

GA.028 SOME WILLS OF THE HILL FAMILY IN WARREN COUNTY,
GEORGIA, SOME WHO ARE STRONGLY BELIEVED TO BE
RELATED TO THE ROBERT HILL 3/ FAMILY OF HALIFAX
COUNTY, GEORGIA.

Entered in February of 1992 by Robert R. Hill of Brandon,
Fla.

Source: From a photostat copy of the original will provided
by Mrs. Hamlet of Georgia.

WILL OF HENRY HILL

In the name of God, Amen, I HENRY HILL being weak in body but
of sound memory, blessed be God, do this Eight day of August
in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and One
(8th August 1801) make and publish this my last will and
testament in manner following:

First, I bequeath to my brother BENJAMIN WILLIAMS my Negro
fellow named George and a note of hand for Eight Pounds that
I have against my said brother BENJAMIN WILLIAMS. (see note
below).

Also I give and bequeath to ASA CHAPMAN my Negro fellow named
Will, with all my blacksmith tools.

Also I give and bequeath to TABITHA CHAPMAN my house and bed
and all the money that I am possessed of by Book Accounts or
any otherwise, and I make and ordain my Trusty and beloved
friend ABNER CHAPMAN the Executor of this my last will &
testament and I do hereby utterly revoke disannul all and
every other former testaments, wills and legacies by me in
any ways named, ratifying and confirming this and no other to
be my last will and testament.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day
and year above written (8th August 1801)

SIGNED/ HENRY X HILL (LS)
his mark

Signed, Sealed, Published & Delivered by the said Henry Hill
as his last will & testament in the presence of us:

A. Grier
Robert Grier

Comments on the above will by R. Hill: This Henry Hill seems
to have been a single man and obviously had very close
relations with the Chapman family. By naming Benjamin
Williams as brother, he was probably referring to his
"Brother in Law." Such a terminology was often used in these
early times.

Now, in NC, David Chapman married Tabitha Hill 4/, daughter of Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha. Some of their children are known to have come to Georgia. I don't think that there is any doubt that these Hills of Warren County, Georgia and the Chapmans, also of Warren County, Georgia, will eventually connect into the Robert Hill 3/ & David Chapman families of Halifax County and Chatham Counties of N.C.

The Benjamin Williams mentioned in the above will married Elizabeth Ivy on the 13th of June 1816 in Warren County, Georgia. Since it has been established that a Green Berry Hill married into the Ivy Family in Georgia, it could be this Henry Hill was part of his line. (Just speculation for now).

Reference to the Tabitha Chapman in the above will: Information from Fuqua Foundation says Tabitha Chapman was daughter of John Chapman and that she married Neil Ferguson in 1805 in Warren County, Georgia. The listing for her as daughter of John Chapman is very questionable as she was not named as a daughter in his Will proved on 14th December 1798 in Warren Co., Ga.

WILL OF ROBERT HILL

Probated on 7th Oct. 1825

GEORGIA)
WARREN COUNTY)

In the name of God Amen, I ROBERT HILL of the county & state aforesaid, being of sound & disposing mind & memory, do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following, that is to say:

First, It is my will & desire that all my just debts together with my funeral expenses be fully paid & discharged by my Executors hereafter named-

I do give and bequeath to my son JAMES HILL two Negroes Allen a Negro man (and) Dolphin a boy.

I do give and bequeath to my daughter SARAH HILL two Negroes, a man by the name of Landon (and) a girl by the name of (Lilney??).

I do give and bequeath to my daughter TEMPE, Vance (AND) Darden, two Negroes (and) a woman by the name (of) Dilecy and a boy by the name of Barney.

I do give and bequeath to my son BENJAMIN HILL two Negroes, one by the name of Redick, a man and one by the name of Syntha, a girl (sic).

I do give and bequeath to my son SION HILL two Negroes, one by the name of Isum??, a man and one by the name of Sabny??, a girl.

I give and bequeath to my son ROBERT HILL two Negroes, one by the name of Willy, a man and one by the name of RICHMOND??, a boy, one bed & furniture together with one half of the plantation tools also one half of the cows & hogs & one half of the oxen & carts.

I do give & bequeath to my son ABNER HILL two Negroes, one by the name of Charles, a boy & one by the name of John, a boy, one bed & furniture, together with one half of the plantation tools, also one half part of the cows, hogs, one half of the ox carts & oxen.

I also give to my son SEABORN HILL two Negroes, one by the name of Jude, a girl and one by the name of London, a boy, one bed & furniture also the tract of land whereon I now live, containing two hundred & ninety acres, more or less, also one sorrel horse called (LAM??), the household & kitchen furniture.

Further, I do give & bequeath to my three sons, BENJAMIN HILL, ROBERT HILL JR. and ABNER HILL one tract of land lying in the County of Gwinneeth and state aforesaid (Georgia), containing two hundred & fifty acres in the Seventh District, known by (N (sic) might be Number??) Sixty Three, to be divided equally between the said BENJAMIN HILL, ROBERT HILL JR. & ABNER HILL.

And lastly, I do give and bequeath to my children, eleven Negroes (to wit) Sam, Kinch, Liz., Elbert, Bard??, Robin, Esther, Sophia, Mary, Mourning and Iseral, to be equally divided among the said children after my decease with the exception of two hundred dollars which I do give & bequeath to my daughter SARAH HILL, one hundred of the above mentioned (TWO HUNDRED) dollars.

I do give and bequeath unto my daughter TEMPERANCE DARDEN one hundred of the above mentioned (TWO HUNDRED) dollars.

