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at my hand and seal, assigned and delivered in presence of the subscribers
and beneath, assigned as
Witnesses.

James Bell Just
William Ethridge

Ephraim Jarvis Seal

3 Recorded and examined the day of

The last will and Testament of Aaron Bright deceased Exhibited and proved at February term 1856

In the name of God, Amen. I, Aaron Bright of the county of Currituck and State
of North Carolina, being at this time in sound mind and memory, thanks be to God
for the same, do at this time make publish and ordain this my last will and Testament
hereby revoking and annulling all former wills hitherto by me made, by word or writing
and this to be taken for my last will and none other. First my will and desire
is that all my just debts be paid. Item. I leave the use of the land and plantation on
whereon I now live to my beloved wife Sally Bright during her living; my widow;
also three feather beds and furniture, three cows and calves and two hogs first
choice, also one negro woman called Ginch, and one negro man by the name
of Will, servants and servants, ten head of bees first choice, four stocks of bees
first choice, two tables first choice, eight chairs first choice, and one cart, and riding
hairs and mane's, one loom and harness, and trawler and furniture, and one
safe, and as much of the kitchen furniture as she may think sufficient, and
also as much of the plantation utensils as may be sufficient for her use, and as
much provisions of all kinds as any three men may think will serve the family
one year, the above mentioned articles I leave the use of to my beloved wife Sally
Bright as long as she lives my widow, and after her death or marriage, I give
the above mentioned articles the house and lands excepted, to be equally divided
between my son Aaron Davidson Bright and my daughter Harriet Louisa
Bright to them and their heirs. Item. After the death or marriage of my said
wife, I give the land and plantation whereon I now live to my son Aaron
Davidson Bright all lying between the two roads to the end of a house called
Mrs. Basons house, thence from the main road, by a line of marked trees to the
back line between Thomas Cox and myself; also I give part of a tract of land
thought of, May's heirs to my said son, beginning at a p. Simmon tree
standing on the side of the road, thence a south west course, by a line of
marked trees to a beach, standing near Thomas Cox's swamp road, thence
thence a west course along side of Coxes swamp to a pine standing between
my saw pit and the main road, thence along said road to a p. Simmon tree
the first station, to him and his heirs. Item also I give to my fore said
son all the piece or tract of cypress swamp purchased of Jeremiah Sooton
also one negro man called George and also one negro girl by the name of
Malinda, and one feather bed and furniture and three hundred dollars in
promissory notes for the purpose of giving my said son an education

all of which I give to him and his heirs. Item. I give to my daughter Elizabeth Hodges one
piece or parcel of land lying over Moyock mill adjoining Demoy Northern, containing
nearly eight acres, and also one piece lying back of the swamp joining the entry, being a
piece Silas Bright purchased of James Bray, also one piece joining hers, that Silas
Bright gave her, it being a piece that I purchased of Cornelius Davis of twenty acres, and
one half of a cypress swamp. Mr. Silas Bright left to Silas and Sally Bright, and one
half of a piece adjoining aforesaid swamp that belongs between Joseph Biltentine
and Aaron Bright, and also I leave the use of the following named negroes, during
her natural life, viz. negro woman Selah, negro girl Hilda, negro boy Jack, and after
her death, I give the above mentioned negroes and their increase if any, to be appraised
and equally divided between all her children, that is living at her death, but if my said
daughter Elizabeth Hodges departs this life without leaving any children or grand chil-
dren, I give the above mentioned property to be equally divided between Sally Suffman
and Louisa Bright and Aaron Davidson Bright and their heirs, and also one
feather bed and furniture which she has now in possession. Item. I give to my
daughter Sally Suffman, one piece or parcel of land that I purchased of George
Fogather and others, beginning at a post standing by the side of the road near Mrs.
Basons, thence south westwardly to a mulberry tree near the side of the branch, and
thence over said branch to a gum, and thence to another gum near the fence over in
the woods, thence along a line of marked trees to the back line in the swamp near the
eastward end of the City old field, thence a west course along the swamp to a beach
near Thomas Coxes swamp road, thence along a line of marked trees to a p.
Simmon tree standing on the side of the road, thence as the road runs to the first station
also I give the one half of the cypress swamp that Mr. Silas Bright gave to Silas and
Sally Bright, and one half of that between Joseph Biltentine and myself, to my said
daughter Sally Suffman, and also one negro woman called Palence, and one negro
girl called Eby, and one negro boy by the name of Elbert, and one feather bed and
furniture, that is if my daughter Sally Suffman and her heirs makes a firm right and
title to one half of a piece of land lying between Moyock Mill adjoining Demoy
Northern, that fell to Elizabeth Hodges and Sally Suffman by the death of their
brother Sally Bright, him and in that case, I give the above mentioned articles to my
said daughter Sally Suffman and her heirs. Item. I give to my daughter Harriet Louisa
Bright one piece or parcel of land that I purchased of Caleb Cox and others all the
remainder part joining Thomas Allison, Thomas Cox, my son Aaron D. Bright
and my daughter Sally Suffman and the main swamp, and also I give a piece
of cypress swamp purchased of Jesse Joss, formerly the property of Josiah Cherry, dec'd
to my said daughter Harriet Louisa Bright, and also one negro man named Anthony
and one negro girl called, and one feather bed and furniture, to her and her
heirs. And I also leave all the cash on hand, and the notes, and all the lumber on hand,
and all the remainder part of my estate of every kind not already given away to be in discharging
my debts, and if any remains after paying all my just debts, I give it to be equally divided
between my daughters and my son, to them and their heirs forever. And I also constitute
and appoint my beloved wife Sally Bright, and my son in law Thomas Suffman Executors
to this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
10th of February 1855
(Signed) Aaron Bright Seal

Signed in the presence of us
Test Jeremiah Sooton Just
James Northern

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