

The Last Will and Testament of Willis R. Melan do
Know all men by these presents that I Willis R. Melan
being of sound mind, and in the presence of three Witnesses
do make and bequeath this as my last Will and Testament
1st I desire that Just debts and funeral expenses be paid
2^d I give & bequeath my two Cows and all my hogs, and
my house hold & Kitchen furniture to my beloved wife
Morgort
3^d I desire that all the rest of my property be sold at
Public auction on a twelve months Credit and the proceeds
thereof placed in the hands of my beloved Brother Wiley G.
Melan who I hereby make my Executor
4th I wish all my Notes and money on hand placed in Brother
Wiley G. Melan hands and I want him after paying my
debts to buy a home and a negro girl for the benefit
of my beloved wife Morgort & my daughter Betsey
and Mary and my sons James Wiley & Madison
Alexander, and in the event my wife Morgort should
decease or marry then the home & Negro to be sold and
divided Equally to be sold and divided equally between
my two daughters Betsey & Mary & my two Sons James Wiley
and Madison Alexander. If my wife Morgort live
single until my son Madison Alexander becomes
of lawful age then I wish the Negro and lands
sold and the proceeds thereof equally divided between
my wife Morgort and my daughters Betsey & Mary
and my Sons Madison Alexander & James Wiley Melan
I want the Negro to work with Brother Wiley G.
Melan for the support of my wife Morgort and
my Sons and daughters above named This September
1st 1853. I hereunto affix my hand and seal
W. Melan

Wm. Lutherwood
Lockin Smith

Proven and admitted to record County Court
October Term 1853 Recorded the 31st October 1853

William Bright's Last Will and Testament
I William Bright of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee
considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of
sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my
last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void
all former Wills by me at any time made in manner and
form as follows
First I direct that all my Just debts and funeral expenses be paid
as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that
I may be seized of, or may first come into the hands
of my Executor.
Secondly, I do hereby give and bequeath to my son William
D. Bright, all that part of my lands, lying south and
east of the following named line, including the seven acre
tract which I bought from William Stephens, to begin
at a rock standing in the east boundary line of my
two hundred acre tract, and south west corner of
William Stephens land, and the north west corner of the
above named seven acre tract, to run south to a
Stake standing near a bush, the corner of a twenty
acre tract that I bought of Butler, thence a south
west direction, to a Stake, standing in the land leading
from my house to Mr. Vaughns. At eleven poles said
direction from Peter Gaben, thence with the center of
said land to a Stake standing two poles from Sarah
Vaughns North boundary line, and near a big stone,
running from thence west, parallel with Sarah Vaughns
line to a Stake two poles north of Sarah Vaughns
North West corner, thence south two poles from
Sarah Vaughns to a Stake near the New turnpike
place, thence a West direction to a Cherry tree
standing in Burks field, from thence a straight
direction to a Bush the south west corner of the
One hundred and ten acre tract which I bought
of said Butler.

Secondly I do hereby give and bequeath to my
son James Bright all the remainder of my land
lying north and west of the above designated line
Also I give and bequeath to my said son James
my Negro man Peter and Negro woman Rachael
to be his, with ^{the} Cautions that he pay back

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to my estate One hundred dollars, twelve months
after my decease, also one third of the present ^{year} Crop.
Corn Cotton and Wheat, and my two horses Called
Bill Jones & Banapart, two Cows & Calves, two head
of Sheep, ten pork hogs, two Sows & ten Shirts, also
all my kitchen furniture, One Bed Bedstead &
furniture, One Dress and Wore, One Table, One Bureau,
One Clock, One half dozen Chair, and the water vessels
and One Shot gun, two Carry plans two buttoned
and two Pair of gird, two axed two hoes, and one
mattock. I also give and bequeath to my daughter
Catharin Corty, four hundred dollars in money.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Crawford
and her heirs three hundred and fifty dollars in money.
I give and bequeath to my son Charles Bright two hun-
dred dollars in money. I give and bequeath to my
grand son Joseph H Williams One hundred dollars
in money. I give and bequeath to my grand son
Rice Williams One hundred dollars in money.
I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Louisiana
Wicks One hundred dollars in money. I give and
bequeath to Elizabeth W. Hicks fifty dollars in money
and donations in money to be paid so soon as it
may come into the hands of my Executor

I also give and bequeath to my grand daughter Mary
Ann Bright One Bed Bedstead and furniture,
also I give and bequeath my negro girl Martha to
my son William D Bright. I further direct that any
balance of money that may remain in the hands
of my executor after all debts, donations and expen-
ses is paid, shall be equally divided between
my son William and my two daughters Catharin
and Nancy Crawford and her children, I do
hereby authorize and request my Executors him-
after named to sell my two negro men Perry &
Sam on a credit of twelve months, I direct that
my pork hogs be sold for cash, and all the
balance of my property, of every description that
is not named in my aforesaid will, is to be sold
on a credit of twelve months, no sale to take
place until after the crop is gathered.

