

VA.024 THE WILL OF JOHN HILL OF ESSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA,  
(DATED 3RD AUGUST 1776 IN ESSEX CO. WILL BOOK 13, PAGES 61-  
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Gathered & Entered By Robert R. Hill Sr. in August 1988.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, I JOHN HILL of Southfarnham Parish  
County of Essex being sick and weak but of perfect mind and  
memory, Thanks Be Given To God, calling to mind the mortality  
of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to  
die- Do make and ordain this my last will and testament,  
principally and first of all, I recommend my Soul into the  
hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body to the earth  
to be buried in decent Christian burial at the desecration of  
my Executors, and as touching such worldly estate as it has  
pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give demise and  
despose of the same in the following manner and form---

I lend to my beloved wife BARBARY HILL all my estate Real and  
Personal-after paying my debts, without embarelment?  
(EMBARRASSMENT?), during her widowhood, and if my wife  
chooses to marry then to her only the third part of my estate  
during her life-

ITEM, I give to my beloved son RICHARD HILL all my part of  
land formerly belonged to my brother RICHARD HILL, to him and  
his heirs forever.

ITEM, I give my beloved son LEONARD HILL all the land and  
plantation whereon I now dwell to him and his heirs forever,

ITEM, I give to my beloved son JESSE HILL all my land and  
plantation I bought of William Watkins, to him and to his  
heirs forever,

ITEM, I give to my beloved daughter LUCY HILL Fifteen pounds  
to be paid her out of my estate at my decease I give my son  
RICHARD and LEONARD my still only it is my desire their  
mother shall have liberty to still her liquor in it freely  
during her life, and all the remainder of my estate to be  
sold and the money arising from such sale I give Twenty Five  
pounds more to my daughter LUCY HILL and then the balance to  
be equally divided between my four children before mentioned-

I appoint and ordain my beloved wife BARBARY HILL my son  
RICHARD HILL and LEONARD HILL, my Executors to this my last  
Will and Testament-WITNESS I have here unto set my hand and

seal the 3rd day of AUGUST One Thousand Seven Hundred and  
Seventy six-

signed by/ JOHN HILL (seal)

Signed sealed acknowledged in presence of  
William Webb  
Benjamin Fisher

Thomas Hill

At a Court held for Essex County at Tappahannock on the 17th  
day of February 1777

The last will and Testament of JOHN HILL, deceased, being  
presented in Court was proved by the Witnesses thereto and  
being also sworn to by the Executors on their motion, and  
their performing the Law in such case required a certificate  
granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste:

signed by/ John Lee (Clerk)

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