

In the Name of God Amen.

I Bennett Hill of Franklin County & state of North Carolina being in health of body & sound mind & memory for which blessing I thank God also considering the uncertainty of this life do make & ordain this my last Will & testament in manner & form following —

115 I commend my soul to God who gave it hoping for a happy resurrection thro' the merits of my blessed Saviour. my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors and as to my worldly estate I give in the following manner —

116 It is my will & desire that all my Just debts be paid and that my Executors sell a tract of land lying in Lenoir County west of the Mountains and such other part of my estate as they may think proper sufficient to discharge the same without an order of Court.

117 I give devise & bequeath to my sons to them & their heirs for ever all my lands in Franklin County and one other tract in Northampton County adjoining Pollock to be equally divided among them by three men to be appointed by my Executors for that purpose

Item. My will & desire is that after my Just debts
are paid that my wife Martha Hill keep the
whole of my estate both real & personal together
for the purpose of raising & cloathing & schooling my
children & maintenance of herself and children
untill she shall marry & in case she shall
marry my will & desire is that my wife Martha
Hill draw an equal part of my personal estate
with my children then living to her & her heirs
for ever and that the remaining part of my
personal estate continue together in one stock
for the benefit of my children till the eldest
child arrives to be married or either of them
marry then my will & desire is that the part
of my estate then being undivided shall be
divided into as many lots as there shall be
children living & such child arriving to
lawfull age or marrying to draw an equal
part with the other children as their portion
of my personal estate to them & their heirs for
ever, & then the remainder to revert into one
stock to be divided & drawn for by lots, as
the rest of the children shall marry or come
of age, in the manner as before mentioned

Item My will & desire is that my wife Martha
Hill have the use of my dwelling House
with the out house together with fifty acres
of land adjoining thereto also one hundred
acres of land that I purchased of Mr. Ann
Copples during her widowhood

Item Also I nominate and appoint my friends
Jordan Hill & John Thomas Executors of
my wife Martha Hill executrix to this
my last will and testament hereby
revoking all others. In Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my
seal this 6 Day of December A.D. 1791
Signed sealed & acknowledged
In presence of —

James Nesbitt, Benn A. Hill

Thos Conger
Ben Lockhart