

In the Name of God Amen I Henry Bright of the County
of Currituck & State of North Carolina Calling to mind the
Mortality of my Body and that it is appointed for all
Men to Die and after that to Judgment Do Make and
Ordain this my Last Will & Testament first I Recommend
my Soul to Almightly God that gave it and my Body to be
Buried in a Christian like manner at the Discretion of my
Executors hereafter mentioned And as to that Worldly Goods
it hath Pleased God to bestow on me With I Give & bequeath in
Manner following to wit

My Will and Desire is that my well beloved wife Mary
Bright should have the use of all my Estate Real &
Personal During her Natural Life or Widowhood & after
her Decease or Marriage I Leave it in Manner following

I Give & bequeath to my Son Davis Bright the Land I
Bought of Jesse Bennett as P^d Deed also a Piece of the
North End of my manner Plantation Beginning at Water
Oak thence running a Westerly Course to a Hickory also an
Easterly Course from the Water Oak to a Gum on Carter
Barnards Line also from the Hickory a Northerly Course to
a Maple in Edwards Daughlens Line

I Give after the Gift to my Son Davis I Give the Rest of my
Land to my Two sons Henry Bright & Edward Bright in
Manner following to be Equally Divided between them
And after being Equally Divided My Son Henry to take
the South Part & My Son Edward the Part where the house
stand together with the House to them and their Heirs forever

I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Louey Williamson
One feather Bed & furniture Which is in her Possession
And one Negro Girl Named Nance Which is in her Possession
to her & her Heirs for ever

I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Sally Bright One
Negro Woman Named Genne and one feather Bed & furniture
first Choice to her & her heirs for ever

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Item I Give & bequeath to my Daughter Sally Bright One Negro
Girl Named Rachel and one feather Bed & furniture con-
Choice to her & her heirs for ever

Item I Give my beloved Wife Mary Bright the use of my Plan-
tation & Negroes During her Natural Life or Widowhood
Except the Negro Girl I Give to my Daughter Louey -
Williamson and after her Decease the Two Negroes Rody &
Famer & their Increase to be Equally Divided Between my
Three Sons Henry Edward & Davis

Item The Rest of my Estate to be Equally Divided Amongst my
Children Item I constitute & appoint my beloved wife
Mary Bright and my friend Solomon Wilson my Sole
Exeutors of this my Last Will & Testament here
by Avowing all former Will & Wills heretofore by me
Made in Testimony Whereunto I have set my hand
& Seal this Thirtieth Day of December Anno Domini One
Thousand Eight Hundred

Signed sealed & acknowledged Henry Bright
By the said Henry Bright to his
his Last Will and Testament
in Presence of

David Mersereau - Just
William Williamson
William Northern

Recorded and Examined this 20 Day
Of April 1801 By

J. J.

W. H. Cole