

In the name of God amen, I William Bell of the County of
Hyde & State of North Carolina being weak of body but of
sound & disposing mind & memory and knowing it is
appointed for all men once to die - do make & ordain
publish & deliver this my last will and testament & solemnly
deliberately & fully hereby Revoking all other former
will & testaments by me heretofore made -
First of all I recommend my soul to God who gave it
nothing doubting I shall see again & Receive the
same at the General Resurrection - my body to be
buried in a Decent manner at the discretion of my
Executors hereafter to be named and appointed -
In prime I nominate constitute and ordain my
father in Law John Alderson and my Brother Ebenezer Bell
my sole Executors of this my last will & testament
I will that my said Executors do at their good discretion
Return unto John Gaylord Esq. all the Remainder of several
pieces & parcels of property heretofore conveyed by
said Gaylord to me but not at any Rate till he shall
have previously Released my Estate and my father
Didson Bell from all notes which all had heretofore
subscribed a J. Gaylord's security -
I will that my share of the ship Casanoid now building
which is now half paid be carried on to completion
by my Executors & then whosoever completed by them
to be sold for the highest price obtainable -
I will and Request my Executors to act their discretion
Either at publick or private sale so that both Executors
Concur in case of private sale do sell my plantation
and Land on Belle Bay and thereabouts -
I will and appoint William Pamphlet & Ebenezer Bell
Guardians to my two Children Benedict and Winiford
until the first attain the age of Twenty one & until the
Latter Winiford attain the age of Eighteen or many -
and that they find appropriate Provision in due
season to a proper Employment -
I will and desire that my Executors pay all my just
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Debts so far as my Estate extends and that any and all the
Remainder of my Estate shall be divided according to Law between
my beloved wife and my two Children aforesaid -
of Adams }
of Alderson } Wm. Bell Esq.

February Term 1800

This last will and testament of William Bell Decd was
repeated into Court by the Executors & proved by the oath of
Thomas Adams & senior Alderson two of the subscribing
witnesses to the same in due form ordered to be Recorded
Just Ben Forman Clk

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R. D. Harris, c. s. e.

In the name of God amen, I Bartholomew Jones of the County of
Hyde & State of North Carolina being in a low state of
health but of perfect mind and memory and calling
to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die,
I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God
that gave it and my body to the Earth to be decently Bur-
ied at the discretion of my Executors and touching these
worldly affairs wherein it hath pleased God to bless me
with I give in the manner and form following the 1st say
them I give and Bequeath unto my beloved Brother Cornelius
Jones all the right and Title of all my Land and all
that is appertaining thereto - also, I give to my s^r
Brother two mares one by the name of Kate and the
other by the name of Lady to him and his heirs for Ever -
them I give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Brother Cornelius
Jones and Delany Jones and Jimmy Williams and
Dorsey Ensley my sisters all the Remaining part of my
property Reserving so much of the same as will pay
all my Lawfull Debts & then to be Equally Divided
between my Brothers & sisters as before mentioned -
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that
and my will and Desire is that Thomas Jones should be
sole & sole executor to this my Last will and Testament
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal this sixth Day of February and in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & ninety eight
Signed Sealed & Delivered as my Last
Will and Testament in the presence of Bartholomew Jones
& each other have witnessed the same
Test Nathan Selby
Edward Rose

Febry term 1800 —
This Last will was Ret'd into Court &
proved by the oath of Edward Rose an
Evidence thereto ordered to be Recorded —
Test Ben. Thompson Clerk

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I William Banks of the County of Hyde and State of North Carolina
Being infirm in body but in sound memory and in my
perfect Senses and knowing the frailty of mankind have
thought fit to make and ordain this to be my Last will
and Testament to Dispose of my worldly goods that it hath
pleased God to Bless me with in the manner and form following

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Beloved son William Banks
the plantation where and now live the Division line to
begin on the south side Blades Creek at a gum standing
at a place called Linn Hill to him his heirs for ever for
him the said William Banks and his heirs for ever for
to have a Clear and full title to the said forever in fe-
simple only that I do and the said Before men I have
Land to my beloved wife Elizabeth During her natural life
During which time she is not to be interrupted by my before
mentioned son William Banks

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my beloved son Labin Banks
my other plantation whereon my son in law
Thomas Bayed Lind which is to include all the same
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and for part of my land to him and his heirs for ever to have
and to hold in fee simple and in clear title the before mentioned
Land and premises to him and his heirs for ever

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Daughter Ann Bayed and
feather bed one large feather Disham puter basin two iron
pots and all the furniture belonging to the said Before
mentioned Bed

Item I Give to my three Daughters Lydia Wingford & Sally and my
two sons Labin & William and my beloved wife Elizabeth the
all the rest of my Estate or the Remainder which is or has not
yet been already given away by me before to be Equally divided
between them all at the time of my young set son Williams
coming of age also it is my will and Desire that my
Daughter Ann Bayed have an Equally share with them
that is when the Division takes place at the coming of age of
my son young set son William until then the whole
of the Estate which is to be Divided Between them is to
Remain in the possession of my wife to maintain them
all together and to give my two sons Labin and William
schooling I also appoint my trusty friend Reuben Row to
John Fortson Carpenter to be Executor to this my Last will
and Testament in ~~writing~~ witness whereunto I have
set my hand and affixed my seal this the first day
of February in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred
Signed sealed and Delivered

in the presence of us — } William Banks (Seal)
Thomas Adams
John Fortson } Febry term 1800

This Last will and Testament of William
Banks Dec'd. was Ret'd into Court by the Executor
& proved by the oath of Thomas Adams &
John Fortson Evidence thereto
ordered to be Recorded Test Ben. Thompson Clerk

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