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Know all men by these presents that I Sarah Bell of the County of Cherokee and State of North Carolina being in ill but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and as to my worldly estate and all the property real personal or mixed of which I shall be seized and possessed at to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease I devise bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit

First my will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall by my Executors herein after named be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall by them be found convenient

Item I give devise and bequeath to my beloved Husband Andrew Bell the use of all my household furniture my mare and Colt all my hogs I also give to him the use improvement and income of my dwelling house Land and its appurtenances situated in Cherokee County and State of North Carolina and being on the waters of Wolf Creek in District N^o 4 Number four being part of lot Number one hundred and thirty six and part of lot Number two thousand three and fifty nine in the fourth District in the County of Cherokee and State of North Carolina containing in all one hundred and fifty acres more or less to have and to hold the same to him for and during the term of his natural life then after his death and burial my will is to divide in equal interests the sum of the estate among my fifteen Children or their heirs vizt John H. Rachel M. Joseph M. Mary Ann, Martha C. Hannah R. Harriet D. Sarah J. Benjamin G. James W. Andrew J. Virginia L. Samantha M. Abram S. Robert F. and Lotley I do nominate and appoint my sons James W.

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and Andrew J. Bell to be the executors of this my last will and Testament In testimony whereof I the said Sarah Bell have to this my last will and Testament Continued on one sheet of paper to which I have subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the thirtieth day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy signed sealed published and declared by the said Sarah Bell as and for her last will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request what in request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto
Sarah J. Bell Seal
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& M. Bell } W. D. Johnson
D. W. Hughes

State of North Carolina In the Superior Court
Cherokee County June the 1st 1871
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Sarah Bell is exhibited for probate in open Court by J. M. Withrow one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and the due execution thereof is duly proven by the oral and examination of J. M. Withrow and W. D. Johnson subscribing witnesses thereto, It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and Testament of the said Sarah Bell and the same is ordered to be recorded
Given under my hand at office this
Ninth day of June 1871

A. S. Hill Clerk Superior Court