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Last will and testament of **WILLIAM HILL** deceased, York District

In the name of God amen I **WILLIAM HILL** in the state and district aforesaid being of sound and disposing mind and memory and being desirous to dispose of my worldly affairs while I have health and capacity to do so make ordain and publish this my last will and testament.

In first place I give and bequeath unto my son **SOLOMON HILL** and his heirs all that plantation tract or parcel of land held by **ROBERT HILL** and **ANDREW HILL** and in trust for me during my life and subject to uses, devises and appointment made by my will and testament after my decease which is included and contained within the following bound boundaries viz:

Beginning four poles south of the southerly corner of a field now in the possession of the said **ANDREW HILL** which field is lying about the dwelling house of the said **ANDREW HILL** and they small enclosure of one or two acres, more or less, on the southerly part of the said field is hereby meant as parcel of the said field and said beginning point is four poles south of the said enclosure; thence running west to the line of **WILLIAM EDWARD HAYNE** Esquire dividing his lands from the lands so held by the said **ROBERT HILL & ANDREW HILL**; thence following the line of **WILLIAM EDWARD HAYNE** to the line or corner of the lands of **JOHN CURRENCE** now in possession of **HUGH CURRENCE**; thence along **CURRENCE** line to the line of a tract of land purchased by **MATTHEW STEPHENSON** from **JOHN WHITE**; thence to or near **JOHN AKINS** land and adjoining the widow **HALL**'s land **EDMUND FEWELL**'s land **ROBERT MCCAW**'s land formerly **MOSES FERGUSON**'s old plantation adjoining the Indian boundary by **CHARLES ROBERTSON**; thence following said line to big Allison's Creek; thence along the line of **JOHN ROBERTSON** Jr and adjoining **SAMUEL CAROTHERS** land and the land of the late **JOHN BARNETT** now in the possession of the widow of the said **JOHN BARNETT** and **JOHN BARNETT**; thence along the lines of the said lands of **JAMES HAINS** land; thence along **JAMES HAINS** [James Haynes] lines to the lands late of **JOSEPH WADDLE** deceased; thence along the lines of the said lands to the lands late of **ROBERT LATTIMORE** deceased; thence along the line of the last mentioned land to **JOSEPH WOODS** line formerly **THOMAS PATTON**'s; thence along the said line to the road leading from Bigger's ferry to Hill's Iron Works; thence along the said road to the beginning.

Together with all and singular the buildings, improvements, appendages, and appurtenances to the same plantation or tract of land be lying in or in any wise have appertaining, to have and to hold the said plantation or tract of land and all the appurtenances to him the said **SOLOMON HILL** his heirs and assigns forever, subject, never the less to the changes hereafter to be made.

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ITEM I will and bequeath unto my son **ANDREW HILL** 500 acres of land where he now lives including his improvements to the set strike to be laid off to him.

Beginning on **JOSEPH WOOD**'s line on the great road leading from Bigger's ferry to Hill's Iron Works and running along the same road south to the beginning corner of the land above devised for four poles below the corner of the field now in the possession of the said **ANDREW HILL**; thence running west with the line of the land line of the lands of **WILLIAM EDWARD HAYNE** Esquire dividing his land from the land held by **ROBERT HILL** and **ANDREW HILL** in trust for me as aforesaid; thence north along the said line for compliment; thence to the beginning.

Together with and all singular the improvements, appendages and appurtenances to the said plantation or tract of land belonging or in any wise appertaining to have and to hold the said tract of land with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging to him the said **ANDREW HILL** for and during the term of his natural life, remainder to the heirs of his body forever if the wife of the said **ANDREW** should survive him then she is allowed to have the use of the said plantation for the term of one year after his death free from rent provided nevertheless and this legacy is only to become valid and to take effect on the condition that within one year after my decease the said **ANDREW HILL** his heirs, his executive or administrators shall make and execute to my executor a full and final acquittance from and release of all claims which he may or any of them may have and a guarantee against all claims of all persons whatever holding under the said **ANDREW** his heirs executives or administrators of & to a negro woman I have named **DARKY** and her four children named **SAM**, **JOHN**, **MADISON** and **FRANCIS DRAKE** now in my possession and in case of a failure of the performance of the above condition in form aforesaid on the part of the said **ANDREW HILL** his heirs, executive or administrators then in that case it is my will that the said legacy be vested in my executive and that they do put the said lands to sale to the best advantage and appropriate and distribute the money arising from the sale thereof at their discretion.

