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To my daughter Elizabeth who intermarried with Jordan Parish, two hundred dollars.

I further will that the residue of my estate not herein bequeathed be sold by my Executors hereinafter named & the proceeds arising therefrom, together with all the money remaining on hand or in anywise due or owing to me be equally divided among all of my children, slaves and slaves alike -

And lastly, I make, constitute and appoint my friends John Hill & Samuel B. Allen to be Executors of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, this 7th day of July 1857 in the presence of
 James S. Green his
 Mrs. W. Wilson mark

September Term 1857.

The execution of the last will & Testament of John Smith Esq. deceased (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oaths of James S. Green & Mrs. W. Wilson, subscribing witnesses, thereto ordered to be recorded.

John Hill, ex.

in the name of God, amen.

I John Hill of the County of Gates in the State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind & memory, do make, publish & declare the following to be my last will & Testament, viz:

First - It is my will that my beloved wife Abby live upon and enjoy the profits of my home plantation & all the adjoining tracts of land belonging to me on Panther creek during her natural life, and after her death that said lands descend to my three sons, James S. Hill, Thomas B. Hill & Lauriston H. Hill.

It is further my will, that after the payment of my debts out of the property not herein specially bequeathed, that my said wife Abby use & enjoy the residue of the same as long as she may live, and that whatever may remain after her death of the same be added to the lands thereof be equally divided between my sons Robert W. Hill, Joel F. Hill, Caleb Hill, James S. Hill, Thomas B. Hill & Lauriston H. Hill and my daughters, Elizabeth Blackburn & Frances Jane Hardy, Slave & Slave alike.

Second - I will bequeath & devise to my son Robert W. Hill, negro Albert & Alexander and the forty five acres of land I bought of land B. Allen. Also an entry of forty acres, more or less adjoining the said Allen tract -

I have already given to my daughter Abby Covington, negro Lewis & Let and executed title to the same.

I have also given to my son John G. Hill negro Edmund, to whom he has title - I will then nothing more -

Third - I give to my daughter Martha Hutton, negro Elizabeth Stephen -

Fourth in addition to negro Harmon, her to bequeath to my son Joel F. Hill. I give him and his girl Abby -

Fifth - I will & devise to my son Caleb Hill negro Patrick & Ellen, and the Elliot tract of land. Also the Holland tract of land adjoining the same, on condition that he make title to my son Robert W. Hill of the hundred acres of said land which I heretofore bequeathed to him -

Sixth - I give to my daughter Elizabeth Blackburn negro Turkey & her children Harriet & Mary -

Seventh - I give & bequeath unto Joel F. Hill to hold to him said property & all their income to the world beforementioned benefit of my daughter Frances Jane Hardy who intermarried with one James M. Hardy, during the term of her natural life, negroes Sally & Nettie. My will & desire is, that the said

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Said T. Hill shall hold the said property to the best advantage
on behalf of my said daughter Francis Jane Hardin; and
that if the said Sd. T. Hill, at any time, thinks proper, he may
place 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 Sd. T. Hill shall deem it more prudent,
not to place any or all of said property in the possession of my
said daughter Francis Jane, then & in that case, the said Sd.
T. 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 Sd. T. 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. There & there alike. But
in case my said daughter Francis Jane Hardin should
die without leaving any children of her body her surviving,
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 T. Hill
negro David and Abram

Eighth - I will & bequeath to my son Thomas D. Hill, negro
doctor

Ninth - I will & bequeath to my son Lauriston H. Hill
negro John & Nancy
And lastly I nominate & constitute I appoint my sons
Said T. 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 Luttle

W. W. Hill
S. Hill *Seal*

December Term 1857.

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

S. Hill. exec.

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 of any to be equally divided
between my daughters Elizabeth & Laoda. Second I
give & bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Emily & her increase
one Bird, Lee, & Noah. Thirdly I give & bequeath unto
my daughter Laoda, Hamp, Amelia & her increase
Charles & James. I do further give & bequeath unto my
daughters Elizabeth & Laoda my tract of land situated
being & lying on the waters of Peters Creek adjoining the
lands of Hughes, Harlan & 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 freeholders chosen by them
selves. 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 produce of the farm save enough to support the
hands shall be sold & divided equally between my daughters.

I do hereby give & bequeath unto my daughters one
hundred & fifty acres more or less of land adjoining the lands
of Hughes, Harlan. Soley a my home tract (is lying on 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 hereby appoint my