

VA.025 THE WILL OF LEONARD HILL (THE 3rd) OF ESSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA DATED 29TH MARCH 1756 (ESSEX COUNTY WILL BOOK 10, PAGES 102-103). HE WAS THE SON OF LEONARD HILL (THE 2nd) & MARY MICOU, AND THE GRANDSON OF LEONARD HILL (THE 1st) & WIFE (THE WIDOW BRYANT).

Entered by Robert R. Hill Sr. in August 1988.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I LEONARD HILL of the County of Essex and Parish of Southfarmham being sick and weak but of perfect senses so make this my last Will and Testament (Impminces?) I gives unto my brother THOMAS HILL Twenty Two Negroes named James, Will, Sarah, Pegg, Winny, Jack, Achillies, Aggy, Clara, Dick, Ronal (Ronald?) Kate, George, Sampson, Nanny, Hannah, John?, David, Alice, Ben, Sally, of (malt?) to him and his heirs forever,

ITEM, I give to my dear wife (Sarah?) all my estate both real and personal during her widowhood (and) in case she should be with child and have a son then I give my son all my lands I am possessed of with all my slaves.

ITEM, I give unto my two daughters MARY and ELIZABETH HILL Five Hundred Pounds current money of Virginia, each of them which said money shall be raised out of my estate AND to by payed them at the ages of Eighteen likewise they shall be maintained out of my estate till they arrive at the age of Eighteen (and) if my wife should be with child of a daughter, then my whole estate both real and personal shall be equally divided amongst my three daughters.

ITEM, I constitute and appoint my loving friends Richard Tunstall, Francis Smith and John Clements Gentlemen, my Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

signed by/ LEONARD HILL (SS?)

Signed sealed this 29th day of MARCH 1756 in the presence of..

John Clements (Herein interlined before)

Richard Johnson (signed)

Samuel Johnson

At a court for Essex County at Tappahannock on the 19th day of OCTOBER 1756 this Will was presented in court by Richard Tunstall and John Clements, Gentlemen, who made oath hereto according to law and on their motion of their conforming what the law in such cases require a certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate...thereof in due form and the said

will is continued till the next court for witnesses to prove it and at a court held for the said county the 16th day of NOVEMBER in the year aforesaid (1756) the said will was proved by the oaths of all the witnesses hereto and is admitted to record.

(Is truly recorded)

Teste. John Lee (Clerk of Court)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that we Richard Tunstall and John Clements, William Daingerfield and Obadiah Marriott, Gentlemen, are held and firmly bound to Francis Smith, Francis Waring, John Rouges, William Covington and Robert Brooker, Gentlemen, Justices of the Court of Essex County now sitting in the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds to the payment whereof well and truly to be made to the said Justices and their successors, we bond ourselves and each of us and each of our heirs, executors and administrators JOINTLY and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals this 19th day of OCTOBER in the year of our Lord 1756 and in the 30th year of the reign of our sovereign LORD GEORGE II.

THE condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound Richard Tunstall and John Clements, Executors of the last will and testament of LEONARD HILL, deceased, do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased, which have or shall come to the hands..possession or knowledge of the said Richard Tunstall and John Clements or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for them and the same so made to? exhibit into the County Court of Essex at such time as they shall be there unto required by the said court and the same goods, chattels and credits and all other the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, which any time after shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of the said Richard Tunstall and John Clements or into the hands possession of any other person or persons for them do will and truly administer according to law and further do make a true and just account of their actings and doings therein when thereto required by the said court and also shall and truly pay and deliver all the legacies contained and specified in the said testament as far as the said goods chattels and credits will thereunto extend

and the law shall charge. Then this obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue.

signed by/ Richard Tunstall (SS)  
John Clements (SS)  
William Daingerfield (SS)  
Obadiah Marriott (SS)

FOLLOWING RECORDED IN ESSEX CO. WILL BOOK 11, PAGE 170..

IN OBEDIENCE and pursuant to an Order of the worshipful the County Court of Essex bearing date of the 16th day of MAY 1758 we the subscribers have divided the slaves of LEONARD HILL (deceased) between his widow SARAH HILL and his two daughters MARY and ELIZABETH HILL and did assign to the said widow her dower in the said slaves which she took and accepted as will appear by a list by us-Subscribed hereto annexed but it appearing to us that there was not sufficient of the personal estate of the said LEONARD HILL in the hands of his Executors to pay his debts we did not proceed to

divide or meddle there with. Given under our hands this 24th day of NOVEMBER 1758.

signed by/ Francis Smith  
Thomas Roane  
Samuel Peachey

At a court held for Essex County at Tappahannock this 15th day of May 1759 this division of the slaves of LEONARD HILL (Deceased) was this day received and ordered to be recorded.

Test.

John Lee Clerk of Court

