

Understanding; and that he J. F. C. DuPre,
 (the deponent) and J. M. White and M. G.
 Ziegler in the presence of each other
 and of the said James J. Drolin and at
 his request signed their names, as witnesses
 to the due execution of the same.

J. F. C. DuPre.

Sworn and subscribed
 to before me, this 9. day
 of October one thousand eight
 hundre and eighty-three.

J. Fuller Lyon,
 J. P.

In the matter of the
 Last Will and Testament
 of James J. Drolin, decd.

Upon due examination of J. F. C. DuPre
 one of the subscribing witnesses to the
 aforesaid instrument of writing purport-
 ing to be the last will and testament
 of James J. Drolin, late of Abbeville County,
 deceased, it appears to my satisfaction that
 the same is the true last will of said de-
 ceased; it is therefore ordered and decreed
 that it be admitted to probate in common
 form.

J. Fuller Lyon,
 J. P.

We do solemnly swear that this writing contains
 the true last will of the within named de-
 ceased so far as we know or believe any
 that we will well and truly execute
 the same by paying first the debts and
 then the legacies contained in said will, as
 far as his goods and chattels will therunto
 extend and the law charge us and that we
 will make a true and perfect inventory of

all such goods and chattels, rights and credits,
So help me God

Sworn and Subscribed to
before me, this 4th day
of Oct. 1883.
J. Fuller Lyon,
Judge Prob Court

Sallie M. Deolin,
R. H. Deolin
John A. Deolin

In the matter of the
Last Will and Testament
of Joseph F. Bell
Deceased
State of South Carolina
Abbeville District

Last Will
and
Testament
of
Joseph F.
Bell
Deed

In the name of God Amen.
I, Joseph F. Bell, of the District and
State aforesaid, being in usual health and
of sound disposing mind & memory, do make
declare and publish this to be my last
will and testament in manner & form
following, hereby revoking all former wills
made by me, viz:

First. It is my will that on my decease
all my just debts shall be paid by my
Executor hereinafter named, out of whatever
money I may leave on hand or from the
sale of such of my property as may be
deemed most advisable.

Second. I will and bequeath to my well
beloved wife Mary H. Bell for and during
the term of her natural life, the home
place or plantation, on which I now live,
containing three hundred and twenty five
acres more or less, together with whatever
may then be on said plantation, including
the crop whether gathered or growing, the
horses, mules, cows, calves, hogs & sheep

and all plantation utensils, and household & kitchen furniture; all of which property it is my will that she shall have and hold during her lifetime, and at her death all of said property both real and personal shall be sold at public sale & the proceeds arising therefrom shall be equally divided share and share alike among my daughters now living (except my daughter Mrs Jane C. Raff or her heirs whom I have already positioned off).

Third. It is my will that my three sons Robert F. Bell, Ebenezer H. Bell, and P. Noble Bell, shall if they choose remain in possession of the several places or plantations upon which they have heretofore resided, and take the same upon the valuation of three disinterested persons, for which valuation they shall account in the general division of my estate as hereinafter directed - but should any of them refuse to take either of said plantations at such valuation, then the same shall be sold at public sale, and the proceeds whether arising from said valuation or sale shall go into the general amount to be divided as above mentioned. The tract of land that my son Robert F. Bell now lives on is known as the Walker lands, containing two hundred and fifty acres more or less. That on which Ebenezer H. Bell lives is known as a part of the John Campbell tract containing one hundred and seventy five acres more or less, and that on which P. Noble Bell has heretofore lived is known as a part of the John Campbell tract containing one hundred and twenty acres more or less.

Fourth. It is my desire that my grand-son James Henry Bell shall have the refusal of the Prince place containing one hundred and thirty or forty acres more or less upon the valuation of three disinterested persons, and in the case of his refusal to take said place that the same shall be sold and the proceeds go into the general fund for division as above directed

Fifth. I will and bequeath unto my son Dr John H. Bell the William Campbell tract of land containing one hundred and twenty acres more or less upon the valuation of three disinterested persons for which valuation he shall account as one of my heirs at law, but should he refuse to take said plantation at such valuation, then the same shall be sold at public sale & the proceeds go into the general fund for division as above directed, and should my said son build upon & improve the said plantation, after the date of this will, such buildings & improvements shall not be taken into the valuation of said land.

Sixth. I will and bequeath unto my daughter Mrs Sarah A. Morrow, the tract known as the Bailey Fleming place, containing eighty-six acres more or less, upon the valuation of three disinterested persons for which valuation she shall account as one of my heirs at law, but should she refuse to take the same, then the same shall be sold at public sale and the proceeds go into the general fund for division as above directed. Upon her acceptance or purchase of this tract of land the entire legal title thereto in all respects shall wholly vest in her and the heirs of her body forever, free from the debts, liabilities and contracts of her present or any future husband.

Seventh. It is my will that the Cunningham or Cross Roads place or plantation containing thirty acres more or less & any other of my lands not mentioned herein shall be sold at my death & the proceeds go into the general fund for division as before directed, and I do hereby fully empower my Executor to make full legal titles to any of the lands referred to in this will.

Eighth. I do hereby will to my daughter Miss Frances A. Bell her bed and bed furniture to be received by her whenever she may desire the same.

Fourth. Having already made advancements of property to my son William R. Bell and my daughter Mrs Janile. Ruff which advancements I consider their portions. I do not make any further allowance for them in this my last will and testament - and it is my will that my son Dr John H. Bell shall not be charged or in any way or manner made accountable for the expense of his literary or professional education.

Fifth. It is my will that the general fund for division mentioned in the preceding clauses of this will, whether arising from the redemption or sale of any of the lands mentioned in the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh clauses of this my will, shall be divided into ten equal shares among my children and grand children as follows: viz: one share each to Robert F. Bell, Ebenezer H. Bell, P. Noble Bell, Dr. John H. Bell, Mrs Emily Tibble, Mrs Eliza Harkness, Mrs Sarah Morrow, wife of Ripley Morrow, Mrs Martha L. Prince, wife of W. M. Prince and Mrs Frances H. Bell, and one share to be equally divided between my grandson James Henry Bell & his sister Miss Martha P. Bell the child or children of any of the above named to take among them the share to which the parent would have been entitled at the time of such division had such parent been then living.

Eleventh. I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my friend James A. Black Esquire, Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of July in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and sixty five.

signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Joseph F. Bell as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence & in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

J. F. Bell 

George W. Bowen, Jun
James Hedge
John E. Bronwell.

State of South Carolina Probate Court.
 Abbeville County

Present: Honorable J. Fuller Lyon Judge.
 Probate Court for the County of Abbeville

Personally appeared James Hodge, subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Joseph F. Bell late of Abbeville County, deceased, who being duly sworn deponent and saith that he was present and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said Joseph F. Bell, and deponent further saith that the said Joseph F. Bell at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the best of deponents knowledge and belief of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that James Hodge (the deponent) and John C. Brownee, and S. H. Bowen, in the presence of each other and of the said Joseph F. Bell and at his request signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same, sworn and subscribed before me this the 3rd day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three

James Hodge
 J. P. Court.

In the matter of the
 Estate of
 Joseph F. Bell
 Dec. 3rd

Upon due examination of James Hodge one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing

purporting to be the last Will and testament
of Joseph A. Bell, late of Abbeville County
deceased, it appears to my satisfaction that the
same is the true last Will of said deceased;
It is therefore ordered and decreed that it be
admitted to probate in common form.

December 3, 1883.

Seal
and

J. Fuller Lyon
Judge Probate Court