

Now all men by these presents that I Preshe Notions of
P. Selms } Bradford County joining my self at this time much improved in
will } Body but of sound mind. I knowing the Mortality of man
do make my last Will & Testament in manner & form
following hereby revoking all other Wills & Testaments by
me here tofore made. That is to say 1st That after the payments of
all my Just Debts & funeral expenses I give & bequeath to
my beloved Wife Fanny Melms the whole of my Estate both
real & personal for her support & the support as well as the
Education of my Children here after named with this reserve
that is to say, that in case of her intestine marriage she is only
to retain One Third of the sd. Estate, & also it is my Will that as
fast as my Children shall become of age or marry that they
shall receive their proportionable part of the said Estate & after
the Death of their Mother to receive an equal proportion of the One
third of the Estate left to her. 2nd Agreeably to the above promised
I give to my Son Charles Melms one equal part to him & his
Heirs forever. 3rd I give to my Son William Melms one equal
part to him & his Heirs forever. 4th I give to my Son John
Melms one equal part to him & his Heirs forever. 5th I give
to my Son Alfred Melms one equal part to him & his Heirs
forever. 6th in case my beloved Wife should not be
pregnant & bear another child it is my desire it should share
the 6th part of the

Education of my Children hereafter married, with this proviso,
that is to say, that in case of her untimely marriage she is only
to retain One Third of the said Estate, & also it is my Will that as
fast as my Children shall become ^{lawful} of age, or marry, that they
shall receive their proportionable part of the said Estate & after
the Death of their Mother to receive an equal proportion of the One
third of the Estate left to her, 2^d Agreeably to the above promised
I give to my son Charles Melnes one equal part to him & his
Heirs forever, 3^d I give to my son William Melnes one equal
part to him & his Heirs forever, 4th I give to my son Edwin
Melnes one equal part to him & his Heirs forever, 5th I give
to my son Alfred Melnes one equal part to him & his Heirs
forever, 6th in case my beloved Wife should now be
pregnant & bear another Child, it is my desire it should share
equal with my four Sons herebefore named, 7th It is further
my desire, that provided that none of my Children should
survive to have Issues, or in case the deceased from my
Body & their Issues should die, that the whole of my Estate
should descend in equal ratio to my Brother William Melnes
Children & their legal representatives after them, 8th It is
my desire that my Executors hereafter named, should as soon as

At an opportunity might offer appropriate the money now on hand & all
debts due come together with any profits arising from my Bostonian
home to come to the purchase of Land for my said children of saidly
Sister heavily indebted to appoint my beloved friends Stephen Preston
& Daniel Piquem Executors to this my last Will & Testament,
revoking all others as aforesaid. In Testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 3 day of May 1804

Signed & acknowledged
in presence of
Wm Lefferts Junr
Oliver Hunt
John Strutton

Presley Nelson



At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 25th
day of June 1804

This last Will & Testament of Presley
Nelson dec^d was introduced in Court by Stephen Preston & Daniel
Piquem the Executors therein named & proved by the solemn affirma-
tion of William Lefferts Junr & Oliver Hunt & John
Strutton the subscribing Witnesses & ordered to be recorded & on the motion
of the said Executors who made oath together with William S. Walker &
Henry Latham their securities entered into & acknowledged their
Bonds in the sum Ten Thousand Dollars conditioned according
to Law contingent as aforesaid for obtaining a probate thereof in
one year

Test
Stephen C. Walker