

Will of Mary Bell

In the name of God Amen I Mary Bell of the County of Johnston in the State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory for which I am truly thankful to Almighty God for the same do this the 17th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven make and ordain this to be my last will and testament (that)

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Betsey Barnes one negro girl by the name of Lelia and her increase to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to the bodily heirs of my beloved daughter Mary Fellows one negro woman by the name of Viccy with her two children Edward and Gaston together with her increase hereafter to them and their heirs forever, except in case her bodily heir or heirs should die without lawful issue then the aboves named property to descend to my lawful heirs and it is my desire said negros should remain in the possession of my daughter Mary during her natural life

Item I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Lidia M. Jones one negro girl by the name of Libby to her and her heirs forever.

Item I desire that my negro boy Isham be sold by my executors heretofore named and the money arising from such sale to be applied to the payment of my lawful debts and funeral expences and the balance of such sale if any together with the balance of my property I desire it to be divided between my daughter Betsey Barnes and the bodily heir or heirs of my daughter Mary Fellows.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint Henry Barnes and Betsy Sanders executors to this my last will and testament and I do hereby all wills by me heretofore made to be null and void ratifying this and only this to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Mary Bell (S)

Signed sealed and declared in the presence of
R. Sanders.

State of North Carolina)

Johnston County) November Term 1827
Then was the execution of this will duly proven in open court by the oaths of Reansom Sanders and ordered to be recorded,

R. Sanders C.J.C.