

Thomas Bell II

Orders to be recorded. Whereupon fully qualified. Thanks.
Came in & was duly qualified. Thanks.

Witness my hand & seal this 11th day of Decr 1794

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This Sixth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & Eighty Eight, I Thomas Bell of Halifax County in North Carolina, being Weak in body but of perfect mind & sound Memory thanks be given to God for the same and calling to mind the Mortality of this body & knowing that it is appointed for man once to die & to make & Ordain this my last Will & Testament that is to say as touching such worldly Estate which I have with it both present & to come in this life I give & dispose of in the manner & form following. That is to say I leave unto my beloved Wife Sarah Bell all

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estate enduring her life or Widowhood and after her death or Widowhood my estate to be sold & equally divided amongst all my living Children. I do hereby appoint my beloved Wife Sarah Bell Randall Bell John Bell my Executors of this my last Will & Testament. I do so hereby fully revoke & disannul all I ever did or former Will, Testimony & Confirming this & no other to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the day and year above Written. Signed Sealed & published in the presence of us

Test. Asham Davis John Bell, Nancy & Paul } Thomas Bell
Halifax County ss. February Sessions 1794. Then this Will was Exhibited in Open Court and duly proved by the Oath of Asham Davis one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto & on Motion Ordered to be Recorded. Whereupon the Executors in the said Will Nominated Came in and was duly Qualified thereto -

Witness my hand & seal this 11th day of Decr 1794

John Bell

In the name of God: amen. I John Bell of Halifax County & State of North Carolina, being Sick & Weak in body but of perfect mind & memory, calling to mind the Mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed unto man once to die, do make & Ordain this my last Will & Testament; as touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give & dispose of in Manner & form following. First I leave my beloved Wife Mary Qualls for her Maintenance during her natural life two negro men one negro man named Will I own negro Woman named Gill also two horses Gophers a Stealer one cow & furniture & the use of the Plantation whereon I now live; a Sufficiency of Stock of Cattle & Hogs Whose & working Utensils & Household furniture. Then I give & bequeath to my beloved Daughter Mearns Qualls all of my estate which she has in her possession to her & her heirs forever. Then I give & bequeath to my son in law John Vinson all of my estate which he has in his possession to him & his heirs forever. Then I give & bequeath to my five Children My James Qualls Mearns Qualls John Qualls Mearns Qualls & Margaret Qualls in the same manner as my estate to be equally divided by will among them. I give & bequeath my money in that my Will