

In the name of God, AMEN. I Solomon Sawyer of the State of North Carolina, in the County of Currituck, being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, Thanks be given unto God; calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and dispose of the worldly effects wherein it hath pleased God to bestow me, in the following manner. First I recommend my immortal soul into the hands of God who gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner, at the discretion of my executor herein after mentioned. First my will and desire is that all my just debts should be paid out of my estate. Then I stand to my beloved wife leaving her time she remains my widow, the use of all my plantations and all other lands belonging to me, one moiety of said plantations to be improved yearly and the other moiety to be sowed in small grain, or so much thereof as my wife shall think best; and the remainder to be burned out in pasture for the benefit of her own sustenance; and also changed yearly and kept in good repair with liberty to wear us around where it had been pastured by me freely free to clear. Also the use of all my negroes and their increase, and all my stock, horses, cattle, hogs and sheep, and household and kitchen furniture of every kind and all my working tools, such as plows, axes and hoes and all other tools &c. until each one of my children coming to the age of twenty-one years; on the provision that my said wife should bring up my children in a decent manner, and give them good Morality, education such so far as to be well acquainted with Arithmetic, and each study the English Grammar one year after, then arrive to the age of thirteen years, or more if my wife thinks proper, and in case any of my negroes should be dishonest, my will is for my executor at the request of my wife, to correct them, and if she thinks it to her advantage to hire them out for her own use. Then my will and desire is that when my eldest son arrives to the age of twenty-one years, that all my property both real personal and chattel be equally divided by lawful commodity set apart by the County Court of the County of Currituck, between all of my lawful heirs agreeable to law, he such easy made and provided; and said eldest son to receive his portion, and soon as they arrive to twenty-one years of age to receive their portions respectively. But in case my beloved wife should either decease or marry at any time, my will and desire is that the above division of my estate should take place as soon as possible in the same manner and form as above mentioned. Then my will and desire is, that instantly at my death that my executor herein after mentioned or appointed should take possession of all of my possessions, notes, book accounts, or any other monies due to me, and cash which should be left by me, and make settlement as soon as practicable with all the debts and demands to which my estate may be indebted, and the balance of said cash and notes, or any other monies due me, if any, to be put out by my executor aforesaid, in lawful interest, and the notes then for the same to be secured partly with good security, until my children arrives to the age of twenty-one years successively, then to receive their several portions of the same equally. Then my will and desire is, and I hereby authorize and give my executor herein after appointed full power to contract for and purchase any lands contiguous to the lands which I now hold and to pay for the same out of my estate, to the best advantage of said estate, and all the lands so purchased to belong to my estate, and to be divided with my other lands amongst my lawful heirs as before mentioned, and the expenses thereof, or monies so paid out by said executor or vouchers for the same lawfully taken shall be lawful charging for my executor in settlement with my estate. Then my will and desire is, that if the incomes of my lands, farms or as above appropriated to the well maintenance and schooling of my children and beloved wife, should not be sufficient to keep them free from want then and in that case, my will is that my executor supplies the deficiency out of the funds of my estate in his hands, and the same shall be

allowed him in settlement with said estate. And last of all my will is, and I hereby make, appoint and ordain my beloved brother Jacob Sawyer, my whole and sole executor to this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all others which have by me heretofore been made at any time. In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the 19th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen. Signed, sealed and delivered by (Signed) Solomon Sawyer (Seal) in presence of us.
William Owens Jurat
Peggy Hall Recorded & Examined the day of

In the name of God, AMEN. I Solomon Bright of the County of Currituck and State of North Carolina being very sick in body, but in my perfect senses and memory thanks be to God, do make, constitute and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following. Item. I give the use of all property within doors and out of doors to my beloved wife, during her widowhood. Then I give the use of my house, lands and plantation to my wife Peggy Bright during her widowhood. Then I give and bequeath unto my wife Peggy Bright one bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever. Then I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Bright after the death or marriage of my wife, the land and plantation whereon I now live, to him and his heirs forever. Also my gun, powder horn and shot bags &c. Then I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mabel Bright one bed and furniture. Then I give and bequeath unto my daughter Susanna Bright two beds and furniture. Then it is my will that the negro Daniel that I hired of the State of Maryland be hired out to the highest bidder, or at private sale to the best advantage for my estate. Then it is my will that my negro woman Fanny be sold upon the first day of January next, and the money arising from the sale of her to be equally divided between my two daughters Mabel and Susanna Bright, to them and their heirs forever. Then I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mabel Bright one hundred and fifty dollars in cash. Then I give and bequeath unto my daughter Susanna Bright two hundred dollars cash. Then it is my will after the death or marriage of my wife, that all the remainder of my property not yet given shall be sold by my executor and the money arising from such sale, after paying all my just debts, to be equally divided between my two daughters Mabel Bright and Susanna Bright, to them and their heirs forever. Lastly, I nominate and appoint Josiah Joliff to be my whole, sole executor, to this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of April 1815. Signed, sealed & acknowledged by (Signed) Solomon Bright (Seal) in presence of

Daniel Morris Jurat
Josiah Joliff

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