

The Last Will and Testament of Stephen Hopkins

"The sixt of June 1644 I Stephen Hopkins of Plymouth in New England being weake yet in good and prfect memory blessed be God yet considering the fraile estate of all men I do ordaine and make this to be my last will and testament in manner and forme following and first I do committ my body to the earth from whence it was taken, and my soule to the Lord who gave it, my body to be buryed as neare as convenyently may be to my wyfe Deceased And first my will is that out of my whole estate my funerall expenses be discharged secondly that out of the remayneing part of my said estate that all my lawful Debts be payd thirdly I do bequeath by this my will to my sonn Giles Hopkins my great Bull wch is now in the hands of mris Warren Also I do give to Stephen Hopkins my sonn Giles his sonne twenty shillings in mrs Warrens hands for the hire of the said Bull Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Constance Snow the wyfe of Nicholas Snow my mare also I give unto my daughter Deborah Hopkins the brodhorned black cowe and her calf and half the Cowe called Motley Alsoe I doe give and bequeath unto my daughter Damaris Hopkins the Cowe called Damaris heiffer and the white faced calf and half the cowe called Mottley And I give to my daughter Ruth the Cowe called Red Cole and her calfe and a Bull at Yarmouth wch is in the keepeing of Giles Hopkins wch is an yeare and advantage old and half the curld Cowe Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth the Cowe called Symkins and her calf and thother half of the Curld Cowe with Ruth and an yearelinge heiffer wth out a tayle in the keepeing of Gules Hopkins at Yarmouth Also I do give and bequeath unto my foure daughters that is to say Deborah Hopkins Damaris Hopkins Ruth Hopkins and Elizabeth Hopkins all the moveable goods the wch do belong to my house. as linnen wollen beds bedcloathes pott kettles pewter or whatsoevr are moveable belonging to my said house of what kynd soever and not named by their prticular names all wch said mooveables to bee equally devided amongst my said daughters foure silver spoones that is to say to eich of them one, And in case any of my said daughters should be taken away by death before they be marryed that then the part of their division to be equally devided amongst the Survivors. I do also by this my will make Caleb Hopkins my sonn and heire apparent giveing and bequeathing unto my siad sonn aforesaid all my Right title and interrest to my house and lands at Plymouth wth all the Right title and interrest wch doth might or of Right doth or may hereafter belong unto mee, as also I give unto my saide heire all such lande wch of Right is Rightly due unto me and not at prsent in my reall possession wch belongs unto me by right of my first comeing into this land or by any other due Right, as by such freedome or otherwise giving unto my said heire my full & whole and entire Right in all divisions allottments appyntments or distributions whatsoever to all or any pt of the said lande at any tyme or tymes so to be disposed. Also I do give moreover unto my foresaid heire one paire or yooke of oxen and the hyer of them wch are in the hands of Richard Church as may appeare by bill under his hand Also I do give unto my said heire Caleb Hopkins all my debts wch are now oweing unto me, or at the day of my death may be oweing unto mee either by hooke bill or bills or any other way rightfully due unto me ffurthermore my will is that my daughters aforesaid shall have free recourse to my house in Plymouth upon any occation there to abide and remayne for such tyme as any of them shall think

meete and convenyent & they single persons. And for the faythfull prformance of this my will I do make and ordayne my aforesiad sonn and heire Caleb Hopkins my true and lawfull Executor ffurther I do by this my will appoynt and make my said sonn and Captaine Miles Standish joyntly supervisors of this my will according to the true meaneing of the same that is to say that my Executor & supervisor shall make the severall divisions parts or porcons legacies or whatsoever doth appertaine to the fullfilling of this my will. It is also my will that my Executr & Supervisor shall advise devise and dispose by the best wayes & meanes they cann for the disposeing in marriage or other wise for the best advancnt of the estate of the forenamed Deborah Damaris Ruth and Elizabeth Hopkins Thus trusting in the Lord my will shalbe truly prformed according to the true meaneing of the same I committ the whole Disposeing hereof to the Lord that hee may direct you herein June 6th 1644

By me Steven Hopkins

Witnesses hereof Myles Standish, William Bradford

The inventory of the goods of Stephen Hopkins, deceased 1644

Note: inventories are valued in pounds (L), shillings (s) and pence (d). There were 12 pence (or pennies) to a shilling and 20 shillings to a pound.

