

R.033 THE WILL OF THOMAS HILL 4/ OF HALIFAX COUNTY, N.C.
& THE WILL OF HIS WIFE SARAH (ETHERIDGE) HILL.

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This Will dated 27th November 1787 and probated in August
Court 1789 of Halifax County, N.C..

THOMAS HILL WILL.

In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Hill of Halifax County and
the State of North Carolina, Planter, being weak of body, but
by the blessing of God, enjoying the perfect use of my
natural understanding, and considering the certainty of death
and the uncertainty of life, do on this Twenty Seventh Day of
November Anno-Dominy One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty
Seven--appoint this to be my last Will & Testament:

First of all, I commend my Soul unto the hands of the
Almighty God, which gave it, and my body to the ground, to be
buried in a decent manner according to the desecration of my
executors hereafter nominated, trusting that this merits of
our Savior, and the mercy of our God, that all my sins will
be forgiven and my Soul and body reunited and restored to a
life of endless happiness: And as to what Worldly goods it
has pleased God to bestow upon me, after all my lawful and
just debts are paid off. I give and bequeath as follows-
I leave my beloved wife SARAH HILL, One Thousand and Forty
Acres (1,040 acres) of land with the Manor Plantation lying
on the East side of Fishing Creek and Four Hundred and
Seventy Acres (470 acres) of land lying on the West Side of
said creek-and the still likewise fifteen (15) Negroes. VIZ:
Jack; Sidda; Hannah; Sawl; Daniel; Willes; Clars; Isham; Sam;
Peter; James; Jones; Sanna; Waush; Jinnea; Olopeg; and
likewise one Negro man named Matt, and likewise fifty (50)
head of cattle such as she shall choose, and all the horses
except the Stud horse that belongs to the Manor Plantation,
and all the hogs there at Ceasars. And all the sheep
belonging to the said plantation, and otherwise all the
household and kitchen furniture except one feather bed and
furniture and likewise all the money that is left after what
I leave to my children is taken away. I leave to her during
her natural life- and after my widow's death, I desire (that)
it may be equally divided between my sons THOMAS HILL and son
BENJAMIN HILL and son ROBERT HILL and daughter ELIZABETH
JONES and daughter MARY JONES, to them their heirs and

assigns forever.

ITEM...I give and bequeath to my beloved Grandsons, JAMES LONG & HENRY HILL LONG-Eight Hundred & Fifty (850) acres of land, lying (and) joining Thrower's line and Sampson's line and Thristy's line and One Hundred (100) acres called the Buffalow Bottom, to be equally divided between them, their heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM...I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter SALLY LONG, One Negro woman named Dinah, a boy Gibba, to her and her heirs forever-and likewise the increase of the said wench.

ITEM...I give and bequeath to my three Grandchildren, one Negro man named Cesar and Lewis, Adam, Abb, Moses, Aron, Silva, and Sokkey, to be equally divided between them when the youngest comes of age, to them their heirs or assigns forever. I likewise give and bequeath to my three grandchildren above mentioned, Twelve head of cattle, that is at my daughter ANNA LONG'S and eight head of cattle at Cesar's, namely four cows and four young steers, and three more Negroes namely Toney, Exum and Isaac, them and all their increases to be equally divided between them, their heirs or assigns forever.

ITEM...I give and bequeath to my daughter FANNA MCNEAL, one Negro woman named Priss, one Easter (sic..Esther??) and her child Dempase and Tiz and Ephiram, to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM...I give and bequeath to my Grandson, WILLACE (sic) ALSTON Two Hundred (200) acres of land lying on the North side of Fishing Creek, joining Phillip Alston's line and Burtsees to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM...I give and bequeath to my Grandson, THOMAS ALSTON, the son of SALLY ALSTON, Four Hundred & Twenty Five Acres of land, lying in the fork of Great Fishing Creek and Shoko, to him and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my two grandsons WILLICE (SIC) ALSTON and THOMAS ALSTON, half of the cattle that is upon the land on the said fork, to be equally divided between them, their heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM...I give and bequeath to my three grandchildren JAMES LONG, HENRY HILL LONG AND SALLY LONG four head of horses, namely one Perceon Mare at Cesar's and two Mares called "Old Peg" and "Young Peg," and a horse called "Valiant" to them and their increase to be equally divided between them, their heirs or assigns forever.

ITEM...I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter SALLEY MASON ALSTON, four Negroes, namely Rose, Bridget, James and Gibbs, to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM...I give and bequeath to my daughter MARY JONES, five Negroes, namely Peter, Viney, Simon, Nat, Ellick and one (sic) Negro girl, Tabba & Chana and One Hundred pounds of Virginia Currency, to her and her heirs forever, and I likewise give and bequeath to my daughter MARY JONES one Negro woman named Silva and her three children, the daughter of Old Harry to her and her heirs forever and one Negro named Sidra.

