

VA.040 WILL OF JOHN HILL SR. OF AMELIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
WROTE 11TH FEBRUARY 1777, UPDATED 15TH SEPTEMBER 1779.  
(FILED IN WILL BOOK 3, PAGES 28-30).

Entered in July of 1988 by Robert R. Hill Sr., updated in  
April of 1992.

NOTES: For a better back ground on this John Hill, please  
refer information in my VA.039 (preceding document) and to  
the Joshua Hill Foster Papers in Alabama State Archives, as  
was told to him by his grandfather Joshua Hill Sr. ca. 1850.  
It seems that this John Hill was a younger brother of William  
Hill and their father was a William Hill, who was born in  
Maryland, moved and married in Virginia.

The father was the William Hill, who is listed in the Christ  
Church Parish Records of Middlesex County, Virginia as having  
died on 6th of May and buried on 8th of May in 1720. The  
records shows that his wife Anne Hill died on 15th January  
1726 and was buried the next day, on the 17th of January  
1726. (Pages 176 & 183 of Parish Register)

Based on information from the above documents, it appears  
that this John Hill Sr. was born, probably in August or  
September of 1710, because he was baptized on 1st October  
1710 in Christ Church.

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Note by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This date of 1710 seems  
to conflict with the stated birth of his older brother,  
William Hill Sr., who is listed as born in 1710 in Caroline  
County, Va., married Susanna Smither and moved to Sury Co.,  
NC. It is my opinion that the 1710 birth of William Hill (m.  
Smithers) may have been earlier or else someone has got the  
William Hill Sr (b. 1710) mixed up with another William Hill.

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He (John Hill) apparently wrote the following will on 11th of  
February 1777, but his son Joel Hill had moved away and so on  
15th of September 1779, he made a correction (codicil?) to  
the will. No date of the Will being proved was given.

WILL OF JOHN HILL SR.  
(FILED IN AMELIA CO. WILL BOOK 3, PAGES 28-30).

In the name of GOD AMEN, I JOHN HILL SENIOR of the County of  
Amelia, being sick and weak but of Perfect mind & memory, do

make this my last Will and Testament, first I recommend my Soul unto the hands of Almighty God, who gave it & my body to the earth, to be buried in Such decent Christian like way as my Executors hereinafter named may think proper & as to what worldly goods it hath pleased God to bless me with, I WILL & DESPOSE OF AS FOLLOWETH:

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ITEM...I leave to my beloved wife ELIZABETH, the use & possession of all my land & plantation whereon I live except what I shall give by this, my Will, to my son JOEL, during her natural life or as long as she Continues my widow, I also lend her all my Negroes and Personal Estate in the like manner-

ITEM...I give unto my son JOEL & to his heirs forever that part of my land whereon he lives, lying on the North West side of the Spring house branch, beginning at Jacob Seay's line and thence up the branch to the fork thereof and thence up the left hand fork to the Road, I also give the other party of my land that i have Lent to my wife, to my son JOEL after her marriage or decease, to him and his heirs forever, I also give him my Still...

ITEM...My Will & desire is at my wife's marriage or decease my Negroes and all other of my Estate, not already disposed of by this my will, be divided into five equal parts and the value of one fifth part thereof I give to be equally divided among the children of my son WILLIAM, deceased, and the other four parts, I give to be equally divided among my four children, JOHN, MOSES, & ISAAC and PRISCILLA BELL to them and their heirs forever, and whereas my son JOHN and my son (ISAAC ???) has done work for me at different times, for which I think I nearly satisfied them, (see note below) for my Will is that the Legacy given them may Claim against my estate and that they receive no other pay without forfeiting (forfeiting) their Respective legacies to my other children.

ITEM...It is my will and desire that at the division of my estate as before directed, my son MOSES have the Negro Girl named Ador, but this Negro girl is to go in part of his forth part, as before described and in case the said girl should die before that time, then the division to be as if this

legacy had not been named. I also (give) unto my son MOSES the best horse or Mare that should be in the Estate at the time of the division, to be allotted him exclusive of his other part.

ITEM...I give unto my grandson JOHN HUMPHRASS (HUMPHREYS?) HILL, my small guns, to be allotted him before the division--and hereby I constitute and appoint my sons ISAAC & JOEL Hill Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking & making void all former Wills by me made & in Witness whereof I have set my hand & affixed my seal this 11th day of FEBRUARY 1777.

(Signed by) JOHN HILL SR. (LS)

Signed, Sealed & Published )  
in presence of )  
Christopher Ford )  
John Hubbard )  
James League )

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(This appears to be a codicil, but it is not stated as such. It was just wrote in and dated 15th September 1779..)

Whereas my son JOEL HILL has removed at great distance from me, which makes it requisite that some alterations be made in this my WILL...I therefore now Order that at my wife's marriage or decease--that all land whereon I now live & also all my land that by this my Will I had given unto my son JOEL, be sold to the highest bidder and also my Still and the money arising from which sale, I give to be equally divided among my Children & Grandchildren, in the same manner as the other part of my estate is directed to be divided in the former part of this my Will.

ITEM...It is my will that at the division of my estate, my Negroes be appraised and that my Son in Law JOHN BELL, receive from my other Legatees part, his equal proportion of their value, and I desire he may have none of the Negroes & Lastly I appoint my son ISAAC HILL & my Neighbor Christopher Ford, Executors, of this my will, revoking the Executorship of my Son JOEL, Witness my hand and Seal the 15th of September 1779.

Signed by/ JOHN HILL SR. (LS)

Sealed & Published )  
in presence of )  
Henry Harper )  
John Hubbard )

NOTE: Reference to the Will, It appears that a son's name has been left out of the above underlined portion of the Will that states QUOTE "and whereas my son John and my son ????? has done work for me at different times for which I think I have nearly satisfied them...I believe that son not listed was Isaac Hill."

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