being sick in Body but of sound and perfect Memory thanks be to Almighty God and knowing the uncertainty of this Life on Earth and being desirous to settle — things in order do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner & form following — First and Principally I commend my Soul to Almighty God My Creator assuredly believing that I shall receive full pardon of all my Sins and be saved by his Precious death and Merits of my Blessed Saviour Christ Jesus, and my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be Buryed in such decent and Christian manner as to my Executr hereafter named shall seem Most meet and Convenient and as touching such Worldly Estate as the Lord in Mercy hath lent me, My Will and meaning is the same shall be Imployed and Bestowed as hereafter by this My Will is expressed, And first I do revoke renounce and make void all Wills formerly by me made and declare and appoint this my Last Will and Testament ——

First I give and bequeath unto my Dear and Loving Wife Sarah Hopkins all my Land during her Natural Life and one Mollatto Woman called Hannah and a third part of all my personal Estate after all my Just debts being paid ——

Item Give and Bequeath unto my Loving Son Joseph Hopkins after my Wife's decease my Dwelling Plantation called China Place with Land thereunto belonging to him and his Heirs Lawfully begotten forever, but if he dye without Issue Lawfully begotten then my Will is that ye next Survivr in Blood enjoy ye same to him and his Heirs forever ——

Item I give and Bequeath unto my two Younger Sons Benjn Hopkins and Nathll Hopkins my Tract of Land called and known by ye Name of Duck Eye and Hangman's Folly after my Wife's decease to be Equally divided between them I give the aft Tracts of to them and their Heirs of their Bodys Lawfully begotten and for want of such Issue to ye next Surviving in Blood ——

Item My desire is that my personall Estate be Equally divided between my three Sons Joseph Benjn & Nathll after my Wife has her Third part Appoint my Loving Wife to be Exrix & Mr Thomas Baxter to be Exr to this my Will

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seale the day & year first above Written

Wm Hopkins

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of
Humphrey Younger, James his ✗ mark Smeathers, James Deacon

Indorsed on back of ye Will was thus Endorsed viz ——

May the 16th 1717 Humphrey Younger, James Smeathers and James Deacon Witnesses to ye within Will make Oath that they saw the within Testator Joseph Hopkins Sign Seale Publish and declare the within Instrument of Writing to be his Last Will and Testament and that he was of perfect Sense and Memory at the time of his so doing to the best of their Knowledge in common sense —

Before Me Wm Smyth Dep Clk Cur

Maryland ss In the Name of God Amen I William Bateman of Kent County being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect Memory do constitute this to be my Last Will & Testament Revoking all other Wills heretofore by me made; First I Commit my Soul to Almighty God my Redeemer and my Body to Decently Buryed as by my Executrix hereafter named shall think fit & Just ——

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Loving Wife Elizabeth Bateman my whole Estate Real and Personall to her and her Heirs forever and ever ——

Item My Will is that my Loving Wife Eliza Bateman be my whole and sole Executrix

Witness my hand and Seale this twenty First day of March Anno Dom 1715

Wm WB Bateman

Signed Sealed & Delivd in the presence of
Jno Hodges, Antho. Davis, John Holland, W Tweentman

And on the back of ye said Will was thus Endorsed viz ——

April 6th 1716 ——

John Hodges and Anthony Davis two of the Witnesses to the within Will make Oath that the within Instrument of Writing was Signed Sealed published and declared by the within Testator to be his Last Will and Testament and that he was of perfect Sence and Memory at ye time of his so doing to the best of their Knowledge ——

Before Me Wm Smyth Dep Clerk Cur Kent

May ye 4th 1716 Mr William Chocalnam deposed as John Hodges & Anthony Davis have above declared Jurat Coram me W Holdsworth Cur ——

I William Bri[illegible] of Kent County being sick and weak of body but praised be to God perfect sense and [illegible] this my Last Will and Testament