

all of my just debts be paid, the remainder of my be equally divided between John H. Peter and
 William H. Velvin. I acknowledge of sign and seal this 5th day of September 1861.
 In the presence of
 Margaret J. Velvin
 Annetta Velvin }

Lewis Ferguson (Seal)

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 19th day of January 1863.
 This last will and testament of Lewis Ferguson dec^d was proved by the oaths of Margaret J. Velvin
 & Annetta Velvin the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and on the motion
 of Elliott & Ferguson the executor therein named who made oath and together with Henry Ferguson
 Richard L. Bryant his Securities (who justified on oath as to their sufficiency) entered into and
 acknowledged a bond in the penalty of two hundred dollars conditioned according to law, certificate
 is granted him for obtaining a probate of the said will in due form.

Teste

L. R. Edwards Clk

In the name of God, Amen. I Mason Hill of Southampton County, being of sound
 mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner
 and form to wit.

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my son Everett T. Hill 2 beds and furniture, six walnut
 chairs, one pine table, 1 pine press, 1 pine chest, 1 spinning wheel which property he now has
 in possession, also the following named negro slaves and their future increase viz: Rose, Lorenzo,
 Emeline, Malinda, Frank, Peter Jacob to him and his heirs forever nor in case E. T. Hill
 shall ever claim any thing from his father M^r Hill's estate then whatever amount he may claim
 shall be made out of the above named negroes, as I have paid more in the settlement of S^r
 M^r Hill's estate than it was worth.

Item 2^d I give and bequeath to my grand children, the children of my son Henry H. Hill dec^d
 the 20 acres of land I got of Nicholas Boon and Biny a Hill which S^r land is bounded entirely
 by the land of M^r Hill my dec^d husband, also the following named negro slaves to wit Joe, Marga-
 rett, Lolly, John, Lawrence, David, Caroline, Zeph, Olive, Tom and their future increase, to
 them and their heirs forever. my desire is that all the above named negroes should be kept as
 common stock and the hire of S^r negroes with the rent of the land be apply^d to the main-
 tenance and education of my above named grand children whose names are follows, Martha L.
 Cornelia M. Samuel W. & Henry L. Hill and when any of my above named grand children
 shall become of age or marry then his or her share to be given to him or her and the rest remain as
 common stock as before untill they shall all become of age, marry or die.

Item the 3^d all the bal. of my estate I give to my four above named grand children, children
 of my son Henry H. Hill whose names are Martha L., Cornelia M., Samuel W. & Henry L. Hill
 to them and their heirs forever.

Item 4th I hereby appoint James M. Hill and James Barnes Executors to this my last will
 and testament Given under my hand and seal this 19th day of January 1853-

Witness

A. Myrick

L. F. Everett

James T. Hill

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 19th day of January 1863.
 This last will and testament of Mason Hill dec^d was proved by the oath of L. F. Everett one of
 the subscribing witnesses thereto, and Alexander Myrick another subscribing witness thereto being
 dead Benjamin C. Pope being sworn deposes and says, he is well acquainted with the hand writing
 of the said Alexander Myrick and verily believes that the name of the said A. Myrick to the said
 will subscribed is in the proper hand writing of the said Alexander Myrick dec^d whereupon the said