

In the Name of God Amen, the first of January Anno Domini 1674. Nicholas Hill, of the County of Wright in Virginia, being at present in health, & of sound & perfect mind, & memory, praised be the Lord! will notwithstanding, yet my self, the vicissitudes of Death and the uncertainties of the time, when God shall be my present Disposer: I declare my last will as followeth. That is to say first & principally about all earthly things, I commit, my soul, to Almighty God, my maker, and to his Son: Jesus Christ, my only Saviour, & Redeemer; By whose bitter Death & passion, I hope, & steadfastly believe, to be saved; my Body I commit to the earth, from whence it came, to be decently buried; as near as may be, to my dearest wife, & children and for such worldly goods, & state, which with, I hath pleased God, to endow me; my debts & funeral charges being first paid, & discharged; I have & dispose of the same, as followeth: (First) I give & bequeath unto my dear & well beloved wife, Elizabeth; All that my plantation, I now live upon, situate in the above said County of Wright, vizt all & singular the appurtenances (vizt) the house, Orchards, buildings, other, & gardens thereto belonging; being bounded, by the old East path, that goes from the Mill, belonging, to Mr. George Hardy towards the Church. And the swamp commonly called, the Meadows, yet liberties to make use of any timber for building & repairing, upon the said plantation that shall: upon any pt, of the land, I thought of (vizt) William Bernard deposed, making no waste; To be held & enjoyed, by my said loving wife, or her assigns, for and during the term: of her Natural life: After my said house & orchards, in repairs, and from & ymmediatly after, the death, or departure, out of this life, of my said loving wife, I give & bequeath the said plantation so bounded with the appurtenances, thereto belonging; & also mentioned wth all the woodland ground on the West side of the said meadow swamp. To a valley, being the head of, a branch, that runs, from the said Meadows to the Southward, of Mr. Richard Briggs; And by the said Mr. Briggs, & Mr. Edward Burdmore, land, unto my said loved son, Richard Hill, & to the heirs of his Body, lawfully begotten;

I give & bequeath, all my land, house, orchards, gardens, plantations, wth what appurtenances, thereto belonging; bounded, from the aforesaid East path, that goes from the above said Mill, towards the Church to the head of Laurel Creek, & so along the Swamp, that goes, from the head of the said Creek, to the said Mill, with all that part of wood land ground, remaining, about six acres or thereabouts, that I purchased, of Mr. Walter Hume deposed; being on the North side of the head, of the said Creek, in Henry County, unto my son: Ralph Hill, & to the heirs of his Body, lawfully begotten; And further it is my will, that part of my land, all Blackwater I give unto my loving son; Ralph Hill & to the heirs of his Body, lawfully begotten; I mean: all the land from John Vagons Bridge, towards Little Georges Branch his land, being a good of land, between Branch and William Mills, his land;

I give & bequeath, unto my son: George Hill, and to the heirs of his Body, lawfully begotten, all the woodland ground, which the aforesaid branch, between Mr. Briggs, & Mr. Burdmore's plantation, & the old East path, that goes from the head of Blackwater, being the bounds, between the land of Mr. Baron bought, of Thomas Hume, & my land, to be held and enjoyed, by my said son, & his said heirs for ever; Also my will & desire is, that my son George Hill, ymmediatly after the death of my loving wife, or sooner if she shall, possibly & enjoy all the land, house, orchards, gardens, plantations & appurtenances, remaining in a patent, of sixteen hundred & fifty acres of land, signed, by the Right Hon: Sir William Berkeley, & granted to me, & my loving wife, now living & assigned, him & him, in the 11th of the 1st of the County, being all a place, commonly called, the Fort, & running for breadth, downwards, towards Vagon Creek, to the last possible, & enjoyed by him, & the heirs of his Body lawfully begotten for ever;

I give & bequeath, unto my loving wife, Elizabeth, two Negroes (vizt) George & Sarah, to be by her possessed, & enjoyed during her Natural life, & after her death, to be held & enjoyed, by my loving son George Hill, & his heirs, wth the usual increase, after the death, of my said wife, except she think fit, to give the said Negroes to some person;

Item I give unto my son: George Hill, one: Molate Bay, named Edward to be to him & his heirs for ever.
 But if my said son, George dy: without issue, then I give the said Molate, Bay to my son Anth: Hill & his heirs
 Item, I give & bequeath unto my son Ralph Hill, one: Negro man, named Tong: to serve him four years, after
 my death, or departure, out of this life. And all the expiration, of the said four years: the said Tong to have
 good cloathing & be set free /

Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter: Mary Hill: Eight thousand pounds of tobacco: & last: to be paid as followeth
 (first) three thousand & last: the next day: after marriage three thousand: the twentieth of December the year
 following, & two thousand pounds of tobacco: & last: the 20: of December following, up the Month, that was
 her mother's, & her wedding: day But if my said daughter Mary dy: & leave no issue, leaving behind her
 before the two last payments, are made, or either of them, and in that case the said payments, or either of them to
 be void & not recoverable /

Item I give unto my daughter Martha, one: yearlitt month, that I bought of M^r. Thomas Gould Dorset /

Item I give & bequeath unto my lowmige: wife, my share: Dower: & what money or things she shall possess at
 all the time of my departure, out of this life, Also I give & bequeath, one: third part, of all & singular my goods
 chattells, realt: & of all other my estate, realt & personal, whatsover: not before heron given, unto my lowmige
 wife, & the rest of my estate, whatsover: I give unto my sons & lowmige children, George Hill, Martha Hill
 Mary Hill, Anna Hill, Richard Hill & Elizabeth Hill, to be divided between them, to each an equall
 Moities & proportion /

Item I give & bequeath unto my lowmige: son: Nicholas Hill: Five thousand pounds of tobacco: & last: to be paid from all
 small payments: that is to say: two thousand pounds of tobacco: the next shipping, and for yearly: till he be
 satisfied the said sum: but if my said son, do manage the first payment: well, & improve it: then it shall be in
 his discretion, of my other sons, to lett him have more tobacco, to make up of, as they shall think fit /

Item I give & bequeath unto my lowmige son: Ralph Hill: Five thousand pounds of tobacco: & last: to be paid from the next
 shipping, towards the furnishing himself, up household necessities, for house keeping: to be looking after and
 settling, in the managing, of this point: & now putting up: up all rest & industry /

Item It is my will & desire, that my land being, all the: Hartwater, and goods of my wife: be sold, towards the payment
 of my debts, the rest I leave to the discretion of my other sons /

Item It is my will, that the Negro woman, be disposed of, & sold by my lowmige wife, if she think fitting: & give no
 share to her: but: /

Item I do: give unto my lowmige: wife, and to her heirs: children all my lands, money, goods chattells, not mentioned in this my
 will: any waies due or belonging, to me, either in England or foreign: my three children, by a former wife, & her
 an equall proportion, & share, of what may fall to me, in this way /

Item I do: ordain & appoint my sons and lowmige wife, to be whole & sole executor, of this my last will & testament
 for all that part, of my estate, which shall belong, to her & her heirs children /

It is my further will, that the legacies given, by Major: Generall Bennett, & last: unto my lowmige wife, & her
 children, belong unto her & her children /

