

VA.027 WILL OF LEONARD HILL (THE 3rd) OF ESSEX COUNTY VIRGINIA. PROVED 19TH OCTOBER 1756. (WROTE ON 29TH MARCH 1756 IN WILL BOOK 10, PAGES 102-103.)

Gathered & Entered in July 1988 by Robert R. Hill Sr.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I Leonard Hill of the county of Essex and parish of South Farnham, being sick and weak but in perfect senses, so makes this my last Will and Testament

(WORD NOT LEGIBLE...ITEM?) I give unto my brother THOMAS HILL Twenty two Negroes named, James Hill, Sarah, Pegg, Winny, Jack, Achilles, Aggy, Clara, Dick, Ronal (Ronald?), George, Sampson, Nanny, Hannah, Jake, David, Ben, Sally and Walt, to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM...I give to my dear wife all my estate both real and personal during widowhood. 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 common money of Virginia and to each of them which (said?) money shall be raised out of my estate or to be payed them at the age of eighteen, likewise they shall be maintained out of my estate till the arrive at the age of eighteen. If my wife should be with child of a daughter then my whole estate, both real and personal shall be equally divided among my three daughters.

ITEM... I constitute and approve my loving friend, RICHARD TUNSTALL, FRANCIS SMITH and JOHN CLEMENTS, Gentlemen, my Executors of this my last Will and Testament. Signed and sealed this 29th day of March 1756.

(signed by) LEONARD HILL S.S.

In the presence of  
JOHN CLEMENTS  
RICHARD JOHNSON  
SAMUEL JOHNSON (Heirs interlined)  
(before signed )

At a court held 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 laws and on their motion and their performing what the law in such cases require a certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate....thereof in due

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

TEST.

JOHN LEE (Clerk of Court)

Is truly recorded.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that we RICHARD TUNSTALL and JOHN CLEMENTS, WILLIAM DAINGERFIELD and OBADIAH MORRELL, Gentlemen, are held and firmly bound to FRANCIS SMITH, FRANCIS WARING, JOHN ROUGES, WILLIAM COVINGTON and ROBERT BROOKES, gentlemen and Justices of the Court of ESSEX COUNTY now (sitting?) in the sum of TEN THOUSAND POUNDS to the payment whereof will and truly to be made to the said Justices and their successors, we bind 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, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED and FIFTY-SIX and in the 30th year of the Reign of our Lord GEORGE, the Second.

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 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 (so or??) exhibit into the County Court of Essex at such time as they shall be thereunto 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 or any time after shall come to the hands, possession of any other person or persons for them do well and truly Administer according to laws 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 verified and of (non a??) Effect or also to Remain in full force and virtue.

(signed by) R. TUNSTALL S.S.  
JO. CLEMENTS S.S.  
WM. DAINGERFIELD S.S.  
OBD. MORRELL S.S.

FOLLOWING IN WILL BOOK 11, PAGE 170 OF ESSEX COUNTY (DATED 16TH MAY 1758) ....

IN OBEDIENCE and pursuant to an order of the Worshipful, the County Court of Essex, bearing date of the sixteenth day of May One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Eight, we the subscribers have divided the slaves of LEONARD HILL, deceased, between his widow SARAH HILL and his two daughters MARY & ELIZABETH and did assign to the said widow her Dower in the said slaves, which she took and accepted as will appear by audit 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 therewith...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, the 15th day of May 1759, this division of the slaves of LEONARD HILL, deceased, was this day returned and ordered to be recorded.

TEST.  
JOHN LEE JR. (CLERK)

