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AST WILL AND TESTAMENT.

I, Rosa C. Bell of the town of Bessemer City, County of Gaston and State of North Carolina, do make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say:

First: I direct the payment of my just debts, if any.

Second. I direct the payment of necessary burial expenses, whereby a decent burial may be provided.

Third: I devise and bequeath one half of all the residue of my property, both real and personal, to the children of my son, John R. Bell, who may be living at the time of his death.

Fourth: I devise and bequeath the remaining one-half of all my property, both real and personal, to the children of my daughter, Julia E. Jones, who may be living at the time of her death.

Fifth: I direct my Executors, hereinafter named, to manage, invest, sell and convey, and to invest the proceeds of any such sale, all the property described, devised and bequeathed in and by paragraph "Third" above, such sale, however, and the investment of the proceeds thereof, from time to time, or the investment of, or rental of said property, as it may be existing at the time of my decease, to be solely in the discretion and under the direction of my said son, John R. Bell, and I will and di-

and under the direction of my said son, John R. Bell, and I will and direct that he, the said John R. Bell, shall receive to his own personal use and benefit, all the rents issues, ^{increase} ~~income~~ and profit arising from said property, devised and bequeathed in and by paragraph "Third" above, to hold and enjoy the same during his natural life.

Sixth: I direct my Executors hereinafter named, to manage, invest, sell and convey, and to invest the proceeds of any such sale, all the property described, devised and bequeathed in and by paragraph "Fourth" above;; such sale however, and the investment of the proceeds thereof, from time to time, or the investment of or rental of said property as it may be existing at the time of my decease, to be solely in the discretion and under the direction of my said daughter, Julia E. Jones, and I will and direct that she, the said Julia E. Jones, shall receive to her own personal use and benefit, all the rents, issues, increase and profit arising from said property, devised and bequeathed in and by paragraph "Fourth" above, to hold and enjoy the same during her natural life. Provided nevertheless, and it is my will that in case said John R. Bell should die leaving no children surviving him, then all the property mentioned in paragraph 3rd and 4th shall become the property of the children of said Julia E. Jones, under the same conditions and limitations expressed in paragraph 4th;

...said property shall become the property of the children of said
R. Bell under the same conditions and limitations expressed in paragraph
"Third" above; and in case both my son and daughter should die, neither having
any child or children surviving them then the property above mentioned to de-
scend and be distributed according to law.

Likewise, I make, constitute and appoint my beloved son, John R. Bell,
and my beloved daughter, Julia E. Jones, jointly and without bond to be the
executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills
by me made.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal,
the twenty second day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine
hundred and three.

Rosa C. Bell

(L. S.)

We, whose names are hereto subscribed, do certify that Rosa C. Bell, the testator,
subscribed her name to this instrument in our presence, and in the presence of
each of us, and at the same time she declared in our presence and hearing that
the same was her last will and testament, and requested us, and each of
to sign our names thereto as witnesses to the execution thereof.
hereby do in the presence of the testator and of each other
date of said will, and have written opposite our

and in case said Julia E. Jones should die leaving no children surviving her, then all of said property shall become the property of the children of said John R. Bell under the same conditions and limitations expressed in paragraph "Third" above; and in case both my son and daughter should die, neither having any child or children surviving them then the property above mentioned to descend and be distributed according to law.

Likewise, I make, constitute and appoint my beloved son, John R. Bell, and my beloved daughter, Julia E. Jones, jointly and without bond to be the executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, the twenty second day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three.

Rosa C. Bell (L.S.)

We, whose names are hereto subscribed, do certify that Rosa C. Bell, the testator, subscribed her name to this instrument in our presence, and in the presence of each of us, and at the same time she declared in our presence and hearing that the same was her last will and testament, and requested us, and each of us, to sign our names thereto as witnesses to the execution thereof, and which we hereby do in the presence of the testator and of each other, the day of the date of said will, and have written opposite our names our respective places

to sign our names thereto as witnesses to the execution thereof, and which we hereby do in the presence of the testator and of each other, the day of the date of said will, and have written opposite our names our respective places of residence.

C. E. Whitney residing at
Lessemer City, North Carolina.

R. Lee Thornburg, residing at Lessemer City
North Carolina.

State of North Carolina,
Gaston County.

In the Superior Court.

In the Matter of the last will of Rosa C. Bell.

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of Chas. E. Whitney and R. Lee Thornburg, the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of Rosa C. Bell, and that the same was duly executed by said Rosa C. Bell in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said Rosa C. Bell was of sound mind. It is thereupon adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said Rosa C. Bell and the executor therein named qualify as such.

This the 15th day of March, 1907.

C. C. Cornwell,
Clerk Superior Court.