

L.012 THIS IS THE WILL OF LEONARD HILL, FOUND IN BOOK 6, PAGE 30, 1825 IN CLARK CO. KY. LEONARD HILL, WHO ORIGINALLY LIVED IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY, S.C., MOVED TO CLARK COUNTY KENTUCKY CA. 1788. THIS WILL WAS DATED 4TH JULY 1825 IN CLARK COUNTY KENTUCKY, AND PROVEN IN AUGUST 1825.

Obtained & Entered by Robert R. Hill Sr. in April 1987.

NOTES: The will is dated 4th July 1825. This is the same Leonard Hill who's wife was named Elizabeth and who lived in Fairfield County South Carolina. He sold land in Fairfield County to a Thomas Hill and his wife Judith before moving to Kentucky. Leonard Hill was said to be the brother of Moses Hill of Fairfield County by a genealogist named DeLorme of Columbia South Carolina.

It appears that at no time did a judge or Justice of Peace sign this will and therefore it is assumed that in Kentucky, (in this time period) it was not necessary for a Judge or J.P. to sign the will to make it legal, but that the Clerk of County signing was sufficient.

THE BELOW IS A TYPED COPY OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT:

In the name of God (Amen), I LEONARD HILL, of the county of Clark and State of Kentucky, being weak in body but sound mind and perfect memory (Blessed be the Almighty God for the same) do make, ordain and publish this Instrument of Writing, to be my last will and testament, in manner and form following ..?. 1st... I will and desire that my body be buried in a decent and certainable like manner and that all my debts be paid. 2nd...After the debts are paid, I will and desire and bequeath unto my daughter MARY WILLIFORD, who is the daughter of SUSANNAH DUNFORD, a Negro woman named "Jinny," a Negro woman named Hillis, a Negro man named Issac, a Negro man named Lewis and a Negro girl named Lucy, with the increase of the female (females) of them, to the said MARY WILLIFORD, during her natural life and after her death, to her children and heirs at law, equally, to be divided between (them?) forever. 3rd...I also will and bequeath to said MARY WILLIFORD, the plantation on which she now lives, say one hundred acres (100 acres), fifty acres of which I left to her and the other fifty acres thereof I sold to JAMES GIBSON in his lifetime, to her and heir children and heirs at law (that?) are near to claim or?....any of the residue of my Estate herein after mentioned. 4th... I will and bequeath to RACHEL DUNFORD, during her lifetime, one equal third part (one third) of all my Estate, both real and personal, except what I have herein before devised to MARY WILLIFORD and her children and my son MOSES HILL, who is also son of said RACHEL DUNFORD, (who) has the privilege of living with said RACHEL DUNFORD in the house I now live in, as long as said

RACHEL DUNFORD lives and the third part of my land, which I bequeath to said RACHEL DUNFORD, is to include the house which I now live in. 6th...(Is this 5 or did it start at the underlined part above?) After the death of said RACHEL DUNFORD, I will and bequeath that the third part of my Estate, which is given to ..(paper cuts off here)(her????) in this will, I give and bequeath to JOHN HILL, my said son of RACHEL DUNFORD, MOSES HILL my son and son of RACHEL DUNFORD and SARAH LILLIAN, my daughter and daughter of SUSANNAH DUNFORD, to them and their heirs FOREVER and equally to be divided between them. 7th...As to the other two thirds parts of my Estate BOTH real and personal, not herein before disposed of, I will and bequeath the same to said JOHN HILL, my son and son of RACHEL DUNFORD, MOSES HILL, my son and son of RACHEL DUNFORD and SARAH LILLIAN, my daughter and daughter of RACHEL DUNFORD and ELIZABETH (FOSTER?), my daughter and daughter of SUSANNAH DUNFORD, to them their heirs and assigns FOREVER (Paper cuts off here) and equally to be divided between them, I DO HEREBY REVOKE (DISANNUL) and make void all other wills and testaments by me here after at anytime made and do declare this to be my only true and last will and testimony WHEREOF I have here unto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 4th day of JULY 1825.

his
(SIGNED) LEONARD (X) HILL (LS)
mark

NB....Interlination made before Signed

Signed, Sealed, Acknowledged and Published in presence of...

Teste

RICHARD FRENCH
TANDY QUISENBERRY
THOMAS C. GREEN
AMBROSE BUSH

As a codicil or amendment to my last will and testament, which is on this sheet of paper, I hereby appoint THOMAS C. GREEN and TANDY QUISENBERRY, EXECUTORS to my said last will and testament, hereby declaring this codicil or amendment to be part of my last said last will, as witness my hand and seal, this 4th day of JULY 1825.

his
(SIGNED) LEONARD (X) HILL (LS)
mark

Teste

RICHARD FRENCH (First name underlined. WHY?)
AMBROSE BUSH

CLARK COUNTY October Court 1825
This last will and testament of LEONARD HILL, DECEASED, was produced in open court and proven accordingly to law by oaths

of RICHARD FRENCH and AMBROSE BUSH, WITNESSES thereto
 Subscribed, and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of
 THOMAS C. GREEN and TANDY QUISENBERRY, the EXECUTORS therein
 named, who made oath thereto as the law directs, Certificate
 is GRANTED them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form,
 giving Security where upon they, together with MOSES HILL,
 JOHN HILL, JOHN FOSTER and MATTHEW LILLAND entered into and
 acknowledged their bond in the penalty of \$ 20.00 ???(is this
 \$200.00??) conditioned as the law directs.

