

In the name of God Amen I Reynold Brightwell of the County of Prince  
Edward Being throo the abundant Mercy and goodness of god tho. weak  
in Body Great of a sound and perfect understanding and memory do  
constitute this my last Will and Testament and desire it to be  
received by all as Such Which is as follows to wit after all my Just debts  
to be paid I give the balance of my Estate to my loving Wife as long as  
she lives <sup>or as long as she lives</sup> ~~or as long as she lives~~ and of the Marryes againe for that to have what the law  
allows her and no more and I give my hole Tract of land to my son  
William Brightwell in consequence of his finding me a Negro boy by the  
name of Jerry which belongs to William to serve me and my wife as long  
as we both live and after both of our Deaths the said boy to be sold to  
my son William againe and I give to my younger Daughter my Corner Cul-  
bord at our Deaths and all the Balance of my Estate that remains at our  
Deaths to be Equally divided between all my Children and I constitute  
and appoint my two sons Charles and Barnett Brightwell whom I  
make Sole Executors to this my last will and Testament in witness  
whereunto I have set my hand and affixed my Seal this fifteenth  
day of August 1864

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Reynold <sup>his</sup> Brightwell (S)  
mark

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and appoint my two sons Charles and Barnett Brightwell whom I  
make sole Executors to this my last will and Testament in witness  
whereunto I have set my hand and affixed my Seal this 15th  
day of August 1804

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Reynolds <sup>his</sup> Brightwell <sup>Test</sup>  
mark

David Thaxton

John Goode

Beymen <sup>his</sup> Shepards  
mark

At a Court held for Prince Edward County April 21st 1806 This last Will  
and Testament of Reynolds Brightwell dec'd was presented in Court and perused  
by the Oath of the three witnesses thereto Ordered that the same be recorded  
Charles Brightwell one of the Executors therein named in Open Court refused  
to take upon himself the Burthen of the Execution thereof and on the  
motion of Barnett Brightwell the other Executor therein named



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who with Charles Wright well has been entered into and acknowledged  
their bond for that purpose in the penalty of One thousand dollars and  
condemned according to law and took the Oath required by Law Certificate  
for obtaining a probate thereof in due form is granted him

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Benj. Watkins D.

W. Murray  
Inventory

In pursuance of an order of Ormsby's Court dated September 1865  
to us directed, we Joel Watkins to James Nimmons & John Daniel  
having met at the place appointed to appraise the estate of  
John McMurray and after being first sworn for that purpose  
we find that there is no Estate of John McMurray to appraise excepting  
apart of bond, and Balance due on his Books, which we  
cannot ascertain the value of and that the Estate of the Said  
McMurray has been appraised under a former Order of this  
Court given under our hand this 27th Decr 1865

Joel Watkins  
James Nimmons  
John Daniel

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