

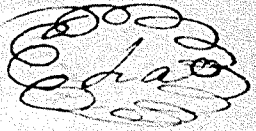
Joseph Hopkins 1810

In the Name of God amen I Joseph Hopkins
of Halifax County and State of North Carolina, being
Sick and weak in body, but in perfect and sound
Mind and Memory, and knowing that it is appointed for
Man once to die, do make and establish this my last
will and Testament in manner and form following
(to wit) First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Mary Cary Hopkins, the following negroes (to wit) Bootswain
Mourning, Tom, little Bootswain, Dick, and Dye, and
their Increase, to her and her heirs and assigns forever,
also all my Household and Kitchen furniture of every kind
except one Bed and furniture, all my Horses, Cattle, Hogs
and Plantation utensils, to her Proper use and behoof for-
ever — Secondly I bind to my beloved wife, my Negro Man
Cesar, until the first day of January next, —
Thirdly I Give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Mar-
garette Hopkins, one Bed and furniture, and the following
negroes (to wit) Leason Easter and 4.

My Increase, to her and her heirs and assigns forever,
also all My Household and Kitchen Furniture of every kind
except one Bed and Furniture, all my Horses, Cattle, Hogs
and Plantation utensils to her Proper use and behoof for-
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Cesar, until the first day of January next, —
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garette Hopkins, one Bed and Furniture, and the following
Negroes (vizt) Leason, Easter and Isham and their
Increase, to her and her heirs and assigns forever
Fourthly; it is my will that my Executors hereafter
named, do Collect due to me, either by Bond
Notes or accounts, and also the wages due for Boatwain, as
a Sailor, and discharge the debts which I owe as soon
as possible, and after my Debts are paid, what property
that may be there remaining, I Give and bequeath to
My beloved wife, to her proper use and behoof forever

Fifthly I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife
Mary Cary Hopkins, my whole and Sole Executrix to this
my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all
former wills and declaring this to be my true and
last will and Testament, Interlocking whereof I have
thenceforth set my hand and affixed my Seal This 30th
of June in the year of our Lord 1799 -

Signed Sealed & Delivered by
Joseph Hopkins to be his
last will and Testament

J. Hopkins 

Wm. Peters, J. E. Turner, John Drew Junr.

Halifax County Secy.

August Session 1804 When this will was Exhibited in open
Court and duly proved by the oath of John Drew Junior a
Witness thereto and on Motion, ordered to be Recorded

Witness  J. English

In the Name of God amen I Spencer Hurst of Halifax
County in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify
that the within and last will is in perfect sense and memory