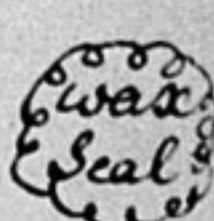


Life — 3rd. I give unto my son William ~~Allen~~ all my Law books & my large Bible & Common prayer book to him his heirs & assigns forever — I leave & bequeath to my Ex^{or} hereafter named Mary my wife the use & possession of all and singular my other Lands & Tenements in Napswattix Neck in Worcester County together with all and singular my Negroes & all other my personal Estate not disposed of by this my Will during her natural life & after her decease my personal Estate & Negroes to be divided to & amongst my Children by her Will. William Joseph Moses Eleanor Mary & Elizabeth Allen & those who legally represent them and as to my lands in Napswattix I give and bequeath the Plantation whereon I now live and all the Lands thereto belonging including the Tract of Land called Africa p^{ts} of America & Greens chance Lock & King Salo being all that part of my Land on the Northernmost side of the County Road leading from dividing Creek to Napswattix to William Allen my son & the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten & for want of such to my son Joseph & the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten & for want of such to my son Moses & his heirs male lawfully begotten forever — 4th. I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Allen all my Lands on the other side of the Plantation whereon Angolo Atkinson now lives being p^{ts} of a Tract of Land called Hotherhyde w^{ch} I bought of Mr William Land & also one hundred acres of Land w^{ch} I purchased of William

Dennis to him & the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten forever, and for want of such to my son Moses Allen ^(and for want of such to my son William Allen & the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten forever) the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten forever — 5th. I hereby empower my Ex^{or} hereafter named to sell & dispose of & make over all that p^{ts} of my Tract of Land ^(called) Hotherhyde lying between the Plantation belonging to Angolo Atkinson & the Plantation belonging to Abraham Gibbs for payment of my just debts & if not sold then to go to my son Joseph & others according to y^e limitation expressed in y^e above former gift of the other p^{ts} of y^e Land. 6th. I hereby empower my wife any thing herein before contained notwithstanding to advance any of my Children during her life time by letting them have p^{ts} of y^e Negroes or personal Estate she can spare & also by her last Will and Testament to divide the same amongst them as she shall think fitt but to no other whatsoever and if she do not do so then I desire my Trusty and y^e loving friend Mr Thomas Hayward & my son in Law Jacob Hindman or either of them whom I request to assist my wife as Trustees to see this my last Will & Testament performed & fulfilled to divide & allot to each child or their representatives their p^{ts} — Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute & appoint my wife Mary whole & sole Ex^{or} of this my last Will & Testament In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & Seal this 22^d day of May Anno Dni 1744 —

Sealed & delivered in presence of us these words in — } Ju^r. Dennis ...
third Paragraph (Allen my son) & these words in the fifth — } Cornelius Dickson ...
Paragraph (I make over) & these words in the sixth Paragraph } George Benson ...
(or either of them) being first Interlined — }

Francis Allen — 

May y^e 17th 1745 Came John Dennis Cornelius Dickson and George Benson the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will and made Oath on the holy Evangelis of Almighty God that they saw Francis Allen the Testator Seal & Sign, and heard him publish pronounce and declare the foregoing writing to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of a sound disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their Names as Witnesses to the said Will in his Presents and at his request.

Sworn before Benton Harris (Dep^y Com^y of Worcester County)

Memorandum that this day to witt y^e 17th day of May 1745. Came Mary Allen widow and relict of Francis Allen Dec^d and quitted her right of Dower or thirds and Eleventh and chuseth in Law thereof to stand to and abide by the devises and bequests made to her in y^e said Dec^d Will — Test Benton Harris (Dep^y Com^y of Worcester County)

