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 that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of the almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the Following manner and form.

First and foremost I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Elizabeth Hopkins one negro woman called Grace and one negro man called Tom during her natural life besides the thirds of all the rest of my Estate.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my second son Stephen Hopkins a peace of one parcel of Land lying on Nanticoke being part of a tract of Land called Ware Beginning at a marked pine trees near nanticoke River side being a Division line between my three sons Stephen Hopkins, Robert Hopkins & Richard Hopkins beginning at the aforesaid marked pine and running East to a sassafis peak standing by the main road side that goes from the point to Pipquain then running North till it Intersects a division line between my Land and Ruth Dickerson I give and bequeath to my aforesaid son Stephen Hopkins all that part one parcel of Land between the division lines down to the river side to him and his heirs forever.

Thirdly I gave and bequeath to my third son Robert Hopkins all that part or parcel of Land lying to the Eastward of the division line between him and Stephen Hopkins and running down the East line to a marked red oak it being one hundred & eighty pole to the river side thence North seventeen pole a marked white oak thence East by North till it Intersects the back line near Meconeco Marsh it being a division line between Robert Hopkins and Charles Hopkins all that parcel of Land down to the division line between Stephen Hopkins and Robert Hopkins I give and bequeath to my aforesaid son Robert Hopkins and his heirs forever I also gave and bequeath to my aforesaid son Robert Hopkins one Island of Land called Sandy Island to him and his heirs forever.

Fourthly I gave and bequeath to fourth son Charles Hopkins all that part or parcel of Land lying to the Eastward of the aforsaid red marked oak and division lines down the marsh to him to him and his heirs forever.

Fifthly I gave and bequeath to my fifth son Richard Hopkins all that part or parcel of Land lying to the westward from the aforesaid red oak thence with a lines South twenty one degrees East till it intersects line between me & Samuel M'Chester all that part or parcel of Land lying to the Westward of the last Division line down to the river side I gave and bequeath as aforesaid to my son Richard Hopkins & his heirs forever.

Likewise

Likewise I gave and bequeath to my son Richard Hopkins one Island of Land called Mulberry Island to him and his heirs forever.

I Likewise gave and bequeath to my son Stephen Hopkins and my son Charles Hopkins all that parcel of Land lying on the South side of Cages Straights called Cages Island to be equally divided between my aforesaid two sons Stephen and Charles Hopkins and their heirs forever.

I Likewise gave and bequeath to four sons Stephen Hopkins Robert Hopkins Charles Hopkins and Richard Hopkins all my personal Estate except my wifes Thirds to them and their heirs forever.

I gave and bequeath to my grandson Stephen Hopkins one shilling Sterling being in full of all his part or claims of any part of my Estate whatsoever.

I gave and bequeath to my grandaughter Elizabeth Hopkins one shilling sterling being in full of all her part or claims of any part of my Estate whatsoever.

I gave and bequeath to my grandaughter Grace Hopkins one shilling sterling being in full of all her part or claims of any part of my Estate whatsoever.

I gave and bequeath to my grandaughter Joan Hopkins alias Wickman one shilling sterling being in full of all her part or claims of any part of my Estate whatsoever.

I gave and bequeath to my daughter Ann Hopkins alias Megeck one shilling sterling being in full of all her part or claims of any part of my Estate whatsoever.

I gave and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Hopkins alias one shilling sterling being in full of all her part or claims of my Estate whatsoever.

I gave and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Hopkins alias McCrasy one shilling sterling being in full of all her part or claims of my Estate whatsoever.

I gave and bequeath to my daughter Ezebel Hopkins alias Riggen one shilling sterling in full of her part or claims of my Estate whatsoever.

I gave and bequeath to my daughter Martha Hopkins alias Porter one shilling sterling being in full of all her part or claim of any of my Estate whatsoever.

I gave and bequeath to my daughter Jemima Hopkins alias Hulley one shilling sterling being in full of all her part or claim of my Estate.

I likewise constitute make and ordain my son Richard Hopkins of Somerset County and Province aforesaid my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year above written.

Signed Sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Stephen Hopkins as his last Will and Testament In the presence of us the Subscribers.

Samuel M'Chester
Samuel Townsend
William Harvey
John Reeves

Stephen Hopkins his mark (Seal)

On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz.t

On the eight day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy two came Richard Hopkins and made oath on the holy Evangils of almighty God that the within Instrument of writing is the true and