

for Hopkins being in the decline of life and at present
dece^d } unwell do make this my last will and testament
Will } in manner following to wit, in the first place
I shall allow my debts first to be paid the Balance
of my Estate including houses & lots & negro
wrench, debts due me moveable estate & every
other property that I am entitled to I give to
my wife Nancy Hopkins and at my wife
decease I allow the said property (if any there
be) to be equally divided amongst my sur-
viving children. And for the Execution of this
my will I do appoint my said wife sole Ex-
ecutrix. Witness my hand & seal in Lexington
4th July 1797
Present

Jas. Hopkins

of my Estate including houses & lots wth negro
w^{ch}, debts due me moveable estate & every
other property that I am entitled to I give to
my wife - namely Hopkins, and at my wife
decease I allow the said property (if any ^{the})
to be equally divided amongst my ^{surv}
-ing children - And for the execution of this
my will I do appoint my said wife sole ex-
-ecutrix. Witness my hand & seal in Lexington
4th July 1797

Present

for lots

A Staro

for Hopkin

The Commonwealth of Virginia
Richard Evans Esquire presiding judge

the Court of Highland County in the State of Ohio
greeting: - Whereas at a Court of holden for Rock-
bridge County the 8th day of August 1810 on motion
of Nancy Hopkins the Executrix named in the
annexed last Will and Testament of James Hopkins
deceased a Commission was awarded to take the
examination of Alexander Starr a witness thereto
residing in the County of Highland aforesaid -

You are therefore commanded to cause the said
Alexander Starr to come before you, and diligently
examine him on the holy Evangelist of almighty
God, whether the said James Hopkins did sign
publish and declare the writing hereunto annex-
ed as and for his last Will and Testament, whether
he was at the time of signing the same on

perfect sense and memory & whether he did
and said did subscribe his name as a witness thereto
in the presence of the said Hopkins. And where
you have examined the said slave as aforesaid
that you distinctly certify as thereof in our said
court under your hand and seal sending then
thence the said bill and this writ to the witness Andrew
Reid clerk of our said Court at the Courthouse
in Lexington, the 3^d day of September 1810
in the 35th year of the Commonwealth —

Andrew Reid —

State of Ohio

Highland County Sp.

This day personally came
before me the undersigned being for in open
and judge of P. County. Thomas Mann who

being first duly sworn as the said deponent depone
and saith to the best of his knowledge the notary
perfectly recollects that he the said deponent saw James
Hopkins sign publish and declare this will and
the 4th of July 1797 as his last will and Testament
and that the said Hopkins appeared to be of sound
mind at the said time that he the said deponent
did subscribe his name to the said Will as a
Witness thereof in the presence of the said
Hopkins and further this deponent saith not
in Testimony thereof I hereunto set my hand
and seal this 8th day of November 1810

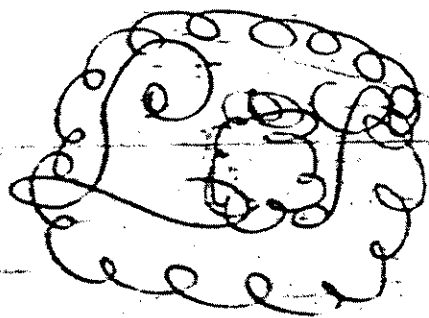
Richard Evans

Ohio Highland County

I Allen Trimble clerk of the
Court of common pleas for Highland County
certify that Richard Evans Gent before whom the

* no file of wills for 1811

certify that Richard Evans Gent before whom
within deposition of Alexander Staro was taken
is the senior associate judge of the Court
common pleas for the County aforesaid duly com-
missioned and qualified, and his official
as such is entitled to full faith and credit
as well in Courts of Justice as thereout.



In Testimony whereof I have
unto set my hand and seal of
this eighth day of November 18

Allen Trimble Clk

Sight and County for I Richard Evans Judge
Associate Judge of the Court common pleas
County do certify that Allen Trimble who
named is annexed to the foregoing certificate
is the Clerk of P Court duly appointed

qualified, and his attestation is in due form
Witness my hand and seal Novr 8th 1810

Richard Evans

* At Rockbridge County Court Decr 31st 1810*

The last Will and Testament of James
Hopkins dec^d was presented in Court by Nancy Hop-
kins Executrix therein named & proved by the oath
of James Gold as witness thereto and further proved
by ~~Alexander~~ ~~another~~ ~~Witness~~ thereto - as ap-
pears by a Commission awarded to take his ex-
amination and the legal Execution thereof before

Richard Evans Judge of the Court of Highland
County State of Ohio and is ordered to be recorded
And on motion of said Executrix probat thereof is
granted her in due form she having taken the
oath and together with

oath requires by Law and together with John
Leyburn her security entered into and acknow-
ledged bonds in the penalty of two thousand dol-
lars conditioned according to Law -

Attest James R. C. R.

March 28th 1810

Agreeable to an order of Court to
the Court of Rockbridge to us directed John
Nithrow, Samuel Patterson, and Isaac McBride
being first sworn have taken into consideration
the value of the personal Estate of Thomas Bur-
ris dec'd as given into us by the administrator
of said Estate - The following is a just inven-
tory of the same viz -

One bay horse four years old

\$60.00