

Will of Charles Bright Jr.

Bedford County, Virginia: Will Book 5, pp. 104-105

I Charles Bright of the County of Bedford being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

Item I give and bequeath to my wife Sally Bright eleven negroes (to wit) Ben, Bats, Peter, Bailey, Susanna, Nancy, Fanny, Sela, Harry, and Rachel & Susannahs youngest child which has no name to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to Sally Price Perkins, daughter of Elisha Perkins, and the heirs of her body two negroes to wit Ginny and Martha and their increase if any which said two negroes are to remain with the body of my estate until the said Sally Price Perkins shall marry or become of age and if she should die leaving no heir of her body at her death or at any time after such heirs should become extinct then and in that case the said two negroes with their increase if any to revert to my said wife if that event should happen in her life time if not to revert to my son Charles Edward which I had by Sally Lewis in the same way and upon the same conditions that I shall hereafter bequeath him the balance of my estate.

Item My will and desire is that my executrix and executors if they shall think proper sell the tract of land whereon I now live containing two hundred and eighteen acres or both as to them shall seem best and the money arriving from the sale thereof after the payment of my just debts if it should be necessary to appropriate any of it to that use to lay out in lands and if there should be but and of said tracts of land sold I loan to my wife during her life the tract that shall remain unsold or the one purchased with the money arising from the sale of the other and if both should be sold I loan to her during her life one half the land purchased with the money arising from the sale thereof I also loan to my said wife during her life two negroes to wit Tabithia & Agnes.

Item Upon condition my said son Charles Edward renounce the name of Lewis entirely and calls himself and transacts his business in the name of Charles Edward Bright I give and bequeath him and the heirs of his body all my land named above in case it should not be sold by my executrix and executors and if it should be sold by them then and in that case I give him the land purchased with the money arising from the sale thereof, also all my slaves and other property otherwise bequeathed above of whatsoever description or kind it may be subject to the loanes above made but if the said Charles Edward should die leaving no heir of his body at his death or at any time after such heirs should become extinct then and in that case my will is that all my estate bequeathed to him as above revert to my brother Joshua Bright, my sister Mary Reynolds, my niece Amy Gray, William W. Perkins and the above named Sally Price Perkins to be equally divided between them or the survivors of them.

Item I give and bequeath to Sally Lewis one hundred dollars to be paid her by my said son Charles Edward out of the estate bequeathed him when he arrives at the age of twenty two years.

Item My will and desire is that my estate be kept together until my said son Charles Edward becomes of age all the profits arising from the same after the payment of all my just debts go to my said wife except so much as will be necessary for the support and education of the said Charles Edward who I wish to have as liberal an education as the situation of my estate and other circumstances will admit and when my said son Charles Edward shall become of age then to receive all the estate bequeath to him above except such as is loaned to my wife and that at her death and if my said wife should die before the said Charles Edward should become of age my will and desire in that case is that my executors shall keep in their possession all the estate bequeath to him above for his benefit from the time of her death until he arrives to the age of twenty one years.

Item If neither of my said tracts of land should be sold I lend to my wife during her life her choice of them and then to revert to my said son Charles Edward as bequeathed above.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Sally Bright and my friend Balda McDaniel and William W. Perkins to execute this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former will or wills by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal published and acknowledged this to be my last will and testament this 14th day of May in the year 1819.

Charles Bright {seal}

Signed sealed acknowledged and published in presence of

John Mayor
Rodney Tinsley
Joseph Crews

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 23rd Aug 1819. This last will and testament of Charles Bright dec^d was exhibited in Court & proven by the oath of John Mayor & Rodney Tinsley two subscribing witnesses and ordered to be Recorded. And on the motion of Balda McDaniel the executor therein named who made oath and gave bond & security according to law Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste

J. Steptoe C.B.C

Genealogical Analysis

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- Charles Bright Jr. TMG2384
 - Resident of Bedford County, VA
 - Died between 14 May 1819 and 23 Aug 1819
- Spouse
 - Sally _____ TMG2387
 - Living as of 14 May 1819
- Children (1)
 - Charles Edward Bright
 - Illegitimate son with Sally Lewis
 - Under age 21 as of 14 May 1819
- Others mentioned
 - Sally Price Perkins, daughter of Elisha Perkins
 - Joshua Bright (brother) TMG2385
 - Mary Reynolds (sister) TMG2216
 - Amy Gray (niece)
 - William W. Perkins
 - Sally Lewis (mother of Charles Edward Bright)
- Executors
 - Sally Bright
 - Balda McDaniel
 - William W. Perkins
- Slaves (15)
 - Ben
 - Bats
 - Peter
 - Bailey
 - Susanna
 - Unnamed child of Sussana
 - Nancy
 - Fanny
 - Sela
 - Harry
 - Rachel
 - Ginny
 - Martha
 - Tabitha
 - Agnes

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To Amount Brought Forward
 To Cash paid the Auctioneer for buying property at the Sale
 To ditto paid John Mc Cabe
 To Commission

\$	44	16	3½
	1	7	"
		10	"
	3	0	0
	49	13	7½
	21	10	3
	7	2	8
	7	15	1
		12	
		15	
	6	3	9
		17	7½
\$	47	16	4½

By amount of Sales No 1
 By do do
 By Cash of A Robertson
 By do of James Cyleff
 By ditto of Tom Quarles
 By ditto of R. Perkins
 By ditto of James Phornay juror
 5th August 1819

In Obedience to an Order of Bedford County Court to us directed we have settled the account Current of the Estate of James Yates with James Phornay the administrator as above stated

Samuel Hancock
 Lawrence McGeorge
 John Mc Cabe

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24 day of Aug^r 1819
 This Settlement of the account Current of the estate of James Yates Dead with his administrators was Returned to Court and Ordered to be Recorded

Wm. J. Hopson C. R. C.

Bright
 Charles
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Item My will and desire is that my executors and administrators if they shall think proper sell the tract of Lands wherein I now live containing two hundred and eighteen acres or the one I purchased of Robert Hawkins containing two hundred and eight acres or both as to them shall seem best and the money arising from the sale thereof after the payment of my just debts if the

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 (Witness) W Daniel and William W Perkins to execute this my last will and testament
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 and testament this 14th day of May in the year 1819

Signed sealed acknowledged
 and published in presence of } Charles Wright Esq
 John Mayor } Notary Public for Bradford County at the Court house the 23rd Aug
 Rodney Smiley } 1819 This last will and testament of Charles Wright dec^d was
 Joseph Green } exhibited in Court & proven by the oath of John Mayor & Rodney Smiley
 two subscribing witnesses and ordered to be Recorded and as the
 petition of W Daniel the Director therein named who made oath and gave bond & security
 according to Law Qualification granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.
 Late Stephen C. N. C.

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