

unto my wife, Susan Merritt the following Negro
boy and maid by the name of Alfred, one woman
by the name of Merced, and one by the name
of Sarah, also all my household & kitchen furniture together
with all of my out standing debts of every description
with some more that may be due to me from any firm
or person, to her her heirs & assigns forever she just
paying or causing to be paid all of my honest &
just debts.

Secondly, I leave unto my wife Susan Merritt
my Negro maid Kings during her natural life, after
it is my Will that be the said Kings belong to
John Merritt Perry the son of Benjamin S. Perry

In Witness whereof I the said John Merritt here
to this my last Will & testament set my hand and
seal the day and year above written

signed, sealed published & declared

by the said John Merritt, the

testated as his last Will & testament
in presence of us who were present

at the time of signing & sealing thereof
George Dill
M. B. Bell

Barren County Court

February term A. D. 1848
The Within last Will of John Merritt deceased
was proved in open Court and in due form of law
by the Oaths of George Dill and William B. Bell
the subscribing Witnesses thereto. and ordered that
said Will be recorded

A true copy

W. R. R. R. R.

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In the name of God. Amen

I Buckner H. Hill, of the County of
Hartwell State of North Carolina, being of sound and
perfect mind and memory (blessed be God for the same)
on this twenty seventh day of February, in the A. D. one
thousand eight hundred & forty four, (1844)
do make and publish
this my last Will and testament, in manner following,
that is to say,

First, I give and bequeath, unto my beloved wife
Hope Hill, during her natural life, only, all of my estate
of every description, real, personal, household & kitchen
furniture &c. and after the death of my wife Hope
Hill, to descend to my nephew, Edward Hill, his heirs
and assigns forever.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to the heirs of my brother
John Witham and Elatus May & Parnell, Twenty shillings
each.

Thirdly, It is my Will and desire that all of my just
debts be paid, out of my property above bequeathed.
Fourthly & lastly, I hereby make and ordain my nephew
Edward Hill, executor of this my last Will and
testament. In Witness whereof, I the said Buckner
H. Hill, have to this my last Will and testament
set my hand and seal, the day and year above
written.

signed, sealed, published, and declared, by
the said, Buckner H. Hill, the testator as his
last Will and testament, in the presence
of us who were present at the time of
signing & sealing thereof
Nathaniel Mason test

Joseph B. Mason

B. H. Hill (Seal)

