

By the grace of God, Amen; I Thomas B. Bell, of the village of Mackeys, in the State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore, at any time made:

1st, I desire all my just debts to be paid,

2nd, I give, devise and bequeath all my estate, both real and personal to my beloved wife, Minfred Melhelmina Bell, of Mackeys, North Carolina

3rd, I appoint my wife, Minfred Melhelmina Bell to act as executrix of this my last will and testament and direct that she act in such capacity without bond; and I authorize and empower my said executrix in her discretion to sell and convey my real estate and to retain any investment which may come into her hands or to sell the same,

Given under my hand and seal this sixth day of July, 1928,

Thomas B. Bell, (Seal)

The above signature of the testator was made and the foregoing will was acknowledged to be his last will and testament by the said testator, in the presence of us, three competent witnesses, present at the same time; and we, the said witnesses do hereunto subscribe the said will on the date last above written, in the presence of the said testator and of each other, at the request of the said testator, who was then of sound mind and over the age of twenty-one years.

Gertrude E. Whitely

Mrs. R. M. Digbois

Henry D. Greene,

State of North Carolina, }
Washington County, } In the Superior Court
Before the Clerk,

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas B. Bell, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Minfred Melhelmina Bell the executrix therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Thomas B. Bell is proved by the oath and examination of Henry D. Greene and Gertrude E. Whitely the subscribing witnesses thereto, who, being duly sworn, do depose and say, and each for himself depose and say, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown

purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas B. Bell; that the said Thomas B. Bell, in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 6th day of July, 1928.

And the deponent further saith that the said Thomas B. Bell the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and as exhibited to be his last will and testament and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Thomas B. Bell was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint, to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent, and further these deponents say not.

Gertrude E. Whitely.

Henry D. Greene,

Solemnly sworn and subscribed this 28th day of September, 1929, before me.

C. W. Tansboro,

Clerk Superior Court,

North Carolina }
Washington County, } In the Superior Court

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing, and every part thereof is the last will and testament of Thomas B. Bell, deceased and the same, with the foregoing examination and certification, are ordered to be recorded and filed.

This 28th September, 1929,

C. W. Tansboro

Clerk Superior Court,