	L	S	d
Inpris one brod horne Cowe	05	10	00
it Mottlis Cowe	05	10	00
it Damaris heiffer	05	00	00
it Red Cowe	05	05	00
it Curld Cowe	05	05	00
it Symkins Cowe	05	00	00
it brod Hornes calf	00	12	00
it white faced calf	00	15	00
it Cooles calf	00	14	00
it Symkins calfe	00	12	00
it a great Bull	80	00	00
it a mare	06	00	00
it a yeong bull	01	05	00
it a yearling heiffer wthout a tayle	01	05	00
it a yok of oxen	15	00	00
it 2 pigges	00	04	00
it poultry	00	10	00
it a bed & boulster & one pillow	03	10	00
it another bed & boulster & pillow	03	10	00
it another feather bed & pillow	03	00	00
it another bed & boulster wth an old	02	00	00

straw bed		
it 3 white blankets	01	00
it one covering	00	12
it one covring	00	04
it a yellow Rugg	00	80
it a greene Rugg	00	06
it 2 checkr blanketts	00	14

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it one covring	00	04	00
it a yellow Rugg	00	80	00
it a greene Rugg	00	06	00
it 2 checkr blanketts	00	14	00
it curtaines and vallence	00	10	00
it a scarfe	00	06	00
it a pair of flanell sheets	00	07	00
it one old paire of sheets	00	05	00
it one paire of sheets	00	80	00
it 3 sheets	00	10	00
it 4 pillow beares	00	12	00
it 5 napkins	00	03	06
it 1 diapr napkins	00	02	06
it 3 table clothes	00	04	00
it 4 dymothy caps	00	02	00
it 2 white capps	00	03	00
it 2 wrought caps	00	02	06
it 2 shirts	00	12	00
	86	06	06
it two paire of shooes	00	06	00
	00	00	00

it two paire of shooes	00	06	00
it prs of cotton stockings	00	02	06
it 4 spoones	01	80	00

it in money	00	00	06
it claspes	00	00	02
it a pair of garters	00	00	04

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it 2 Ruffe	00	07	00
it a paire of drawers	00	00	04

it a moheire petticote	01	15	00
it a petticote of phillip & cheny	01	00	00

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it a grogorm coate

it a prpetuam coate	01	00	00
it a cloth coate	01	00	00
it a cloake	01	10	00
it a gray cloak	01	10	00
it a suit ofcloth	00	80	00
it a pair of breeches	00	03	00
it an old coate & jerkine	00	10	00
it a muffe	00	06	00
it 3 cusheons & a pair of breeches	00	04	00
it a chest	00	80	00
it a chest	00	06	00
it a case & bottel & box	00	03	00
it a hogshead	00	01	00
it an old warmeing pann	00	02	00
it a frying pann	00	01	00
it 6 porringers	00	05	00
it 2 porringers	00	01	00
it 4 wine measures	00	06	00
it 3 quart potts	00	06	00
it chamber potts	00	02	00
it 2 laten candlesticks	00	01	00
it 1 puter candlestick	00	01	00
it a pestell & morter	00	03	06
it a beere bowle & wine cup	00	01	06
it a beaker	00	00	06
it a salt seller	00	01	00
it 2 funnells	00	01	00
it 2 basens	00	06	00
it a great dish	00	05	00
it 6 dishes	00	14	00
it a little dish	00	00	02
it earthen potts	00	00	06
it an Iron pott	00	05	00
it a bras pott	00	80	00

it a cast skellet	00	05	00
it a smale skellet	00	01	06
it a great kettle	01	02	00
it a lesse kettle	00	06	00
it a smaler ketle	00	04	00
it another kettle	00	07	00
it 5 spoones	00	01	00
it 1 dossen & half trenchers	00	01	00
it two graters 2s	00	02	00
it a shooeing horne	00	00	01
it a paire of bellowes	00	01	00
it 4 paire of old pothookes	00	03	00
it a fireshovell & tongs	00	04	00
it two spitts	00	03	06
it 3 paire of links	00	07	06
it a peece of a bar of Iron	00	01	06
it a gridiron	00	01	00
it 9 trayes	00	09	00
it a churne	00	04	00
it 2 chees vtts	00	01	00
it a old Cullender	00	00	02
it 2 payles	00	01	04
it wodden Mo	00	01	06
it 2 wheeles	00	07	00
it 2 chaires	00	80	00
it 2 stooles	00	02	00
it latten pans	00	00	06
it a tubb & forme	00	12	00
it a cheane	00	06	00
it a sive	00	00	06
it old chest	00	02	00
it a bakeing Tub	00	02	00
it old tubbs	00	01	00
it feathers	00	03	00

it 3 hoopes of Iron	00	01	06
it 1 sawe	00	01	06
it a cheese rack	00	04	00
it 4 skins	00	03	00
it an axe	00	01	06
it a prcell hemp	00	02	06
it scales and waights	00	05	00
it Debts	16	05	00
it Divers bookes	00	12	00
it more in Debts	01	01	00
it a hatt	00	01	00