

In the sacred name of God Amen.

I, John Hill of the State of North Carolina and County of New Hanover, planter, being weak of body but of sound and disposing mind, do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner, and form following, That is to say, Impremis. My earnest desire is and I hereby direct that my just debts be paid as soon after my demise as possible. Item. To my son William Hill, I give negro woman Ola Elzy, and a negro man called Isaac, hereby confining unto the said William, the negroes and other slaves heretofore given him, which is his full proportion or dividend of my personal estate. Item. To my son Thomas Hill and his assigns, I give the following negroes, then their future issue and increase, viz, Garry, Horace, Gypsy, Lewis, Sandy, Dempsey, little Phillis, Judy, little Hannah, Charles, Abigail, old Perpsie, blue, Louisa, old Hannah, & Ireland. Item. My will further is and I direct that all the rest of my negroes (the Carpenters only excepted) be kept together, on the plantation whereon I now live commonly called Fairfields, to work the same for the benefit, support, advantage and maintenance of my two younger children John Hill and Catharine Ann Hill until my son shall arrive at full age or my daughter, should marry; on the happening of either of which events my will is and I hereby direct that the rest and residue of my negroes not before given or bequeathed, be divided, set apart and given unto my children in manner following. I give to my daughter, Eliza Hill, now Lord, the following negroes on the coming of age of her husband William to Lord, or in case of his demise before that period, (which I pray, God may otherwise order) immediately, viz, Primus, Elzy and her child Polly, Peggy, Dick, Sampson, Ellich, Buea, House Hannah, old Horace, Roxana, and Sophia. Item. To my son John Hill and his assigns the following named negroes, Ford, Andrew, Linnus, John, Jacob, Mingo, old Phillis, Nancy, Mary and her child Amy, Kelly, Diana, and Patience. Item. To my daughter Catharine Ann Hill her heirs and assigns the following negroes, viz, Pompey, Birtue, Betsey, Statia, Robert, Harriet, little John, little Perpsie, Joe, Chatham, Hannah and little John. The real estate I may be possessed of, my will further is should be thus divided in manner following, viz, Between Napsy, creek and Braggs creek, and bounded by the river, also the Holden lately surveyed and platted, being part of Fairfields plantation. Also two acres land laying round about, and most contiguous to house lately built by William Hill and also one acre at the Chalk Landing adjoining, however, to my son Hill the use of said landing in common.

I give, devise and bequeath to my son William Hill, his heirs and assigns forever,
 Item. To my son Frederick Jones Hill, to him his heirs and assigns forever, I give the two rice fields known by the name of the Swamp fields containing about forty acres, also the strip of land laying directly behind and to the eastward of said fields within the present fence also all the low ground adjoining the said fields and to the southward of them, situate, lying and being between their banks and my brother Doctor Nathaniel Hill's banks, on the east side Bragg's creek, which is my southernmost line of the low grounds, together with all the lands laying to the southward of the branch, opposite and at some distance from the front of my dwelling house, and the several lines of my brother's lands, all which join my southern line
 Item. All the rest and residue of my plantation, not already given to my sons William Hill and Frederick Jones Hill, I give, devise and bequeath to my son Hill, his heirs and assigns forever,
 Item. To my daughter Catharine Ann Hill, I give and devise to her her heirs and assigns forever, the houses and lots at present tenanted by Mrs. Charles Jones, together with the brick houses in the same yard, and all other outhouses and grounds included in the deed of George Blethwell and wife to me; (not heretofore given by deed in trust to John Lord and my son Frederick Jones Hill for the use of my daughter Eliza Lord)
 Item. My will further is, that all the rest of my estate, stock, as well horses, horned cattle, sheep and hogs, together with all my household and kitchen furniture and perishable estate of every description (my plate only excepted) which I desire may be divided between my son John Hill and my daughter Catharine Ann Hill share and share alike, shall be sold as soon after my demise as possible, together with the crop on hand; the proceeds to be applied to the discharge of my debts as far as they may call for; the surplus if any, then to be divided between my several children and lastly. I do hereby nominate and appoint my brother, Col Thomas Hill executor to this my last will and Testament and I do also hereby appoint my son Frederick Jones Hill, my son in law William B Lord, and my son Hill, together with the former, executors of this my last will as they shall respectively arrive at age.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of May Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and twelve
 Signed, sealed, published and declared to be the last will and Testament of John Hill in our presence and in presence of each other,

John Hill (Seal)

Land Sworn

The following is intended as a Memorandum of things not before recollected or as a Codicil to the last Will and Testament of John Hill of New Hanover County, which I trust my children will consider equally binding.

My Western lands or the Warrent I am entitled to as an Officer in the Revolutionary Army, I give and bequeath to my two sons William and Frederick, Jones Hill, to them and their heirs forever. The funds arising from my claims on my grandfather's estate in Boston I wish to be appropriated as follows. One third I wish retained especially to meet my bank instalments to be used to the discharge of my debts generally, My books, the Domestic Encyclopedia to my son William; Russell's Modern Europe to F. Hill; The British Classics and Henry's England to my son John. My Spectacles I leave to my brother, Thomas Hill as a sincere pledge of brotherly affection.

Witnesses present
Wm. Scuslock
Thos. J. Davis

John Hill. Seal

New Hanover County } County Court
February Term 1813

The execution of this Will of John Hill being exhibited to Court, and it being proved by three creditable witnesses, that the same was in the handwriting of the said deceased: It was ordered to be recorded; At the same time the Codicil to the said Will being proved by Thomas J. Davis one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Attest

Thos. J. Davis. Clerk