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It is my duty and request that my two negro men, Perry,
and Sam shall not be sold out of Lincoln County
and lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my son
Charles Bright and my Cousin James Bright sole executors
of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof
I William Bright have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 1st day of September in the year of our Lord Eighteen
hundred and fifty three William Bright ^{and} ~~and~~

Signed Sealed and Published
in our Presence and we have
subscribed our names in the
presence and at the request of
the Testator

Test

W. D. Hall

A. H. Bishop

Robert Brown

William A. McCallan

William Stephens

I William Bright and being full of sound and disposing mind
and memory, do make the following alteration in the foregoing
bequests. To my daughter Nancy Crawford, it is my will that
she shall have the same to her sole and separate use
during her natural life and at her death, to descend to
her children. In Witness whereof I William Bright do here-
unto set my hand and seal this the 3 day of September
in the of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty three
Test William Bright ^{and} ~~and~~

W. D. Hall

Robert Brown

William A. McCallan

W. D. Hall

W. Stephens

After due consideration, I make the following alteration
in this my last Will, I add that my son Charles shall be
equal in the remainder with William D Bright, Catharin
Corty and Nancy Crawford, I further direct that my Executors
or administrators shall have the power to sell my negroes
as directed to be sold and convey the same and further
either of them shall have the right to purchase at their
own sale

74 Given under my hand and seal this the 19th day
of October 1853.
Test
William A. M. Collins
Wm. Stephens

William Bright

Proven and ordered to be recorded
by the County Court November 1853
George Cunningham Clerk

I Daniel Lee do make and publish this as my last will
and Testament hereby revoking and making void all others
will by me at any time made

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my
debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out
of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may
first come into the hands of my executors

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my son Samuel
the sum of one dollar.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my daughter Rutha Lee
eighty dollar and one bed and bed stand and furniture.

Fourthly I give and bequeath to the heirs of my daughter
Givens Four hundred dollars after deducting twenty
four dollar the amount of two notes that I hold
on their father W. J. Williamson from the above named
four hundred dollar

Fifthly I give and bequeath to my two grand sons
Calvin Lee and Calman Lee, and my grand daughter
Elizabeth Williams fifty dollar each

Sixthly I ordain that all my lands be sold on one
and two year credit and divided in equal payments
the purchaser giving bond with good and approved
security and a lien retained on the land till the
purchase money is paid

Seventhly I ordain that my black man Bob
and all my stock and farming tools and house
hold and kitchen furniture be sold on a twelve
months credit, also my growing crops and grain that
may be growing or on hand with all other things
that may be of value

Eighthly, I give and bequeath all the moneys that
may arise from the above named sales or may be by
me left after paying off the above named Samuel and
necessary expenses be divided equally between
my son Samuel Lee, and my daughters Elizabeth,

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Asley, Pally Young, Nancy Worley, and Rutha Lee provide
further that Elizabeth Kelly shall take my servant boy Sam
at seven hundred dollars in her part if so much then
be, coming to her; if not she must pay back so as to make
her and the above named Samuel, Pally, Nancy and Rutha
equal, provided further that Samuel Lee shall take a note
that I hold on him for One hundred ^{Twenty Two} dollars and ten
cents, in his part without interest also Nancy Worley shall
take two notes that I hold on her husband William Worley
for eighty eight dollars, and ninety cents, also without interest
lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint B. M. G. Allsup
and J. M. Simmons my Executors In witness whereof
I do to this my will set my hand and seal this the
6th day of August 1851.

Daniel Lee

Signed sealed and published
in our presence and we have
subscribed our names here
in the presence of the testator this
the 6th day of August 1851
Anderson Allsup
Henry Robinson

John Robinson

I Daniel Lee, having heretofore made and published my
last will and testament, do make and declare this as
a Codicil thereto, to wit

First that there be thirty feet square of my land nearest from
Sale, in such manner, as to include the grave yard, and
that there be a stone wall built around the graves, which
Wall be four feet high and eighteen inches thick, and
paid for out of my estate, lastly it is my desire this land
be attached to and constitute a part of my will to all
intent and purposes this 15th day of November 1852

Daniel Lee

Signed sealed and published
in our presence and we have
subscribed our names here
in the presence of the testator this
15th day of Nov 1852

John T. Wilson

Proven and ordered to be recorded at the County Court
November Term 1853 George Cunningham Clerk