

North Carolina,

Gaston County.

I, William Bell, of the aforesaid County and State, being of sound mind but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this to be my last will and testament:

1st. My Executors hereinafter named shall give my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives, and pay all funeral expenses, together with all my just debts, out of the first moneys that may come into their hands belonging to my estate.

2nd. I give and devise to my beloved wife, Mary E. Bell, all of my property of every description, both real and personal, during her natural life.

3rd. At the death of my wife, Mary E. Bell, it is my will and desire that my Executors hereinafter named, shall sell all of my property of every description both real and personal and divide the proceeds among my eight children, viz: Sarah J. Jenkins, Wm. E. Bell, Mary E. Rhyne, Frank E. Bell, Julia Kendrick, Robert L. Bell, Clarence C. Bell and Osburn B. Bell share and share alike.

4th. I hereby constitute and appoint Wm. E. Bell, Frank R. Bell and John M. Kendrick my lawful Executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament.

In Witness Whereof, I, the said William Bell, do hereunto set my hand and seal,

this the 11th day of August 1903

In Witness Whereof, I, the said William Bell, do
this the 11th day of August, 1903.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said William Bell, (seal)
and testament in the presence of us, who, at his request and in his presence, do
subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

C.C. Cornwell.

Robt. L. Bell.

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State of North Carolina,)
Gaston County.) In the Superior Court.

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of C.C. Bell and Robt. L.
Bell the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the
Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of William Bell and that

the same was duly executed by said William Bell in the presence of said witnesses,
and that at the time of signing the same the said William 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 William Bell and the Executors therein named

as such. This the 15th day of Sept. 1903.
C.C. Cornwell, Clerk Superior Court.