

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 Casanbred 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 Bulls 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  
debts as set forth on next page -

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 aforenamed  
of Adams }  
Edmonson } Wm. Bell Esq.

February Term 1800

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

Transcribed Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1800

From Record of will and accounts

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R. D. Harris c. c.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>r</sup>  
Brother two mares one by the name of Galt 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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