

The last Will and Testament of Cornelia Hopkins.

Whereas by an Indenture between John Hopkins, The Hon^{ble} Bushrod Washington and William Hodgson, bearing date the seventh day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and six, executed before my marriage with the said John Hopkins and duly recorded in the Circuit Court of the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia, all my fortune, rights, interest and estate, whatsoever, were conveyed to the said Honorable Bushrod Washington and William Hodgson Esq^t, upon certain trusts in the said Indenture declared: and whereas it was by the said Indenture provided and agreed that I might have as full power to devise and bequeath my said Fortune, Rights, Interest and Estate, as I should have if sole and unmarried.

Now therefore I Cornelia Hopkins intending to execute the power so vested in and secured unto me by the said Indenture of settlement of marriage, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Testaments testamentary by me before executed.

In the first place I bequeath unto my Husband the said John Hopkins Esq^t, all the rights, interest, uses and advantages secured unto him for his natural life by the said Indenture of and to my said settled fortune; But it is my wish that the principal of my said settled fortune, shall be by my said Husband on no account nor in any manner or degree, altered, used or impaired; And it is my further wish that the trustees of the said Indenture of settlement, or my Executors herein after named should immediately cause to be paid or well and sufficiently secured all debts that are or may be in any wise due or owing from the said John Hopkins to my settled fortune.

Secondly, I give unto my dear Children as tenants in common for their natural lives and no longer all the Estate, Rights and Fortune that I now have or may possess at my death, and which by the said Indenture I am empowered to devise and from and after the decease of my said Children I give all the property hereby to them respectively devised, to their respective Children, and it is my will and meaning that if either of my said Children should depart this life without leaving issue living at the time of his death, all the property devised to such Child, to pass to the surviving Children for and during their natural lives, and afterwards to their Children. And it is my will and desire that the property hereby given to my said Children shall be held by the trustees of my marriage settlement to the sole and separate use of my said Children free from the control and intermeddling of any Husband or Husbands which they or either of them may have.

Thirdly, Should all my Children depart this life without leaving issue living at their decease then I give all the rights, interests, fortune and estate herein before devised to them, unto my sister Patsy Hodgson and her heirs forever.

Fourthly should Margaret Stevenson be living in my family at the time of my decease

I give and bequeath unto her the sum of one hundred Dollars to be paid her immediately.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath unto the worthy esteemed Capt Sam. Broadhull the sum of two hundred Dollars to be paid within a month after my decease.

Lastly, I make and constitute Bushrod Washington and William Robinson ^{Trustees} Executors to this my last Will and Testament Hereunto subscribing my name and affixing my Seal this thirteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

Signed sealed and published
by Cornelia Hopkins as her
last Will and Testament in the
presence of us who subscribe our
attestation in the presence of
the Testator

Charles Lee.

Cornelia Hopkins 

Be it remembered that on this 19 day of August 1817 before me Alexander Moore Register of Wills for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia, came William Robinson and Ann Colvert Robinson and made oath upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that this last Will and Testament of Cornelia Hopkins deceased is a fully written and signed by the Testator and the said William Robinson named as a Trustee and Executor in the said Will, renounced the same and refused to act as such.

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