

agree after my death.

Item: I hereby annominate and appoint my sun Marke Strickland fully and solely my executours to my last will and testament in manner also my will is that if it should happen that I should die when there was a crop on the ground that Marke Strickland should have full power to devise with Hardy Strickland as my self agreeable to our bargain which is half of every thing that that is made on the land. In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and assign this my last will and testament this 18th day of August, 1788.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced
by said Strickland to be his last
will and testament in presents of us

his
Jacobx Strickland (Seal)
mark

Edward Nicholson
his
ChristopherxTaylor
mark

his
WilliamxByrd (or Burden)
mark
Nash County

May Term 1790.

The within will was in open court duly proven in open court by the oath of Edward Nicholson and subscribing witness thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest. Wm Hall, C.C.

And is registered in obedience to the above order.

Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.

In The Name of God, Amen. I Isaac Hilliard of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

Imprimis: That is to say, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Leah Hilliard one bay mare called Dottereal, a Roan Horse, a bright bay mare called the pacing mare and her colt also ten cows and calves, five three years old steers, six sows and pigs, twelve ewes and eighty pounds specie to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son James Hilliard all my lands lying on the south side of the watersee river in the State of South Carolina, the bounds may be seen by the deed for the same; also one Bed and furniture and one set of pistols to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Isaac Hilliard seven hundred and fifty acres of land more or less, lying in Northampton county it being the land and plantation I own in the Overseer Meadows it is part of Farm survey also the still worm and cap I bought of William Whitehead and one bed and furniture to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son John Hilliard the lands and plantations I bought of James Bell, Robert Pyland and all the rest of my

land adjoining the aforesaid two tracts lying on the north side of the deep bottom branch then running ^{the} course of a small path from the head of said branch to the open pond to William Wright's line; also three three hundred and twenty acres of land more or less, it being the upper part of the ~~said~~ land I bought of Henry Stevens and one feather bed to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item:- I give and bequeath to my son Robert Carter Hilliard the two tracts of land I bought of Joseph Mathews also three hundred and nineteen acres of land it being the lower part of the land I bought of Henry Stevens likewise seventy five acres of land (more or less) it being the land I bought of Thomas Wilson and one bed and furniture to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Henry Hilliard four hundred and forty eight acres (more or less) of land on the south side of Swift Creek known by the name of the James Griffins place also fifty acres of land more or less that I bought of Benj. Whitfield also another tract of land containing three hundred and forty eight acres more or less bounded by the lands of John Jones, John Melton, the land where the widow Thomas ~~was~~ formerly lived and my own land; likewise two hundred and ~~seventy~~ ^{twenty} five acres of land more or less lying in northhampton county then adjoining the lands of Doctor Peete and one bed and furniture to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son William Hilliard ^{all the} ~~the said~~ ^{Jersey Bettle and Isaac Talbot and one bed and furniture} lands I purchased ^{of Thomas Horn} to him his heirs and assigns forever. ^{Item: I give and bequeath to my son Henry Hilliard the land I purchased}

of Thomas Horn, to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Davis five hundred pounds specie and no more of my estate to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Hilliard one bed and furniture, a hunting saddle and bridle to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Hilliard one bed and furniture to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my natural son Isaac Dortch six hundred and forty acres of land more or less ^{lying} ~~being~~ on both sides of pigbasket creek to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Be it remembered that if either of my own lawful begotten sons should die before they arrive to the age of twenty one years or has a lawful heir lawfully begotten by his ~~bed~~ ^{bed} then I give the lands bequeathed to him to all my surviving lawful begotten sons to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I lend to my wife Leah Hilliard one third part of the land and plantation where on I now dwell, and one third part of another sure

vey adjoining the manor plantation containing six hundred and twenty seven acres (more or less) also the following negroes to wit Toney, Jeffry Jimmy, ~~Edga~~ ^{Hagar}, Young, Minor, Violet, Daphney, Bandy, ~~Sep. Adair~~ and Billick likewise all the remainder of my household and kitchen furniture and at her death I give all the lands I lent her to my son James Hilliard to him his heirs and assigns forever; and the other estate I lent my said wife I give to eight of my children viz: James, Ann, Isaac, John, Robert Carter, Henry, Wm. and Martha Hilliard to be equally divided among them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath all the residue of my lands ~~not~~ ^{already} bequeathed all the residue of my lands not ^{already} bequeathed to my son James Hilliard to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate of whatsoever kind to eight of my said children to wit. James, Ann, Isaac, John, Robert Carter, Henry, William and Martha Hilliard to be equally divided amongst them by the discretion of my executors hereafter named, without selling any thing whatsoever to them their heirs and assigns forever. My will and desire is that there shall be meat and corn laid in sufficient for the use of the family for one year.

Item: If my wife Leah should not choose to dwell in my mansion house where she now does, I then give her two hundred pounds specie to build her a house.

I do constitute and appoint my wife Leah Hilliard my son James Hilliard my brother in law, ~~and~~ Henry Crawford and my cousin Simon Jeffries executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of June one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

Isaac Hilliard (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in presence of William Mearnes, Benjamin Sandeford
William Jellis.
William Jellis

Nash County

August Court 1790

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of William S Mearnes and Benj. Sandeford two subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.

and is registered in obedience to the above order.

Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.

Be it remembered, that at the death of my wife Leah Hilliard, I give all the increase of the negroes I have lent to my said wife to eight of my children to wit, James, Ann, Isaac, John, Robert Carter, Henry, William + Martha Hilliard to them their heirs and assigns forever. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of June, 1790
Witness: W. S. Mearnes
Benj. Sandeford, William Jellis. Isaac Hilliard (Seal)