I do constitute & ordain SION HILL & ROBERT HILL JR., my sons, the sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament.

Signed by/ROBERT HILL (LS)

Signed, sealed, published
& declared to be last will
& testament of the Testor in
the presence of us:
Elbert Darden
Henry W. Darden

John Harris

Georgia, Warren County)

We do solemnly swear that we saw the within named ROBERT HILL the testor, sign seal publish & proclaim in the within instrument of writing as his last will & testament and acknowledge the same of his so doing he was in our opinion of sound & disposing mind & memory and that in his presence and in the presence of each other and at the request of the testor you all become witnesses thereto SO HELP YOU GOD

Witness thereto Signed by/ John Harris
Elbert Darden
Henry W. Darden

Sworn to in open Court

7th of October 1825

Attest:

T. Franklin Court Clerk

Recorded 3rd December 1825

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: I suspect this Robert Hill may be a son of Abner Hill 4/ & Sarah Mathias of Chatham COUNTY, NC but this still has to be proved.

WILL OF SION HILL

(The son of the above Robert Hill).

In the name of God, Amen, knowing that it is appointed unto man once to die and being of sound mind and well disposing memory.

ITEM.. 1st It is my will for my burial expenses and all my just debts to be first paid.

2nd... I give to my beloved wife SUSAN HILL all the property both personal & real that I may dei(sic) seized and possess of during her widowhood or until the youngest child becomes of age, then in equal division between her and them. If she should die before the youngest child becomes of age, then an equal division between each of the children.

3rd... It is my will that my children should be raised in a God like manner and have a good plain education.

I hereby appoint my beloved wife my Executrix to carry this my last Will & Testament into effect.

Signed on the Thirteenth day of February A.D. 1839
(13th February 1839)

Signed by/SION HILL (LS)

Witness

Richard V. Asbury
Jesse M. Elliott
Elisha (X) Smallwood
his mark

GEORGIA

WARREN CO. You Jesse M. Elliott do swear that you saw the above named testor (Sion Hill) sign seal publish & declare this instrument of working to be and contain his last will & testament and at the time thereof he was in your opinion & belief of sound & disposing mind & memory & that he did it freely and without compulsion & that Richard V. Asbury & Elisha Smallwood was subscribing witnesses to the same with deponent & that all subscribed the same at the request of testor & in his presence and in the presence of each other to the best of deponent's belief.

Signed/Jesse M. Elliott

Sworn to in open Court this 14th January 1850.
Signed by/Patrick N. Maddix

Recorded January 28th 1850 for
P.N. Maddix CCO

Note: Susan Hill was once Susannah Lewis.

WILL OF WILLIAM HILL

Georgia)

Warren Co.) In the name of God Amen, I WILLIAM HILL of said state and county being advanced (of) age and knowing that I must shortly depart from this world, deem it right and proper both as respects (to) myself and my family that I should make a deposition of the property which a kind providence has blessed me, I therefore make this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all other (Wills) hereto made by me.

Item..... I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner, my soul I trust shall return to rest with God, who gave it as I hope for eternal salvation through the blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ whose religion I possess.

Item 2... I give and bequeath to my daughter WINIFRED LESTER & free (sic) from the disposition of her future husband should she marry my little mulatto girl Neoma between four and five years old, also my pleasure carriage and my plantation whereon I now reside, containing three hundred and eighty three (383) acres more or less known as the Stanback Place to her and her heirs forever.

Item 3... I give and bequeath unto my daughter VIRGINIA HABERT Three Hundred & Fifty Dollars to her & her heirs

forever.

Item 4... My will and desire is after paying all my just debts that the rest of my property both real & personal where so ever and what ever it maybe that it be equally divided between my son WADE HILL, (document was blacked out here do to exposure to light) deceased, ROBERT HILL, my daughter WINIFRED LESTER, VIRGINIA HABERT and (again document was blacked out due to exposure to light) of Vane Butt???? to them and their heirs forever.

Item 5... I constitute and appoint my friends JAMES (THOMAS?) & Thomas? Latimer Executors to this my last will & testament. Signed this 29th day of October 1847.

Signed Sealed & Published by WILLIAM HILL as his last Will & Testament in the presents of us the subscribers, who subscribed our names hereunto in the presents of said testor & of each other.

Signed by/WILLIAM HILL (LS)

John T. Jones
John R. Evans
Thomas L. Latimer

GEORGIA)
WARREN CO.) You John T. Jones & Thomas L. Latimer do swear that you saw the within named WILLIAM HILL sign seal publish & declare this instrument of writing to be and contains his last Will & Testament and that at the time thereof he was in your opinion and belief of sound & deposing mind & memory and that he did freely without compulsion and that John R. Evans was a subscribing witness to said will at the request of said testor in his presence and in the presence of each other to the best of your knowledge... SO HELP YOU GOD.

signed/John T. Jones
Thomas L. Latimer

Sworn to in open Court
2nd September 1850
signed by/Patrick N. Maddix

Recorded for Pat. N. Maddix CCO September 1850 by Max Maddix.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This William Hill came from Chesterfield County, Va.

Comments by Robert Hill:
The family of Robert Hill had very close relations with the Chapman family of Warren County, Ga. They also used the names of Abner, Sion.. indicating a probable connection to the family of Robert Hill 3/ (3rd generation) and wife Tabitha of Halifax Co., NC.

Robert 3/ had among his children, sons Sion 4/, Green 4/and

Abner Hill 4/ (4th generation). I strongly think that Robert Hill (of Warren Co., Ga) was a son of Abner Hill 4/ & Sarah Mathias of NC.

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