

Deat. & xth of November. A.D. 1755.

James Hall for and
signed sealed & delivered in presence of us the undersigned
Mag. Gray idest Thos. Daniel & Thos. Daniel
Northampton County August Court 1744. The within written
Wills of James Hall last deceased was published into Court
and read on the oath of Daniel Threkat one of the subscribing
Witnesses Threkat. at the same time. Peter Hall was grateful
Witness Threkat of which an motion was ordered to be signed
and recorded. Witnesses. Threkat & Threkat & Threkat

James Williams Will

In the name of God amen James Williams of the Province of North
Carolina & County of Northampton, thanks be to almighty God,
being in a bad state of Health but of sound mind & disposing man
my & calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life do make
I ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following Verbs
First I bequeath my soul to almighty God that gave it me & my
body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors my
affidavits estate I give & bequeath as followeth.

I give & bequeath unto my son William Lawmance Williams the
Plantation whereon I now dwell, Containing two hundred
acres with all the appurtenances thereto ^{belonging} & called my Plantation
known by the name of the hogpen creek. Containing four
hundred acres, be the same more or less, and also my Planta-
tion whereon my mother now dwells containing one hundred
acres, I give & bequeath to my son William Williams, also three
hundred acres of woodland joining the last mentioned
Plantation likewise my Plantation that formerly belonged
to Richard Mills Containing one hundred fifty acres that
I purchased of my brother William Williams to him his heirs
& assigns forever.

I give & bequeath unto my son William Lawmance Williams
of my Plantation lying & being in the Province of North Carolina
in the late river that my brother William Williams,

purchased of James Mearns Containing two hundred acres of land
be the same more or less & likewise that Plantation of mine contain-
ing one hundred fifty acres of land more or less that my brother
William Williams purchased of Barnaby Pope & also a tract or
Parcel of Land that I purchased myself of William Pratt join-
ing the said last mentioned Plantation Containing sixty one
acres more or less to him his heirs & assigns forever.

I give & bequeath unto my son William Lawmance Williams
the said last mentioned Plantation Containing sixty one
acres more or less to him his heirs & assigns forever.

I give & bequeath unto my son William Lawmance Williams the
Plantation whereon I now dwell, Containing two hundred
acres with all the appurtenances thereto ^{belonging} & called my Plantation
known by the name of the hogpen creek. Containing four
hundred acres, be the same more or less, and also my Planta-
tion whereon my mother now dwells containing one hundred
acres, I give & bequeath to my son William Williams, also three
hundred acres of woodland joining the last mentioned
Plantation likewise my Plantation that formerly belonged
to Richard Mills Containing one hundred fifty acres that
I purchased of my brother William Williams to him his heirs
& assigns forever.

I give & bequeath unto my son William Lawmance Williams
of my Plantation lying & being in the Province of North Carolina
in the late river that my brother William Williams,

my Will & desire is that if my son William Lawmance Williams
dies without issue or before he shall arrive at the full & lawful
age of twenty one that then I give & bequeath the said
Plantation whereon I now dwell, Containing two hundred
acres with all the appurtenances thereto ^{belonging} & called my Plantation
known by the name of the hogpen creek. Containing four
hundred acres, be the same more or less, and also my Planta-
tion whereon my mother now dwells containing one hundred
acres, I give & bequeath to my son William Williams, also three
hundred acres of woodland joining the last mentioned
Plantation likewise my Plantation that formerly belonged
to Richard Mills Containing one hundred fifty acres that
I purchased of my brother William Williams to him his heirs
& assigns forever.

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

Item I give & bequeath my parcel riding horses unto my sister Anne Hilliard & her heirs forever.

Item My will & desire is that if my son William Lawrence Hilliard die before he is of lawful age without issue, that after my just debts ~~are paid~~ & all my negroes & them 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 for ever Educating maintaining of him the sum of twenty five pounds & to be paid in money & shall my will & desire is that if any debts should be against my Estate more than my Stock of Hops & Cattle such as will be sold at the discretion of my Executors & my perishable Estate will be able to discharge that then my will & desire is that the three following negroes viz London, Susan & Kate that were before given & bequeathed 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 & this I do to be my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twelfth day of February one thousand seven hundred & sixty four signed sealed & delivered in presence of James Hilliard, Robert Henry Dawson, Robert Jeffers, Henry Hart.

between the 24th & 25th time he wrote to him his heirs & assigns forever interested before sealed & signed in the so he accordingly intended in the above death interlined James Hilliard

Witness Henry Dawson, Robert Jeffers, Henry Hart.

So it known unto all men by their presents that James Hilliard of North Carolina & Northampton County, have made & declared my last will & Testament in writing bearing date the twelfth day of February one thousand seven hundred & sixty four. I the said James Hilliard do by this presents Codicil Confirm & ratify my said last will.

Statement & bequeath unto my Brother Isaac Hilliard the sum of money lying in his pocket in Northampton County known by the name of Griffiths Plantation containing four hundred & thirty acres more or less & thirty acres lying on Hilliard's Pig Barchet to him this heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Brother Elias Hilliard five hundred and ten acres of flood lands of mine joining the said Elias Hilliard's Plantation & Phillips & in barrow in the same more or less, to him his heirs & assigns forever. And I do hereby nominate & appoint my Brother Isaac Hilliard & do with the aforesaid Osborne Jeffers & Henry Dawson and my will & meaning is that this Codicil or Schedule be read & judged to be part & parcel of my said last will & Testament & that all things herein contained & mentioned be faithfully & truly performed & as fully and amply in every respect as if the same were so declared & set down in my 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 & sixty four signed sealed & delivered in presence of John Hilliard & seal William Cotton, Thomas Saunders, Jeremiah ^{his} Swann & do hereby intended before sealed & signed between the sixth & seventh line lying on Hilliard's Pig Barchet to him & his heirs forever.

Northampton County, August 1st 1764 James Hilliard

The within written will of James Hilliard and seal be read into Court & proven on the oaths of Henry Dawson, Robert Jeffers two of the subscribing witnesses thereto the Codicil was proven on the oaths of Thomas Saunders one of the witnesses, at the same time Henry Dawson & Isaac Hilliard were qualified Executors thereof, which instrument was read to be certified & recorded.

John Edwards Clerk

William Edwards Hill

In the name of God a man William Edwards of North Carolina & County of Northampton am very sick & weak but thank be to God of sound & disposing mind & memory & calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life am willing to make my will.