Will of Edward Bright

Bedford County, Virginia: Will Book 1, pp. 482-483

In the name of Almighty God - whereas I Edward Bright of Bedford County State of Virginia am far advanced in Years & sickly in Body, yet thanks be to God of sound Memory, I think proper to make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament in form & Manner following.

First and principally hoping through the Mercy and Merits of my Savour Jesus Christ to have full pardon & forgiveness of all my sins so as to inherit the Eternal Kingdom of God.

My Body I desire to be decently buried according to the Discretion of my Executrix or Executors, an then it is my Will and Desire that all my Just Debts be paid and discharged.

It is my Will and Desire that my Wife Mary Ann Bright be left in the full Possession of my whole Estate, Real & Personall (sic) while she stays on the Plantation whereon I now live, but whenever she sees cause to leave sd Plantation and Land and to move elsewhere, then it is my Will and Desire that my Grandson Charles Bright son of my son Charles Bright take Possion (sic) of sd Plantation and Land Containing One Hundred twenty acres to whom I give it then or else at the Decease of my sd. Wife Mary Ann, to possess as his Real Property forever. The rest and Residue of my Estate of whatever name it may be, it is my Will shall be equally divided between my sd Wife and my Son Charles Bright excepting what is hereafter to be bequeathed and for them two to hold and possess their respective Shares as their real Property forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my five Daughters Viz. – Mary Gaddey, Rebecca Woodward, Sarah Woodward, Mildred Watts, and Eleanor McKinney Twenty five Shillings Sterling between them Five Jointly.

Item, I constitute my wife Mary Ann to be Executrix and my son Charles Bright & Joseph Poindexter to be my Executors of this my Last Will & Testament. Witness my Hand and Seal this Second day of July one thousand seven Hundred & Eighty four.

Edwar Bright (seal)

Signed & Sealed
In presence of us
Philip Jacob Irion, John (his mark) Gregory, Sally (her mark) Gregory

At a Court held for Bedford County the 25th day of October 1784.

This Last Will & Testament of Edward Bright dec^d Was proved according to Law by the Oaths of Philip Jacob Irion & John Gregory Witnesses thereto Subscribed & Ordered to be Recorded, and on the Notion of Mary Ann Bright, Charles Bright, & Joseph Poindexter the Executors therein named who made Oath thereto, & together with Edmond Cobb their Security entered into & acknowledged Bond in the Penalty of Five Hundred Pounds Conditioned as the Law directs Certificate is granted them for obtaining Probate in due form.

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Genealogical Analysis Will of Edward Bright

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- Edward Bright
 - o Resident of Bedford
 - Died between 2 Jul 1784 and 25 Oct 1784
- Heirs
 - Mary Ann Bright (wife)
 - Executor
 - Charles Bright (son)
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 - Charles Bright (grandson)
 - Son of Charles
 - Mary Gaddey (daughter)
 - Rebecca Woodward (daughter)
 - Sarah Woodward (daughter)
 - Mildred Watts (daughter)
 - Elenor McKinney (daughter)
- Property
 - o 120 acre plantation
- Executors
 - Mary Ann (wife)
 - o Charles (son)
 - Joseph Poindexter
- Probate
 - o 25 Oct 1784, Bedford County, VA

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