

VA.030 THE WILL OF JOHN HILL OF ESSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
(PROVED 17TH FEBRUARY 1777. WILL WROTE & DATED 3RD
AUGUST 1776. (WILL BOOK 13, PAGES 61-63).

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

NOTE: This John Hill was a brother of Leonard Hill (the 1st) and Richard Hill. He was the father of Leonard Hill (the 4th), uncle to Leonard Hill (the 2nd), great uncle to Leonard Hill (the 3rd).

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I JOHN HILL of South Farnham Parish in the 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 that 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 discretion 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 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 TO MY BELOVED SON all my part of land formerly belonged to my brother RICHARD HILL, to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM...I give to 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 (and) I give my sons RICHARD HILL and LEONARD HILL 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 all my four children before mentioned. I appoint and ordain my beloved wife BARBARA HILL, my sons RICHARD HILL & LEONARD HILL, my Executors to this my last Will and Testament-WITNESS I have here unto set my hand and seal this Third day of August, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Five (3 August 1775).

(signed by) JOHN HILL (SEAL)

Signed, Sealed & Acknowledged
in presence of us
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 proven by the witnesses thereto and being also sworn to by the Executors on their motion, and their performing the Law in such cases required a certificate granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

(signed by) JOHN LEE (CLERK)

NOTE: The wife of the above John Hill was BARBARA (BARBARY) WATKINS as proven below in the following deed of gift to her by her father JOHN WATKINS.

DEED OF GIFT (FILED ESSEX COUNTY ON 19TH MAY 1741 IN WILL BOOK 22, PAGE 236).

TO ALL CHRISTIAN PEOPLE to whom these presents shall come, I JOHN WATKINS of the Parish of South Farnham and Essex County, send Greetings, KNOW YE, that I the said JOHN WATKINS for the love and certain affection that I bear unto my Daughter BARBARY HILL, I the said JOHN WATKINS being in perfect sense and memory have given, granted and confirmed and by these presents do fully freely and absolutely give grant and confirm to my said daughter BARBARY HILL a Negro man named Jack, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD dispose of take and enjoy said Negro unto the said BARBARY HILL, her heirs, Executors and Administrators and assigns from hence forth forever without any manner of blame, challenge or demand WHATSOEVER or by any

person or persons whatsoever and I the said JOHN WATKINS
(give?) the said Negro unto the said BARBARY HILL her heirs,
Executors & Administrators and assigns against all people,
shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents
the said Negro, I the said JOHN WATKINS have put my said
daughter BARBARY HILL in full and peacefull possession by the
gift and deliverances of one silver six pence 10 (word not
legible) to my said daughter BARBARY HILL, the day and date
of these presents, I have given and delivered in the name and
possession and (saisin?) of the said Negro IN WITNESS whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of January
1740/41?

(signed by) JOHN WATKINS (SEAL)

Signed Sealed and Delivered with)

with six pence in presence of us)

W. RENNOLDS

THOMAS COLEMAN

THEO. DOBSON