

Will of Joseph Bright

Bedford County, Virginia: Will Book 5, pp. 100-101

In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Bright of the County of Bedford being of Sound mind and memory do make and establish this my Last will and testament in Manner and form following, Viz:

Item – After the payment of all my Just debts I loan to my wife during her life one third part of my estate both real and personal of whatever description or kind it may be.

Item – I give and bequeath to my daughters Addilla and Alba each one third part of my Estate, both real and personal of whatever description it may be to be enjoyed by them and their heirs forever also at the death of my wife the third part of my estate loaned to her as above to be equally divided between my said two daughters to be enjoyed by them and their heirs forever.

Item – My will and desire is that my estate be kept together and that no division thereof be made so long as my wife and daughters continue single but so soon as either marry then to be divided agreeable to the above bequests.

Item – In case either of my daughters should die leaving no child or children at her death my will and desire in that case is that all the property bequeathed to her as above be given to her surviving sister to be enjoyed by her and her heirs forever.

Lastly – I do hereby appoint my beloved wife my Executrix and my brother Joshua Bright my executor. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and acknowledged this as my last Will and Testament this thirtieth day of May in the year eighteen hundred and eighteen.

Joseph [X] Bright {seal}

Signed Seal & acknowledged
in presence of

Balda McDaniel
Charles Bright
Christopher Tennerson

At a Court held for Bedford County at the courthouse the 26th day of July 1819. This Last Will and Testament of Joseph Bright Dec^d. Was exhibited in Court and proven by the oath of Balda McDaniel, Charles Bright and Christopher Tennison three subscribing witnesses and ordered to be Recorded. And on the motion of _____ Bright and Joshua Bright Executors therein named who made oath & gave bond & security according to Law, Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste

J. Steptoe C.B.C

Genealogical Analysis

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- Joseph Bright
 - Resident of Bedford County, VA
 - Died between 30 May 1818 and 26 Jul 1819
- Spouse
 - Not referred to by name
- Children
 - Addilla Bright (daughter)
 - Alba Bright (daughter)
- Others Mentioned
 - Witnesses
 - Balda McDaniel
 - Charles Bright
 - Christopher Tennerson/Tennison
- Probate
 - 26 Jul 1819
 - Executors
 - Wife and brother Joshua Bright

1817
Nichols
George
Division

12th December 1817
Conformable to an order of the County Court of Bedford to us directed we have divided the estate of George Nichols dead amongst his Children.

Wife Samuel & George Nichols ten Acres of Land with a quite mill on it	\$500.00
Oliver Nichols 116 acres of Land part of the old tract	600.00
Mally and Jimmy Nichols a tract of Land called Parkus tract 109 acres	650.00
Archibald Nichols Negro man Joe	650.00
John Nichols Negro Girl Pate	550.00
Boydell Nichols Negro Girl Judy	550.00
Wrightiah Nichols Negro Girl Candis	550.00
Samuel Nichols Negro Girl Liza	200.00
The balance of the estate the legates have divided amongst themselves the	\$4250.00

Say to their Satisfaction

John Braden
John Ayres
Nicholas Robertson } Comrs

Also Court held for Bedford County at the Court house the 15th day of July 1819 this division of the estate of George Nichols dead was returned to Court and ordered to be recorded.

Dated 15th July 1819
Joseph Bright

Bright
Joseph
Will

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Bright of the County of Bedford being of Sound mind and Memory do make and establish this my last will and testament in Manner and form following: I give after the payment of all my Just debts I leave to my wife during her life and thirds part of my estate both real & personal of whatever description or kind it may be Item I give and bequeath to my two daughters Adeline and Abba each one third part of my Estate both real and personal of whatever description it may be to be enjoyed by them and their heirs forever also at the death of my wife the thirds part of my estate saved to her as above to be equally divided between my said two daughters to be enjoyed by them and their heirs forever Item My will and desire is that my estate be kept together and that no division thereof be made so long as my wife and daughters continue Single but so soon as either marry then to be divided agreeable to the above bequests Item My Will and desire that no appraisement nor inventory of my estate be made Item I have given of my daughters should die leaving no child or children at her death my will and desire in that case is that all the property bequeathed to her as above be given to her surviving Sister to be enjoyed by her and her heirs forever Lastly I do hereby appoint my beloved wife my Executor and my Mother Joshua Bright my executor (my testamentary) whomof I have herunto set my hand and acknowledged this as my last Will and Testament this thirtieth day of May in the year eighteen hundred & eighteen.

Signed Seal & acknowledged
in presence of
Balda McDaniel
Charles Bright
Christopher Sumner

Joseph Bright
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A Court held for Bradford County at the Courthouse the 26th day of July 1819 This Court will and Testament of Joseph Bright Dec^d was exhibited in Court and proven by the oath of Walter K^d Daniel Charles Bright and Christopher Larrison three subscribing witnesses and ordered to be Recorded And on the motion of Bright and Joshua Bright Executors therein named who made oath & gave bond & Security according to Law Certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form

Wm. L. Stratten

Stratton	Thomas	List Sales	Item	Buyer	Price
			A half of property sold at Thomas Stratton's Dec ^d at the Sale on the 19 th Dec ^r 1818.		
			2 Caulters & 1 Plough	William Lefewich jr	\$ 50
			1 Ditto	Doct. James Floyd	1 50
			3 ^d Saw	William Lefewich jr	1 00
			Old Iron	Doct. James Floyd	80
			2 ^d Iron Drawing Chains & 1 Log	J. Clay (Paid)	3 10
			2 Axes	William Lefewich	2 05
			Mags Churns, Suges & Saw	Elizabeth Stratton	2 00
			2 Axes	" "	2 53
			1/2 ^d Iron Drawing Chains & 1 Oak Band	" "	2 75
			2 Shovel Ploughs	" "	1 60
			4 Killing hoes & Caulters & Shocks	" "	2 00
			1 Sagar Plough	" "	5 00
			1 Sifter & Cradle	Charles Nelson Jun ^r	2 "
			2 ditto ditto	E Stratton	5 05
			1 Young Saw with Calf	William Lefewich	12 "
			1 Black Saw & Mill	" "	10 "
			1 Speckled Saw	E Stratton	41 "
			1 Young Heifer	" "	13 50
			1 White Saw	" "	15 "
			3 Saws 17 Shoats & 5 Sigs	" "	15 "
			1 Blk Saw & 4 Sigs	William Lefewich Jun ^r	9 00
			1 Spotted Saw & 5 Sigs	Charles Nelson Jun ^r	3 "
			1 Saw without Cars	" "	4 25
			1 Blk ^d Boar	William Lefewich Jun ^r	5 00
			1 Saw with Sigs	Charles Nelson jr	4 75
			1 Ferris Hoop	Geo Stratton jr	9 00
			1 Bay Mare	John Carney	13 50
			1 Black Mare	L B Swetten	22 25
			1 Gray Mare	E Stratton	30 00
			1 Gray horse	" "	40 00
			1 Young horse	Doct. Floyd	61 00
			3 Yearlings	E Stratton	6 00
			14 Sheep 9/ each	" "	21 00
			13 Geese 1/6	" "	3 75
			6 Males & 10 ^d Shocks	" "	13 00
			1 ^d Saddle Mags	" "	2 50
			Scupboard & Cabinets	" "	13 00
			1 Clock & Case	" "	20 00