TESTE
 JAMES P. BULLOCK C.C.C. (Clark
 County Clerk?)

Note by R. Hill: Leonard Hill's wife (Elizabeth) signed a
 deed in S.C. but is not heard from again. Also notice that
 at no time did Leonard Hill name either Susannah or Rachel
 Dunsford as his wives, despite the fact that he stated they
 were the mothers of his children.

ACCOUNT OF SALES OF THE LANDS AND NEGROES BELONGING TO THE
 ESTATE OF LEONARD HILL (DECEASED) MADE 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER
 1825 BY THOMAS C. GREEN AND TANDY QUISENBERRY, AGENTS AND
 ATTORNEYS IN FACT FOR THE LEGATEES OF SAID LEONARD HILL
 (DECEASED) IN CLARK COUNTY, KENTUCKY.

Purchaser's names	Property sold	Amount
1. John Hill	one side of user leather	1.62 1/2
2. Samue (Samuel?) R-lembo(?)	27 1/2 acres of land on (Gore-s?) Creek at \$3.00	
	per acre	82.50
3. Nathan Williford	188 acres of land on (in?) Ky. Clark County at \$6.68	
	3/4 per acre	1257.25
4. John Hill	175 acres (195?) acres of land Madison Co., Ky. river at \$4.37 per acre	853.12 1/2
5. John Hill	Negro man (Matt)	310.00
6. Rachael Dunford	Negro man (Peter)	461.00
7. Mathew Lilland	Negro man (Willis)	425.00
8. Mathew Lilland	Negro boy (Alford)	515.00
9. Samuel (Hays?)	Negro boy (Louis)	401.00
10. Moses Hill	Negro boy (James)	300.00
11. John Hill	Negro Woman and one child (Ann)	556.00
12. John Hill	Negro boy (William) & girl (Elizabeth)	450.00
13. Matthew Lilland	one Negro woman (Uriney) and child (Carrol)	566.00
14. Matthew Lilland	two Negro girls (Mary & Emily)	503.00
		\$ 6881.00

15. John Foster	one girl (Astemesa)	430.00
16. John Foster	one girl (Evelina)	403.00
17. John Foster	one girl (Mahalea)	413.50
18. Rachael Dunford	one girl (Cassa)	446.50
19. Moses Hill	one girl (Bolley)	384.00
20. Racheal Dunford	one boy (Green?)	530.25
21. James Bush	one woman (Hannah)	81.25
22. Moses Hill	one woman (Senna?)	461.00
23. Matthew Lilland	one woman (Florah)	_102.50_
		\$ 10133.30 (?)

(SIGNED) THOS. C. GREEN Agents & Attorneys
TANDY QUISENBERRY in fact for the
legatees of
Leonard Hill (Dcsd)

Clark County July Court (1826)
The account of sales of the estate of Leonard Hill,
deceased, was produced in court and approved and
ordered to be recorded.

(SIGNED) Teste James P. Bullock
C.C.C.

Clark County Clerk

NOTE: Now in looking into the ACCOUNTS of SALES of land &
Negroes of LEONARD HILL, dec'd, which was made the 15th
December 1825 by Thomas C. Green & Tandy Quisenberry, Agents
& Attys.-in-Fact, for the Legatees of the said LEONARD HILL,
dec'd, of Clark County, Ky...

ITEM # 2, 27 & 1/2 acres on Gores? Creek @ \$ 3.00 per
acres, Samuel Ribelon purchased.

ITEM # 3, 188 acres on Kentucky River in Clark County @
\$ 6.68 & 3/4 per acre, purchased by NATHAN WILLIFORD
(probably husband of Mary Hill, dau. of Leonard Hill).

ITEM # 4, 175 acres (or 195 acres) purchased by JOHN HILL of
land located on the south side of Kentucky River in Madison
Co., Ky. (John son of Leonard Hill).

Slaves:

Matt, a man (prby elderly) Florah, a woman (prby elderly)
Peter, a man Hannah, a woman (prby elderly)
Willis, a man

Apparently LEONARD HILL had 13 slaves in 1810 (he was taxed
for that number) was a man of substantial means in Clark
County Ky. He was a large land owner from the acreage sold at
his death. Most of the men who were witnesses to his will and
also appointed Executors were from Culpeper County Virginia.

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