

After her death I give & bequeath to said negroes to my son William Lawrence Hilliard & his heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath my said riding horse unto my sister Anne Hilliard & her heirs & assigns.

Item My will & desire is that if my son William Lawrence Hilliard die before he is of lawful age or without issue, that after my just debts, expenses & all my negroes & their increase be equally divided between my two Brothers Isaac Hilliard & Elias Hilliard & my Sister Anne Hilliard.

Item I give & bequeath & my desire is to give to William Roach power, directing maintaining of him the sum of twenty seven pounds proclamation money & have my will desire is that if any debts should be against my Estate more than my Stock of Hogs & Cattle such as will be sold at the discretion of my executors my Vendable Estate will be able to discharge that then my will & desire is that the three following negroes viz Andrew, Jordan & Kate that were before given & bequeath ed to my son William Lawrence Hilliard be sold to discharge the same.

and I do hereby nominate & appoint Osborne Jeffers Henry Dawson executors of this my last will & Testament & do renounce & make void all former wills by me made & other I have to be my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twelfth day of February one thousand seven hundred forty four. signed sealed interlined before me and witnessed the tenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred forty five. James Hilliard & present

Henry Dawson Robt Ruffin Henry Hart  
between the 24th & 25th time the world to him his heirs & assigns  
forever interlined before sealed & signed witness he also myself interlined  
in the place due interlined James Hilliard

Attest P. Henry Dawson Robt Ruffin Henry Hart  
for it is known unto all men by these presents that James Hilliard of North Carolina  
of Washington County, have made & sealed my last will  
testament in writing bearing date the twelfth day of February  
one thousand seven hundred forty four. I the subscriber Hilliard  
do by this presents Codicil Confirm & Ratify my said last will

& testament & do give & bequeath unto my brother Isaac Hilliard & his heirs  
of mine lying in Suffolk Park in Edgecombe County known by the name of  
Goff's Plantation Containing four hundred & forty acres of land  
to him his heirs forever. Also my Plantation containing six hundred  
& forty acres lying on Hilliard's Big Basket to him this his portion.  
I give & bequeath unto my brother Elias Hilliard five hundred and  
twelve acres of land & of mine joining the said Elias Hilliard's Plantation  
& Phillip Gibbons the same more or less to him his heirs  
& assigns forever. And I do hereby nominate & appoint my brother Isaac  
Hilliard & his wife the aforesaid Osborne Jeffers & Henry Dawson  
and my will & meaning is that this Codicil or Sub-Codicil be adjudged  
to be part & parcel of my will last made & Testament & that all things  
herein contained & intended be faithfully & truly performed & done  
fully and amply in every respect as if the same were to be read  
set down in one said last will & Testament. In witness whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the twenty first  
day of February one thousand seven hundred forty four.  
Signed sealed interlined before me and witnessed the tenth day of March in the year  
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred forty five. James Hilliard & present  
William Cotton Thomas Saunders, Esquire & Edward  
albion interlined before sealed & signed before the death of James Hilliard  
on Hilliard's Big Basket to him & his heirs forever.

Suffolk County, plough Court 1744. James Hilliard  
the witness aforesaid of James Hilliard deceased was exhibited into  
Court & sworn on the oaths of Henry Dawson, Robt Ruffin  
two of the subscribing witnesses to the Codicil was present  
on the oaths of Thomas Saunders one of the witnesses, at the same  
time Henry Dawson & Isaac Hilliard were qualified executors  
thereof, which on notice was given to be certified to Record  
Title John Edwards Clerk

William Blount Hill

In the name of God I the above named William Blount of North Carolina &  
County of Mecklenburg am very sick & weak but thanks be to God  
afforded & disposing mind & memory & calling to mind the un-  
certainty of this transitory life am willing to make this my last

in manner of my following, first I beseeche my soul to almighty god that gave it me and my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors & after my just debts are paid I give & dispose of my estate as followeth.

Item I give & bequeath to my loving wife Grace my two negro Servants called Dick and Luash <sup>also</sup> Heather & doth further intitute her their heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Anne Ruffin my negro Willard Called Peter to her their heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Grace & all my negroes Call'd Muller to her their heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Anna Ruffin & Grace Hill all the money both gold & silver that shall have to be equally divided between them in equal portions to them their heirs.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Grandson Honest Hill my Plantation whereon I now dwell & all the land therunto belonging for three hundred & forty five acres more or less to him their heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my Grandson Tom Ruffin two hundred acres of land situate in Edgecombe County in a swamp Called Sappingy Swamp whereof he did his best to him their heirs forever.

I give to my Grandson Nathan Bodie my Plantation whereon he now dwells in Edgecombe County & all the land therunto belonging to him their heirs forever.

Item I give to my Grandson Tom Bodie three hundred acres of land that joins the land before given to Nathan Bodie in this in a branch called on the long branch to him their heirs forever.

Item I give to my Grandson Willis Bodie three hundred acres of land lying above the land given above one & yours George Pollock's line at Valentine Edwards, Raynes & New Minburns to him their heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath all the rest of my estate of what ever kind that is not before given to be equally divided among my several Grandchildren that I have not given my lands to to them their heirs &c also I do nominate & appoint Grace Hill & Robert Ruffin Executrix of this my will

Revoking & disannulling all former wills or wills by me made & then & then to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & sealed my seal this twenty eighth day of July one thousand seven hundred & fifty eight. William <sup>Branch</sup> signed sealed in the presence of.

Seth Davis, Solomon Atston jun. Andrew Taylor  
Northampton County, p February Court 1765.

The subscriber did of William Branch deceased as aforesaid in Court before  
David & Andrew Taylor two of the subscribers witness being Isaac & Abram  
Atston jun the other evidence being out of this Province, William Bellamy  
& Henry Dawson being sworn Depo<sup>t</sup> say that the aforesaid Name Abram  
Dawson & Solomon Atston jun. Evidence to the said will is their proper  
hand writing, Gran Hill & Robert Ruffin Executors to the said  
will proved the same according to law and were qualified to  
execute the same; which on motion was ordered to be Certified & Recorded.

Pete P. Woodward Clerk.

Northampton County, p August Court 1765.

In witness whereof will of William Branch deceased as aforesaid  
is drawn in open Court by the oaths of Solomon Atston jun. a  
subscribing witness, which on motion was ordered to be Certified  
& Recorded,

Pete Miller Somes Esq<sup>r</sup>.

### BENJAMIN Sharter Hill

In the name of God Amen. I Benjamin Sharter of the Province of North Carolina & County of Northampton, being weak in a declining condition do make this my last will & testament in case of my falling sick.

I do command my soul to almighty God the giver & my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named & incouching securely Estate I give & bequeath as followeth.

I give & bequeath unto my loving Brother James Sharter one hundred & twenty dollars likewise ten pounds Cash to him his heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my loving Brother George Sharter & David Sharter two hundred & acres of land more or less to be divided between them, to them their heirs & assigns forever & thence.