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Will of Joseph Bell

In the name of God Amen I Joseph Bell of the Township of Galloway in the County of Atlantic State of New Jersey being of sound mind memory and understanding for which blessing I thank God do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say,

First It is my will and I do order that all my just debts and funeral expences be duly paid and satisfied as soon as conveniently can be after my decease, Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sophia Bell in addition to her right of dower at common law all my personal property of what ever kind with all my Real Estate embracing the farm on which I now live with all the buildings and improvements thereon likewise all the meadow and lands now belonging to me in the County of Atlantic to her and to her heirs and assigns forever,

Lastly I do hereby appoint my loving wife Sophia Bell executrix of this my last will and testament, given under my hand and seal this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven 1857.

Signed Sealed and published and declared by Joseph Bell to be his testament and last will in the presents of us Joseph Garwood Jesse Clark Mary Clark

Joseph Bell Seal mark

Atlantic County ss. Joseph Garwood one of the witnesses to the within will being duly sworn on his oath saith that he saw Joseph Bell the testator within named sign the within will and heard him publish pronounce and declare the within writing to be his last will and testament and at the doing thereof the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory as far as this deponent knows and as he verily believes and that Jesse Clark and Mary Clark the other subscribing witnesses was present at the same time and signed their names as witnesses to the said will together with deponent

Sworn & Subscribed at Mays Landing this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February A.D. 1866 before me J. R. Deviney Surgt.

Joseph Garwood

Atlantic County ss. Sophia Bell Sole executrix in the within testament named being duly sworn according to law did depose and say that the within instrument contains the true last will and testament of Joseph Bell the testator therein named so far as she knows and as she verily believes that she will well and truly perform the same by paying first the debts of the said deceased and then the legacies in the said testament specified so far as the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased can thereunto extend and that she will make and exhibit into the prerogative office at Trenton a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased that have or shall come to her knowledge or possession or to the possession of any other person or persons for her use and render a just and true account when thereunto lawfully required.

Sworn & Subscribed at Mays Landing this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Feb. A.D. 1866 before me J. R. Deviney Surgt.

Sophia Bell mark

U.S. Stamp 31.00

I Solomon R. Deviney Surrogate of the County of Atlantic do certify the foregoing record to be a true copy of the last will and testament of Joseph Bell late of the County of Atlantic deceased and of the probate thereof and that Sophia Bell the executrix therein named proved the same before me and is duly authorized to administer the same agreeably to said will.

Witness my hand and seal of office this twenty second day of February in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and sixty six.

S. R. Deviney Surgt.