

my Estate not otherwise disposed of in the above Will and  
Testament. Lastly I do hereby constuct & appoint  
my Brother James Brown and my wife Attorney Executrix  
of this my last Will & Testament. In Testimony whereof  
I hereunto set my hand & affix my seal the date above  
written. Signed in the presence of

James Jamison  
John Andrews

Samuel Brown <sup>Seal</sup>

North Carolina Mecklenburg County.

In the name of God amen. I James Bell late of the County  
of Cabarrus. Now in Mecklenburg State aforesaid Being, in  
advancet in life & very frail & weak in body, but sound in  
mind & memory blessed be God for his mercies to me. & calling  
to remembrance the mortality of my body & that it is mortal  
for all the Human family must die. I hereby command  
my soul to Almighty God who gave it me, and my body  
to the Earth from whence it came to be buried at the dis-  
cretion of my executors hereafter appointed, & make as touching  
my worldly property which I hath pleased God to bless  
me with in this life I dispose of in the following manner by  
Item. I order & it is my will that all my first debts be first paid  
Item. I give & bequeath to my son Walter Bell all the, property both Real  
& personal which I heretofore gave to him heretofore, Walter  
hath now in possession. I also leave & it is my will that my said  
Walter keep my negro girl who is now has now in possession  
about seven or eight years old with all the above mentioned  
property to be his & his Heirs forever. I give said girl named  
Linda to my said son Walter as a compensation for a part  
of real estate came to me by his mother my first wife —  
Also I give unto my Daugt'r Pitty Bell, the widow wife to  
Thomas Thompson my Negro woman now deceased & the young child  
a girl named Friday to be his & his Heirs forever with all the  
property here before set out to her, bequeath by me, Doctor Bell.

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and it is my will that my said Daughter Elizabeth shall have the full sum  
of one thousand dollars & the services of one negro boy named Elieck during the natural life of  
my said daughter Elizabeth Elizabeth to be her boy Elieck I hereby give  
Bill to my Grandson James Bell the only daughter to get possession  
of the property immediately on my decease -

¶ M. I declare & it is my will that my son William Bell have hold  
enjoying & enjoy <sup>privately</sup> ~~all~~ the property now & before part in his  
possession by me both real estate & personally property to be  
his & his heirs forever -

¶ M. I give & bequeath to my grandson James Bell son to my son Waller  
Bell one negro boy named Elieck to be his & his heirs forever  
the services & labour of said negro boy being above bequeathed

to my Daughter Elizabeth during her natural life  
¶ I declare that my said grandson get possession of the aforesaid negro  
boy Elieck immediately on the decease of my said daughter Elizabeth  
Elizabeth & my said grandson James Bell not to get him before the said

¶ M. I give & bequeath to my grand daughter Isabella Bell Daughter to  
my son Waller Bell my featherbed & chambering & my chest of a side  
belonging to her & her heirs forever, she to get possession of the  
articles immediately after my decease -

¶ M. I give to my three sons Waller, James & William all my property  
apart from the divided by law, divided into two lots & my said  
sons to cast lots if they can't otherwise agree -

¶ M. I declare & it is my will that my man & wife & Bridle  
horses & cattle together with any other of my property not aforesaid  
shall be sold by my executors & the money arising therefrom with  
my cash & cash notes on hand to be all collected by my executors  
& equally divided between all my Grand children male & female  
born & born alike -

¶ M. I do constest & disclaim my first, second & third last  
William Garrison w<sup>t</sup> 4 friends to be my said executors to  
execute this my last will & testament, hereby revoking all  
annulling & rejecting said former way & testaments by me  
made Mecklenburg Co., NC Wills 1783-1844  
made 1st, www.northcarolinapioneers.com my last will & testament

of the property immediately on my decease -

I declare & it is my will that my son William Bell have & hold  
occupy & enjoy his <sup>present</sup> ~~all~~ the property heretofore held in his  
possession by me both real Estate & personally property to be  
his & his Heirs for ever -

I give & bequeath to my grandson James Bell son to my son Walter  
Bell one negro boy named which to be his & his Heirs for ever  
the services & labours of said negro boy being above bequeathed  
to my Daughter Elizabeth Alexander during her natural life  
that she & her said grandsons get possession of the services & labours  
of said negro boy which immediately on the decease of my said daughter Elizabeth  
Alexander & my said grandson James Bell not to get him before that period

I give & bequeath to my grand daughter Isabella Bell Daughter to  
my son Walter Bell my featherbed & clothing & my chest of a wide  
cabinet to be hers & her Heirs, & also, she to get possession of the  
belongings immediately after my decease -

I give to my three sons Walter, James & William all my bedding  
apparel to be divided by two, featherbeds into two lots & my said  
two sons to cast lots if they can't otherwise agree

I declare & it is my will that my mare saddle & Bridle  
horses & stable together with any other of my property not ingathered  
to be sold by my executors & the money arising from sale with  
my cash & Cash notes on hand to be all collected by my executors  
& equally divided between all my Grand children male & female  
now & then alive -

I declare & do say this 4th instant my Twenty second & eight days  
William Bell signe my Name & affix my seal my executors to  
execute this my last will & Testament, hereby revoking all  
immediately & making this and former wills & Testaments by me  
made satisfyng this & none else to be my last will & Testament  
it is my will my hands & seal this 28th day of February 1788 AD 18 -

John Harris  
John M. Thorpe Jr.

James Bell <sup>1788</sup>