ITEM I will and bequeath to my well beloved wife **JANE HILL** two Negroes slaves being the two which she may make choice of from all the Negroes in my possession namely **CUBET**, **NED**, **TESTUS**, **TOBIAS**, **MILTON**, **TONY**, **MILLER**, **SAM**, **ANNA**, **CHARLES** and **DORCUS** to have and to hold said two Negro slaves to her own separate use and behoof during her natural life and after her death to my son **SOLOMON HILL** and his heirs and assigns forever. And I do further give and bequeath to my said wife a provision of \$300 every year during her life to be paid to her punctually at the end and expiration of each and every year counting from the day of my decease by **SOLOMON HILL** his heirs, executive and administrators or assigns and I do hereby charge all and each legatees both real and personal above given, or hereafter to be given, to the said **SOLOMON HILL** with the payment of the said annuity of \$300 a year. Never the less, if my said wife should think fit and prefer to live with the said **SOLOMON HILL** all or part of her life and the said **SOLOMON HILL** shall provide her a plentiful and comfortable subsistence and maintain and clothing ,boarding,

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washing and lodging to her satisfaction during her natural life or while she lives with him then it shall stand in lieu of and shall discharge the said annuity for the whole time or for such part thereof as he shall live with him and be maintained as aforesaid.

ITEM I will and bequeath unto my grand daughters **MARGARET MELVINA ALLISON** and **BETSY ADELINE AVALINA ALLISON** the sum of \$500 in cash each.

ITEM I will and bequeath to my grandson **FRANCIS ROSS** son of **ALEXANDER ROSS** the sum of \$1,000 in cash.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my executor of all and singular my lands, tenements & hereditaments not above divided lying in the district of York or elsewhere as well those held by **ROBERT HILL** and **ANDREW HILL** in trust for me and to the use and discretion of my will as those in which I have right or title by any other tenure to be sold by my side executor for the purposes of paying the legatees last above mentioned to wit **MARGARET MELVINA ALLISON** \$500 **BETSY ADELINE AVALINA ALLISON** \$500 and my said executor \$1000 to make and execute conveyances to the said legatees last mentioned for as much of the said lands will be sufficient to discharge said legacies last mentioned at the valuation of the said legatees should choose to accept land in satisfaction which conveyances and to be executed instantly on the side legatees or either of them signifying by their choice to take lands as aforesaid and if not the monies are to be raised as soon as may be possible from the sale of the said lands and to be paid to them instantly if of the age of 21 years or married and if not of the age of 21 years or married then and in that case to be part of their lawful guardian and in the case of their or either of their decease before they arrived at the age of 21 years or married, there and in that case to be paid to the legal representatives of such persons or they or either of them shall appoint by writing purporting to be a will. Nevertheless it is my intention and it is to be understood that the said legacies are only to become due and payable on the following condition to wit the said legacy to **MARGARET MELVINA ALLISON** and **BETSY ADELINE AVALINA ALLISON** are the condition that at the time of their said payment or previously all the heirs or legatees of the late Dr. **JOHN ALLISON** deceased of the state and district aforesaid shall execute to me or my executor a full acquittance from and relinquishment of all claims which they may have or supposed to have in right of their said ancestors against me or my executors of a certain Negro man slave named SAM and another Negro man man I have named FRANK in my possession and the said legacy to **FRANCIS ROSS** on the condition that the time of the payment or previously **ALEXANDER ROSS** the father of the said Francis Ross or his heirs executor for administrators or legal representatives shall execute to me or my executors a full acquaintance or relinquishment aforesaid from all claims which he or they may have to a certain mulatto man I have in my possession named MILLER. Land and the balance if any of the money arising from the sale of the said lands, tenements and hereditaments I desire my executor to lay out and expend for the education of my son **SOLOMON HILL**'s children or as much thereof as in their discretion may deem necessary and if there should remain any over to be appropriated at the discretion of my executor.

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ITEM I will and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM HILL** in addition to what he has already received all my rights title claim and and interest in the in all those Negro slaves somewhere in Western Country which I have already given him a power of attorney to recover.

