

NC.012 WILL OF JOHN HILL OF BERTIE COUNTY, N.C. FILED IN
BOOK "A" PAGE 85, DATED 12TH JUNE 1762.

Gathered & Entered by Robert R. Hill Sr. in May 1987.

Note by Rober Hill of Brandon, Fl: John Hill was a son of Isaac Hill 1/ of Chowan County, N.C., who died in 1710. Isaac Hill 1/ is thought to have been a son of Adam Hill of London but this has not been confirmed yet. As far as can be determined this Isaac Hill was not related to the Abraham Hill family of Nansemond County, Virginia or Chowan County, N.C. unless there was a connection of Isaac Hill 1/ to Henry Hill 1/ of Nansemond County, Va. who went to Chowan County, N.C.

Brothers and sisters of this John Hill 2/ were: Micajah Hill 2/ (Michael) who m. Elizabeth Collins; Isaac Hill 2/ m. a daughter of Lot Stallings; Nathaniel Hill 2/ m. Elizabeth Hardy and Martha Hill.

WILL OF JOHN HILL 2/.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I JOHN HILL, of the County of Bertie in the Province aforesaid being sick and weak of body but of perfect and sound mind and memory (Thanks be to God) Do make ordain constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit:

Imprimis. I give Demise and Bequeath unto my Loving son, WHITMELL HILL, six Negroes (viz) Neptune, Quazh, Peter, Polibius and Old Bess to him and his Heirs and assigns for ever, I likewise Give and Bequeath and Demise my said son WHITMELL HILL the plantation where on I now live with the land thereunto belonging known by the Name of Henderson's Folly, and Seven Hundred Acres of Land lying on the east side of the above land, in Cashy Swamp each of them to him his Heirs and assigns forever likewise an equal part of my money in trade after paying all my just debts.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Loving Daughter ELIZABETH HILL four Negroes (viz) Chloe, Hamlet, Phillis and Young Jack to her, her heirs and assigns forever, likewise an equal part of my money in Trade after paying all my just debts.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Loving Daughter MARY HILL four Negroes (viz) Pharriby, Jerusha, Mariar and March, to her, her Heirs and assigns forever likewise an Equal part of my money in Trade after paying all my just debts.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Loving Daughter

WINIFRED HILL four Negroes (viz) Penny, Patt, Ceaser, and Diny, to her, her heirs and assigns forever, likewise an Equal part of my money in Trade after all my just Debts is paid.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Loving Daughter SARAH HILL four Negroes (viz) Hope, Rachel, Little Bess and Boatswain, them and their increase to him and his Heirs and assigns forever, I likewise Give and Bequeath unto my son HARRY HILL, the Plantation whereon Garrard Van Upstall lived, with all Lands and another tract of land lying in Cashy Swamp, containing about 150 acres, beginning at a Large Pine, in Michael Thomas' line and running up the Swamp for the compliment (sic) it being part of Seven Hundred Acres out of which I have sold 200 acres to Thomas Houlder, joining his own land. I likewise Give unto my said son HARRY HILL all my lands in Roquis Islands and Pocosin joining the Tuskarora Indian Land, containing about a 1000 acres more or less to him his Heirs and assigns forever, I likewise Give to my said son HARRY HILL one Dozen of Leather Bottomed Chairs, one Walnut Desk and Book Case, one Dozen Large Silver Spoons, one Feather Bed and Furniture; and an Equal part of my money in Trade after paying all my just debts.

Item. I give and bequeath to the child my Wife now goes with if a son Two tracts of land in Granville County, lying on Bennett Creek, one containing 300 acres, the other 640 acres to him his Heirs and assigns forever, and Two Hundred Pounds to be raised out of the net proceeds of the sale of my third part of the Schooner Martha, but if the Third part of the said Schooner Martha does not net that then what is wanted of that Sum to be raised out of the Money I have in trade and likewise an equal part of the money I have in Trade after this sum of Two Hundred Pounds is taken out and all my just debts are paid; and likewise one Negro boy named TOM to him his Heirs and assigns forever; but in case the said child should be a daughter, then i give unto said child Two Hundred Pounds to be raised as aforesaid and to be laid out by my Executors hereinafter named in Purchasing Young Negroes as soon as they can be bought at a reasonable price, and likewise an equal part of my money in Trade after the aforesaid sum of Two Hundred Pounds is taken out and my just debts paid to her, her Heirs and Assigns forever and the Two tracks of land before mentioned lying in Granville County, I give unto my son HARRY HILL his heirs and assigns forever, but in case my son HARRY HILL dies before he arrives to lawful age or marries then all the lands, Negroes bequeath unto him (except the lands whereon Garrard Van Upstall lived near Francis Hobsons) to be equally divided between my four daughters, ELIZABETH HILL, MARY HILL, WINIFRED HILL, SARAH HILL and the child my wife now goes with, share and share alike to them and their Heirs and assigns forever and the Track of land excepted being that whereon Garrard Van Upstall lived, I give unto my son WHITMELL HILL his Heirs and assigns

forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my four daughter, ELIZABETH, MARY, WINIFRED AND SARAH HILL and the child my wife now goes with each of them one Feather Bed and furniture.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Executors hereinafter named all Lands in Granville County that is not here in before mentioned to be by them sold and conveyed in fee simple, and the money arising from the sale thereof to be by them applied towards paying, Discharging my just debts, and the overplus, if any, to be equally divided between my Four youngest children to be laid out in educating them and my Will is that my son HARRY HILL and the other youngest children be brought up and educated in the best Manner their Estates will afford.

