

Benjamin Bell Will

In the name of God Amen

I Benjamin Bell of the County of Montgomery and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory and being sensible of the uncertainty of him and life and desirous whenever it may please the Almighty to take me from time to leave my temporal affairs in such a situation as to be most comfortable and advantageous to my family do hereby make order and publish this as my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows (to wit)

1st Item, I lend unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Bell during her natural life and widowhood all my Lands and improvements thereon and also all my personal and other property (except what money I may have on hand or due as may be due to me) for her support and for the support of the family. And it is hereby further declared to be my Will and desire that after the death of my said wife all the above Lands and personal property lent to her as above stated shall be equally divided between all my children including the children of my deceased son Charles Bell so as to allow or give to them to be equally divided among them that part or distributive share that would have fallen to him as his share as provided for in this Item of my will and in further explanations of meaning and intentions in this part of my will in making a distribution among my children it is my will and desire that such property as I have given off to any of my children before this a commutation or advancement should be included in their said Distribution share to make their part equal to the other share including the same.

2nd Item, It is hereby further declared to be my will and desire that my personal

should pay all just debts out of the money which may be due to me: I may have to and that the balance of the said money shall be equally divided between my wife Elizabeth and all my children according to the children of Charles Old his part of the same in the same manner as his share of the other property is disposed of to them in the first item

3rd Item It is hereby further declared to be my will and desire that as I have given all my property (the money excepted) to my wife during her life time that if there should be anything made by the use of the same more than may be necessary for her support and the support of the family she should be allowed to afford out of such income or profit such reasonable assistance to my son Wiley Bell as she may think reasonable and proper in consequence of his blindness and that the balance should be ascertained as the money mentioned in the 2nd Item

4th Item I hereby nominate and appoint my son Benjamin Bell and George Kirk Executors to this my last will & Testament with full power to carry the same into effect as writing my hand and seal this the 14 day of April 1837

attest
Edmund Dilling Benjamin Bell

Coduced to my last will and testament I Benjamin Bell has mentioned in the above being of sound mind in consideration of the death of my beloved son Benjamin whom I had named as my Executor being anxious that after departure to a better world my children live in peace and harmony I have appointed this Council as appoint Thos. L. Cotton Executor of the above my last will and testament
attest
J. I. Horn Benjamin Bell

The foregoing will was returned to April 1837 and ordered to be recorded

D. R. Robinson Clerk
By J. M. W. M. M. M. M.

Elizabeth Harris's Will

In the name of God Amen
Know all men by these presents that I Elizabeth Harris of the State of North Carolina, Montgomery County of sound mind and perfect memory, this 15th day of November 1836 make this my last will and testament that is to say, - I give and bequeath to my son Wm. my Negro boy Hal next I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Pennington my boy Doctor and Harriet next I will and bequeath to the estate of my son Rauld my girl Eliza next I will and bequeath to my daughter's heirs (Polly Comas) my boy Calvin next I will and bequeath to my niece Melvina (the daughter of my son Abraham) Harris my boy Sackum. The rest of my property together with the fifty dollars I gave my niece Melvina to be equally divided among my children and my children's heirs. I do hereby appoint my son Wm. Harris and David Harris - my sole Executors. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day above written

Signed sealed and
delivered in presence of
R. R. Hunt
H. Locke Hunt
Elizabeth Harris
(seal)

Montgomery County Court, April Session 1837
Then the above will was proved in open Court and ordered to be recorded
D. R. Robinson Clerk
J. C. M. M. M. M.