ITEM I will and bequeath to my son **ROBERT HILL** in addition to what he has already received two Negro slaves lately purchased namely **GEORGE** and **ABRAHAM** now in his possession.

ITEM I will and bequeath to son **SOLOMON HILL** all the rest and residue of my goods and chattels of every kind and description whatsoever except one half of that part of my household furniture known by the name of "Beads & Billing" of all kind which I give to my wife **JANE HILL** to be at her disposal. My funeral expenses being first paid out of the legacy in this clause given to **SOLOMON HILL**.

ITEM it is further and above all my will and desire and I do hereby enjoin it as an indispensable duty on all and each of my legatees that in case any doubt or difficulties, misunderstandings or disputes shall arise amongst all or any two or more of them then amongst them who are of age of 21 years shall each choose an arbitrator and those of them who may be minors shall each, by their guardians, choose a man as an arbitrator and the arbitrament and award of said arbitrators with the right of umpirage shall be conclusive and bind all the parties finally in all matters wherein the whole of my said legatees may be concerned or interested and in all matters which may only interest any two or more of them less than the whole then and in that case the said matters to be referred to and decided by arbiter chosen by the parties interested as above with the right of umpirage and arbitrament and award of which said arbitrators to be final and conclusive against the parties to the same and for the better and more effectual enforcing of this my said injunction. I do hereby declare that if either or any of my said legatees shall commence any suit or suits in any court of law of equity for the purpose of invalidating of this my said last will and testament or any of the appointments or dispositions therein made, all and every legacy and legacies therein made and given to any such legatee or legatees shall that instant null and void and such legacy shall on that instant be vested in my said executor whom I hereby authorize to make such disposition of as in their discretion they may think fitting and proper.

ITEM all wills and parts of wills and Testaments by me heretofore made in any manner repugnant to this are hereby repealed.

ITEM I do hereby name, ordain, nominate and appoint my trusty friends **SOLOMON HILL** and **ROBERT CLENDENNEN** my executors to execute and carry into effect this my last will and testament.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal and do hereby publish this my last will and testament this 21st day of May 1814 in the 38<sup>th</sup> year of the sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America.

Signed sealed and published  
in the presence of us

**SAMUEL MELTON**  
**HILLARROY MCCALL**  
**ROBERT MCELWAIN**      **WILLIAM HILL {SEAL}**

Codicil to the above will.

I wish my executors & hereby direct them to *admit* of any compromise or alteration in this last Will which the legatees may mutually agree to and especially as respects the two Negros Frank and Sam. I hereby revoke and annul my bequest or legacy I may have made in the above will to my grandson **FRANK ROSS** and **WILLIAM HILL**. I do hereby declare this to be part of my last will which is in the hands of **ROBERT CLENDENNEN** Esquire this 20th day of November 1816.

Signed sealed and acknowledged

**WILLIAM HILL {SEAL}**

in the presence of

**ALEXANDER STEWART**  
**ROBERT SINCLAIR**

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Warrant of Appraisement

State of South Carolina ]  
York District ]  
by Benjamin chambers Esquire ]  
ordinary of York District ]

These are to authorize you or any three or four of you whose names are here under written to repair to all such parts and places within the state as you shall be directed unto by **SOLOMON HILL** executor of the goods, chattels, rights and credits of Colonel **WILLIAM HILL**, deceased, wheresoever any of the said goods and chattels are or do remain within the said parts and places and which shall be shown unto you by the said **SOLOMON HILL** and there view and appraise all and every the said goods and chattels; being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God to make a true and perfect inventory and appraisement there of and to cause the same to be returned under your hand or any three or four of you on to the said **SOLOMON HILL** on or before the first day of June next.

Witness **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** Esquire ordinary of the said district the 25th day of April in the year of our Lord 1817 and in the 41st year of American independence.

To Mess<sup>r</sup> **CHARLES ROBERTSON**  
**JOHN BARNETT**  
**HUGH CURRENCE**  
**DAVID WADDLE**  
**JOHN DURHAM**

**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS, OYD**

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The letters testamentary not returned to be recorded.

The amount of the appraisement bill of Colonel **WILLIAM HILL**, deceased, estate as certified by the appraisers under subscribed the 20th of May 1817.

\$5910.75

**CHARLES ROBERTSON  
JOHN BARNETT  
HUGH CURRANCE  
DAVID WADDLE  
JOHN DURHAM**