ITEM...I give and bequeath to my son THOMAS HILL one Negro named Jacob and one Silva, one Sanders, one Britain and young Henry and One Hundred pounds of Virginia currency and half the cattle on my plantation on Sandy Creek and one Negro man named Charles, also young Daniel Ellick, son of Daniel & Ben (sic) and one Grace and Joice (Joyce?) to him and his heirs forever and likewise the Blacksmith tools.

ITEM...I give and bequeath to my son ROBERT HILL one Negro man named "Limber Jack" to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM...I give and bequeath to my son BENJAMIN HILL all the land I hold joining on both sides of Sandy Creek and one Negro named "Old Harry" and "Old Pat" and Ned & Sam and Joe and Lucy and "Young Pat" and Peg and Ephiram and Olive and Siffa & Dicey and half the cattle on (the) plantation on Sandy Creek and One Hundred Pounds of Virginia Currency, and one Negro man named "Old Daniel," Olive, Len, and Peter, her son and file?? (sic) and Abraham, to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM...I give and bequeath to my daughter ELIZABETH JONES one Negro named Doll, one Johnson, One Ned, one Settice, one Beck, Millea, Penny, Will & Jerry, and One Hundred Pounds of Virginia Currency, one Negro called "Little Charles" and one Hager and one John, to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM...I give and bequeath to my son RICHARD HILL, five shillings to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM...I give and bequeath to my daughter ANNA LONG, five shillings, to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM...I give and bequeath to my daughter SALLY ALSTON, five shillings to her and her heirs forever.

item...I give and bequeath to my Grandson HILL JONES, Seven Hundred Acres of land at Peach Tree, lying of both sides of Bear Branch to him and his heirs forever, I leave all my cattle, horses, hogs, sheep not already disposed of to be sold and the money (is) to be equally divided between my five children namely, THOMAS HILL, BENJAMIN HILL, ROBERT HILL, ELIZABETH JONES AND MARY JONES, to them and their heirs and assigns forever-And I hereby Constitute and appoint my son ROBERT HILL and Edward Jones (Son in Law?) and my wife SARAH

HILL, Joint Executors of this my last will & testament, In
Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Day
& Year aforesaid (27th November 1787)

Signed by/ THOMAS (X) HILL
his mark

Signed, Sealed and Acknowledged in the presence of
James (x) Heath.
Thomas S. Hall.
Jno. Hervey.
Robert Jones.

HALIFAX COUNTY COURT SESSION AUGUST 1789
When this Will was Exhibited in Open Court, a Caveat having
been entered against the probate of the same the first day of
this Session, the matter being fully taken up by the Court,
and the Witness Sworn, the Court are of opinion the same be
admitted to probate whereupon the aforesaid Will was duly
proved by the Oaths of James Heath, Thomas S. Hill (Hall?),
and Robert Jones, three of the subscribing witnesses thereto
and Motion (was) Ordered to be recorded.

Test. WM. WOOTEN C.C.S.

THE WILL OF SARAH (ETHERIDGE) HILL, WIDOW OF THE ABOVE THOMAS
HILL 4/

Will dated 24th January 1791, no probate date given.

In the name of God, Amen, I, SARAH HILL of Halifax County and
the State of North Carolina, do ordain and make this my last
Will & Testament, in manner following viz:

I give and bequeath to my daughter SALLY ALSTON, one feather
bed and furniture and One Hundred Pounds in money.

I give and bequeath to my daughter FANNY MCNEAL, one feather
bed and furniture and One Hundred Pounds in Money.

I give and bequeath to my daughter NANNY LONG, one feather
bed and furniture and One Hundred Pounds in Money.

I give and bequeath to CHRISTIAN LASSITER one Colt called
"Quoshes Mares Colt."

It is my Will that everything else that I leave, that is my
property, to be equally divided between my three daughters,
SALLY, FANNY AND NANNY. I appoint my son ROBERT HILL and
Matthew Jones (son in law?) my Executors of this my last
will. In Witness my hand and seal this 24th day of January
1791.

Signed by/ SARAH (X) HILL (LS)
her mark

My Comments: It appears to me that this lady, who was apparently left a very large inheritance by her husband, Thomas Hill 4/, was mostly concerned about leaving legacies to the daughters rather than the sons. No legacies were left by her to ANY of the sons. The relationship to Christian Lassiter is not entirely clear, but it appears to me, based on research of the Loyy Etheridge & Tobias Lassiter families, that Christian Lassiter was a niece to this Sarah Hill.

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