

James Bell's Will

In the name of God Amen I James Bell of Northampton County North Carolina do make this my last will and Testament in the manner and form following Viz

Item I give and devise to my loving wife Elizabeth Bell one negro at her own choice, one bed and furniture, a Desk and press with an equal share of the remaining furniture and Stock with my children.

Item It is my will that all my property should be kept together to support my wife and family during my wife's widowhood or until my eldest Daughter comes of age, and that my wife should have the third of my land during her life.

Item It is my will and desire that my real and personal property that has not been already gifted be equally divided among my children when they come to maturity, And I hereby constitute my wife and Mother my whole and sole Executor to this my last will hereby revoking all former wills by me made in presence of the several persons who subscribe themselves hereunto As Witnesses at my Request, on the 15th day of March Anno Domini 1798.

Signed Sealed & Published
In presence of us

Matthew Rowan
Lydia F. Bell
mark

James & Bell & Seal
mark

Northampton County J^{ts}
June Court 1798.

That this Will of James Bell do was exhibited in Court and duly proved by the Oaths of Matthew Rowan one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and Ordered to be Certified and Recorded Whereupon William Bell the Executor therein named was duly qualified agreeably to Law.

Witness
E. Haynes C^{ll}

John Pierce's Will

In the name of God Amen I John Pierce of the County of Northampton and Province of North Carolina, being at present in perfect health and of sound mind and memory Thanks be to God for the same, calling to mind the mortality of my body do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say first I would that all my actual debts be paid and discharged.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Saul Pierce ten shillings.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Elisha Pierce ten shillings.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son James Pierce ten shillings.

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Rachel ten shillings.

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah ten shillings.

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Nancy ten shillings.

Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Robinson the plantation whereon I live containing 80 Acres, and all the rest of my property within doors and without doors. I do constitute and ordain William Martin my whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking and making void all other wills heretofore made by me. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 9th day of August 1793.

Signed Sealed Published and
declared in the presence of us
Elisha Lawrence
Thomas Martin

John I Pierce & Seal
mark

Northampton County J^{ts}
June Court 1798.

That this Will of John Pierce do was exhibited in Court and duly proved by the Oaths of Elisha Lawrence & Thomas Martin the subscribing witnesses thereto, and Ordered to be Certified and Recorded.

Witness
E. Haynes C^{ll}