

Said F. Hill shall hold the said property to the sole & separate use & benefit of my said daughter Francis Jane Hardin, and that if the said Joel F. Hill, at any time, thinks proper, he may lease all or any part of said property for such time as he deems prudent, in the possession of my said daughter, Francis Jane, and thereby let her have and enjoy the labor, use and benefit thereof, but if the said Joel F. Hill shall deem it more prudent, not to lease any or all of said property in the possession of my said daughter Francis Jane, then & in that case, the said Joel F. Hill shall hire out said property & annually pay over all the profits and proceeds thereof to my said daughter Francis Jane. And at the death of my said daughter Francis Jane Hardin my will is, that all of the said property with all the increase thereof and all the profits & proceeds of the same that may be due & unpaid over to my said daughter by the said Joel F. Hill at the time of her death shall go to & be equally divided between the children of the body of my said daughter Francis Jane Hardin, share & share alike. But in case my said daughter Francis Jane Hardin should die without leaving any children of her body living, then & in that case my will is that all of said property with all the increase thereof & all the profits & proceeds aforesaid shall go to & be equally divided between all the rest of my children.

Seventh - I will & bequeath unto my son James L. Hill
Negroes David and Abram

Eighth - I will & bequeath to my son Thomas S. Hill, Negro
Dexter

Ninth - I will & bequeath to my son Laurence H. Hill
Negroes John & Nancy

And lastly I nominate, constitute & appoint my sons
Joel F. Hill and Caleb Hill Executors of this my last
will & Testament - In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & seal, this 1st day of February 1856.

Signed, sealed & delivered in
the presence of

J. F. Reddick

Elijah Lutter

Joel Hill (Seal)

December Term 1857.

The execution of the last will & testament of Joel Hill deceased
of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open
Court by the oaths of Elijah Lutter & John F. Reddick sub-
scribing witnesses to the same & ordered to be recorded

Ind. Hill. c.c.

The last will & testament of John Brown of Stokes Co. N.C.
I John Brown considering the uncertainty of this mortal
life & being of sound mind & memory do make & publish
this my last will & Testament in manner & form following

First - I desire that all claims due my Estate shall be
collected also that my present crop of Tobacco shall be sold
out of the proceeds of which I desire all my just debts to
be paid & the remainder if any to be equally divided
between my daughters, Elizabeth & Labosha. Second I
give & bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Emily & her increas-
ance, Bird, Lee, & Noah. Thirdly I give & bequeath unto
my daughter Labosha, 14amp. Amelia & her increase
Charles & James. I do further give & bequeath unto my
daughters Elizabeth & Labosha my tract of land situated
being & lying on the waters of Peters Creek adjoining the
lands of Hughes, 14arbor & others, containing four hundred
acres more or less to be equally divided between them, if
they can not agree on a division of the same it shall be
divided by two disinterested free holders, chosen by them
as jurors. I do hereby further provide that no division of
my Estate shall take place until the expiration of three years
but that the slaves shall be kept on the farm & made to work
the same & the proceeds of the farm soon enough to support the
hands shall be sold & divided equally between my daughter

I do here by give & bequeath unto my daughters, one
hundred & fifty Acres more or less of land adjoining the lands
of Hughes, Harbor. Seals & my home tract (it being an entry
made by my self which has not been cleared out from the
office but which I desire my Executor to do) to be equally
divided between them. Lastly I here by appoint my