 privilege to collect them also my wearing clothes -
 not forgetting the rest of my Children but as I have
 wrote her it is my desire that she the said Milly
 my youngest daughter to have all the Estate I leave
 behind me and lastly I do hereby constitute and
 appoint my son in Law Erns Vestal my lawful
 Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this
 my last Will and Testament according to the
 true intent and meaning of the same In