Item. I lend unto my Loving wife, MARTHA HILL three Negroes, (viz) old Jack, Hester and Peter during her natural life, likewise all my stock of Horses (except a Roan Horse I give to my daughter ELIZABETH) meat cattle, hogs and sheep, during her natural life, and as long as she remains my widow, I lend her the following Negroes for the support of my Children (viz) Old Bess, Young Bess, Hope, Rachel, Young Jack, March, Bancus, Neptune and all my Household Furniture but in case she marries the eight last mentioned Negroes to be taken out of her possession by the Executors and likewise my children that may be there with her and the Negroes aforesaid to be employed for the use of those they are given to by virtue of this Will, and in case any children should die before they come to Lawful age or marry Except my son HARRY HILL, the deceased child's or children's Estate or Estates to be equally divided between the surviving children and their Heirs and Assigns share and share alike.

Item. It is my will and desire that all my European and West Indian goods and all my commodities and goods of EVERYKIND belonging to my trading stock be sold by my Executors hereinafter Named as they shall think proper so as to make the most advantage by them for my children here in before named.

Item. It is my will and desire that my Executors hereinafter named, make & acknowledge to Thomas Houlder, a deed of sale for 200 acres of land more or less, it being the upper end and part of a Tract that is here in before mentioned to my son HARRY HILL lying in Cashy Swamp joining the said Houlder's own line.

Item. Whereas WILLIAM WILLIAMS and myself have taken up three tracts of land lying in Roquist Islands & Pocosing, joining the Tuskarora Indian Line, and No Divisions yet made nor Deeds issued out the Earl Granvilles Office for the said

Lands which Deeds when issued will be in my name, my will and desire therefore is that my WHITMELL HILL give a Deed of Sale to the said William Williams for the one half of the said three tract of land. On his paying one half of all the expenses of taking up of said lands, in which said Deed my son WHITMELL HILL is only to warrant the said land from his heirs, Executors or Administrators or any person claiming for by or under him or them.

Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my Loving wife MARTHA HILL, my Loving son WHITMELL HILL and my well beloved friends THOMAS WHITMELL, WILLIAM GRAY & WILLIAM WILLIAMS Executor and Executors to this my Last Will & Testament, Hereby revoking and Disanulling all others heretofore by me made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal the 12th Day of June 1762.

Jn. Hill (SEAL)

Signed, sealed, Published and Declared by the said John Hill to be his Last Will & Testament in presents of us.

(The word "think" between the 2 & 3 lines of the 10th clause interlined before signed).

Will Cathcart
David Standley
Elizabeth Whitmell

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
BERTIE COUNTY)

I, W.L. LYON, Clerk of the Superior Court of said County, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Last Will and Testament of JOHN HILL, as the same appears of Record in Book "A" Page 85, et seq. Record of Wills, in my Office.

In Testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my official seal this 3rd day of January 1922.

(SIGNED) W.L. LYON (SEAL)
Clerk of the Superior Court

(SEAL)

"The members of the Governor's Council, sitting at New Bern in December, 1767, allowed MARTHA HILL her claim of FIFTY POUNDS for a Negro man, Bacchus, who was executed for rape in Bertie County and valued to that sum, as per the certificate of the Judges who tried him."

(Colonial Records of N.C., Volume XXII, Page 850)

Martha Hill was the widow of John Hill (died 1762) and the mother of Colonel Whitmell Hill 3/.

Notes: HENRY HILL 3/, son of JOHN HILL 2/ and MARTHA WHITMEL HILL was born on his father's plantation in Bertie County. He was called "HARRY" HILL. He was born ca. 1757 and died in 1795. He married Martha Williams and they had one son, JOSEPH JOHN WILLIAMS HILL, 4/ who was thrown from a horse and killed in 1808 at age 18. After the death of HARRY HILL 3/, his widow married Dr. Samuel Thorne of Butterwood Township, Halifax County. In 1789 WHITMEL HILL 3/ and HENRY HILL 3/ bought land in Bertie County. HARRY HILL 3/ was educated at William & Mary College in Virginia (Williamsburg).

The will of JOSEPH JOHN HILL 4/, HARRY HILL'S 3/ son, was probated in Halifax County, N.C. in May of 1809. He mentioned his dearly beloved Eliza Alston, Eliza J.W. Thorne, Rebecca E. Alston, Caroline W. Alston, Martha Thorne, Joseph John Williams Jr., of Halifax County.

Joseph John Hill (seal)

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