

his appointment of the said

returned and ordered to be recorded

from

Test Thompson Swann & Co.

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Hill of the County of
Cumberland and Parish of Littleton in the Colony of Virginia
being weak in body but of perfect and sound mind and memory
thanks be to Almighty God therefore ^{do} make and ordain this my
last Will and Testament in manner & form following that is to
say first and principally I commend my soul into the hands
of Almighty God who gave it, hoping through his mercy in
Christ my Saviour to obtain full pardon & remission of all my
sins, and a joyfull resurrection at the last day and my body to
be buried at the discretion of my Executors in a decent manner.
I furthermore declare that all my just debts and funeral charges be duly paid.

Item I give and bequeath to my sons Thomas and William all my
lands in Bedford County, to be sold by my executors at any
time and the money laid out in the lands for their use by an

equal

equal division, till they come of age to sell the said lands and let
the rents and produce be equally divided and before divided, and if
not sold before they both come of age then my desire is that there be
an equal division between them. I wish to be understood that my
desire is that it might be sold before if any opportunity offered and
the money laid for them in either in lands or otherwise, as my best
best their circumstances according to the discretion of my executors
and their directions.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas one Negro boy named Joe to be
delivered to him at the age of twenty one years or on the day of
marriage if under that age.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth, one Negro Girl named
Kate, to be delivered to her at the day of marriage or the age of twenty
one years, with all her increase to her and her heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Joyce, one Negro Girl named
Amy, to be delivered to her on the day day of marriage or at the age of
twenty one years, with all her increase, to her and her heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son William, one Negro boy named Sam-
son to be delivered to him, either on his day of marriage, or at
the age of twenty one years.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Joseph one Negro boy named Bob to

be delivered to him, either on his day of marriage, or of twenty one years.

Item, I give and bequeath to my son Thomas one horse cart called Sweeney, folded last Spring, & to be delivered to my said son when fourteen years old.

Item My will and desire is, that my executors give out of my estate as their discretion two feather beds to my daughters Elizabeth and Joyce, to each one, on the day of marriage, or of the age before mentioned, as shall seem to serve their necessity.

Item My will and desire is, that my executors shall deliver to my son William, out of my estate, as soon as he shall arrive to the age of fourteen years, one riding horse, of each size and value as shall at that time best suit them, and the circumstances of my estate.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Joseph all that land whereon I now live with all and singular the appurtenances, to be delivered to him after the death of my wife Hannah, and not before, to be after her death to him and his heirs for ever.

Item my will and desire is that my beloved wife Hannah Joseph and enjoy all the land whereon I now live, with all the appurtenances, until the death of the said wife, to be given to

...mentioned, with all household furniture during
...until my son Joseph arrive to the age of 5
...years, and by no means that the said Negroes be taken off
the said plantation, or put to any other use but to help & assist
my wife in rearing my children, till the said Joseph comes of
age. Then my will and desire is that there be an equal
division of my estate, between ^{my} wife and all my children, allowing
her an equal child's part to be first lent to her during her natural
life, & after her death to be again divided among my children
as before.

Item My will and desire is (notwithstanding what is mentioned above)
that my Negro woman named old Jenny, be lent to my wife
during her life and not taken into the first division, but that
she shall ^{have} the first of her during life over and above her said
child's part of the first division.

Item I give and bequeath to my brother John Hill one certain tract
of land lying in Halifax County on Catawba creek entered for
by Mege, & patented to me, containing four hundred acres to him
and his heirs for ever.

Item My will and desire is that my executors deliver to my son
Joseph so soon as he is the age of fourteen, one horse, with

Joseph as soon as he is the age of fourteen, one horse, such as shall best suit him and the Circumstances of my estate according to their discretion.

Item My will and desire is that if either of my Children before mentioned, should die under age, that then whatever legacy is given to him, or her, by this Will shall return into my estate and be lent ^{to} my ³ Wife as the other for the use of the surviving Children.

Item My Will and desire is that if either of the Negroes given to either of my said Children as a legacy, should die before the child to whom mentioned comes of age or marries, that then my executors deliver to such child out of my estate another Negro of the same Value or as near as can be according to their judgment.

Item My will and desire is that all perishable goods and Chattels belonging to my estate, and such as can best be spared according to the discretion of my executors be sold to the best advantage, and the Money arising from such sale with all Collections of debts due to me I desire should be laid out on Rents, and lent to my wife as before directed, to be kept together for the support and raising of my Children.

Item my will and desire is that if there were a female named Jenny
and she be born to any my child or children, that
during my existence shall have her maintenance as shall best
sute her and them at that time under the same restrictions, &
only for her life and then to return into my estate as before
directed.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my good friends Henry
Macon John Strange and Charles Barber, and my beloved
wife Hannah, whole and sole executors and executrix, of this
my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former will
or wills by me heretofore made, and declaring this to be my
only true and last will and testament. In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty ninth
day of November one thousand seven hundred and seventy
two.

Signed Sealed and published

Joseph Hill d.d.

In the presence of

Joseph Starkey
John Burston

Stephen Woodson

At a court held for Cumberland County 22nd February 1773

John Burton

Stephen Woodson

At a court held for Cumberland County 22nd February 1773.

This last Will and testament of Joseph Hill deceased was
proved by John Burton and Stephen Woodson two of the witnesses
therein and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of Charles
Barker one of the executors therein named who made oath
according to law certificate is granted him for obtaining a
probate thereof in due form giving security whereupon he
with John Langhorne and George Harrington junior his
co-executors entered into bond with condition according to law and
liberty is reserved to the other executors to join in probate.

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At a court held for Cumberland County 26th May 1777.

On the motion of Henry Macon one of the executors in this will named
who made oath according to law certificate was granted him for obtaining a
probate thereof in due form giving security whereupon he with Daniel
Allen his co-executor entered into bond according to law.

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