

In the name of God, Amen, I Arthur Bell of the County of Nash in the State of North Carolina, being weak in Body but of sound and perfect memory do make this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say.

Imprimis:- I lend to my wife Elizabeth Bell the land and plantation whereon I now dwell containing by estimation two hundred and fifty acres be it more or less also my negre fellow Peter for and during her life or widowhood, and at her death or day of marriage I give the above mentioned land and plantation to my two sons Benjamin Bell and William Bell; also the above mentioned negree Peter to my son Arthur Bell to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item:- I give to my sons James Bell, Thomas Bell, and Green Bell, Two hundred acres of land that was conveyed <sup>to me</sup> same by Joseph Pasmore, be the same more or less; also all my right to an entry of land that was entered by Elias Bell to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item:- I give to my son Green Bell, two cows and calves also two ewes and lambs one bed and furniture to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item:- I give to my son Green Bell one iron pot to him his heirs and assigns.

Item:- I give to my son Thomas Bell two Ewe and lambs to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item:- I give to my two daughters Sarah Beck and Elviah Statter ten shilling to each of them and no more.

And all the rest and residue of my estate of what kind or quality it may be of, I lend to my wife Elizabeth Bell for and during her life or widowhood, and at her death or day of marriage, I give and bequeath the same to my three children to wit, Benjamin Bell, William Bell, and Arthur Bell to them their heirs and assigns forever.

I do constitute and appoint my wife Elizabeth Bell executrix and my son Green Bell Executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of September, one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Eight.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
by the said Arthur Bell as his

Arthur Bell.

last will and testament in the  
presence of us.

W.S. Mearns  
Wm Sandeford  
Hardy Griffin

Nash county April Court 1779.

The within will was exhibited in open court and duly proved by the oath of Wm. Sandeford a subscribing witness thereto which is ordered to be recorded.

Attest Wm Hall, C.C.