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In the Name of God Amen I George Hopkins of y^e parish of St. Andrew in the County of Richmond planter being through the goodness of God to me in good health of body and of sound disposing and perfect mind and memory yet knowing that no thing is more certaine than death so nothing is more uncertaine then the time thereof. I do make Ordaine and Declare this my Last Will and Testament in manner and forme following (that is to say) first and principally I Comend my Soul into the hands of all mighty God hoping through the Merits Death and passion of my blessed Saviour and redemer Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit Everlasting life and my body I Commit to the Earth to be decently Buried at the direction of my Executor hereafter named And as to the disposition of all such Temporall Estate as it hath pleased all mighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as followeth (vizt)

Impeto I Will that all my Just Debts and Funerall Expences shall be well and truly paid satisfied and discharged.

Item. I Give devise and Bequeath all my Right and title in and to the Tract of Land and plantation whereon I now dwell unto my Loving Wife Frances Hopkins and her heirs for ever.

Item. Whereas I have by Deed dated the ffifteenth Day of this Instant August made over and sold three negroes named Captaine prince and Phillis and their Pacions unto my deacons to and for such use as are therein mentioned And by my Will and do hereby Order and appoint that the sd. Negroes &c. shall be held and enjoyed in

such manner as is expressed and limited in the a^d Doce.

Item.

It is my Will and I do hereby Order and appoint that my Loving Wife Frances Hopkins shall have the use and possession of all the real estates and remainder of my Estate of what nature or quality soever for and during the Term of her natural life and from and after her decease I do give and bequeath all the a^d Residuary part of my Estate unto her two Daughters Katherine Dye the Wife of Henry Dye and Charity Bayly the Wife of William Bayly and their heirs to be equally divided between them.

Lastly

I Do make Ordain Constitute and appoint my a^d well beloved Wife Frances Hopkins full and sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament and I do hereby Revocate disannull and make void all former or other Wills and Testaments to by me at any time heretofore made declaring this to be my Last Will and Testament. In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal the Twentieth Day of August Anno Domini 1759.

Ex^o

Signed Sealed published & Testified by the Testator to be his a^d Last Will & Testament in the presence of us

John Newman
George Newman
Elizabeth Newman

George F Hopkins
March

At a Court held for Richmond County the first Day of March 1760

The Will was presented in Open Court by the Oath of John Newman George Newman and Elizabeth Newman Witnesses thereto and admitted to record.

Test M. Bradwell Clerk