

In the Name of God Amen I Edward Hughes
of the Parish of Portsmouth in the County of Norfolk being
sick but in perfect sound Sense and Memory Praise be
Almighty God for it Hath thought fitting to make this to be
my last Will and Testament and First I give and bequeath
my precious and Immortal Soul to God and the Lord Jesus
Christ who gave it to me and my Body to be decently Buried
in the Earth as my Executors hereafter mentioned shall
think it proper and my Worldly Estate I do give as followeth
Item I give and Bequeath unto my loving Wife Sophia Hughes the use
of the Plantation wherein I now live for and during her Natural
Life or Widowhood but if the Times do grow so troublesome
that she cannot live thereon with safety my Will is that
she may purchase another Piece of Land suitable to her and
sell the said Land to the best advantage & that her convey-
ance shall be steadfast in Law against my Heirs Executors
or any other Person claiming under me and I then give my
Wife her Life or Widowhood on the purchased Land and if
my said Wife shall think it necessary to sell my Negro James
I do give her full power therein. I also give unto my said Wife

the use of & best of my Negroes my Household Furniture my
Stock of all Species and all my Estate that is within Doors
and without Doors (except such particulars as shall be here-
after mentioned all which I give unto my said Wife as above
mentioned during her natural Life or Widowhood &
Item I give unto my Son Caleb Hughes the Plantation when or if
now live or the Land that his Mother shall purchase if she
does sell the said Land also a Negro Boy named James ^{and}
one Hand Mill one Gun one Sword one Cartouch box, one
Peysonit all which I give unto my said Son at the Mar-
riage or decease of my said Wife and to his Heirs forever
And as for the rest of my Estate that is to the use of my
said Wife at her Marriage or decease I give it to be equally
divided between my Three Daughters viz^t Dinah, Mary,
and Belea Hughes or the Survivors of them and their Heirs
forever.

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Hughes and my Trusty Friend William Moore to be my whole
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Will or Wills by me heretofore made but Ratifying and
confirming this In Witness whereof I have herean-
to set my Hand and fixed my Seal this Fifteenth Day
of March One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Six

Signed Sealed and Delivered
in the Presence of

Edward Hughes & Seal

Wm Bayley

George Leslie

John + Moore
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