In the Name of God amen I William Burton of Worcester County in the Province of Maryland being in good health of body & of sound mind & memory; praise be given to Almighty God, do make & ordain this my last Will (and)

and Testament in manner & form following (that is to say) First & principally I recommend my ^(Soul) to the hands of Almighty God & my body to be decently buried, & my worldly Estate to be disposed of as hereby & is herein mentioned. Imprimis my Will is that my Just debts & funeral ^(charges) be first paid — Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson ~~Robert~~ Robert Burton being son of William Burton the one half part ~~of~~ moiety called by the name of Hopewell lying in the County of Sussex on the North side of the Indian River to be divided from the River up & to be the Plantation part, & if the said Robert should dye without Heir then the said Land to fall to his brother John Russell Burton his Heirs & Assigns forever. Also two Cows & two Calves to be taken out of the Stock of the Hopewell & to be holden of him his heirs & Assigns forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson William Burton being son of William Burton the other half part or moiety known by the name of Hopewell to be divided from the river up, & if the said William should dye without heir then the said Land to fall to his brother John Russell Burton his heirs and Assigns forever. Also two Cows & two Calves to be taken out of the Stock on the Hopewell & to be holden of him his Heirs & Assigns forever — Item I give & bequeath unto my Grandson John Russell Burton being Son of William Burton fifty acres of Land called by name of Burtons Denro, also two hundred & fifty acres of Land being part of a Tract called Conclusion & part of a Tract called Tolly lying on the Westward part of the said Two Tracts & binding on Shiloes Branch & part in the forks of the said Branch also one half part of a Negro Girl called Beck with one half of her Increase, also two Cows & two calves to be taken out of the Stock on the Hopewell and to be holden of him his heirs & Assigns forever — Item I give & bequeath unto my Granddaughter Elizebeth Burton being daughter of William Burtons the other half part of a Negro Girl called Beck with one half part of her Increase, also two Cows & two Calves & to be paid to her when she arrives to age and to be holden of her, & heirs & Assigns forever — Item I Will & bequeath unto my son Richard Burton the use of the Plantation he now dwells upon containing four hundred and five acres of Land with the appurtenances thereto belonging ~~also the use of two hundred acres of Land upon the North side of the head of Broadhill Creek also the use of fifteen acres of Marsh that I purchased of Francis Wolf to hold the use of all & every the said Premises during his Natural life~~ — Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson William Burton son of Richard Burton the Plantation whereon his father now dwells with the appurtenances thereto belonging containing four hundred and five acres and to be possessed by him after his father & Mother is deceased also fifteen acres of Marsh which I purchased of Francis Wolf To hold all and every the said Premises after the the decease of his said Father & Mother To him his heirs and Assigns forever — Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Ebenezer Burton son of Richard Burton Two hundred acres of Land ~~lying~~ lying in Sussex County and on the North side of the head of Broadhill Creek formerly in the Tennour of Rolls & to be possessed by him after the decease of his father and mother to hold all & every the said Premises to him his heirs and Assigns forever after the decease of his father and Mother they having the use during their Natural lives — Item I give & bequeath unto my son John Burton the Plantation whereon he now dwells containing four hundred acres (Called) crooked project also one Mill on Swan Creek & one hundred & fifty acres of Land thereunto belonging which I bought of Robt Lacy & lying in Sussex County also, half the upper part of the Island from the line of Marked Trees, also one Negro man called Jerry. To hold all the said Lands & every of the said Premises & said Negro to him the said John Burton his heirs & Assigns forever he allowing his Mother one half of the profits of the said Mill during her widowhood & being at the half charges of her keeping & repairing & also the liberty of the Island during her widowhood — Item I Will & bequeath unto my daughter Catherine Morris the use of the Land and Plantation whereon she and her husband now dwells containing three hundred and forty acres (called Chance, also one Negro Girl ~~called~~ now living with her called Kato & her Increase To hold

The use of the said Land called Chance during her life, but the Negro and her Increase for her heirs & Assigns forever. — Item I give and bequeath unto my three Grandsons William Morris John Morris & Joshua Morris sons of my Daughter Catherine the Plantation whereon there father & Mother now dwells containing three hundred & forty acres called Chance to be equally divided amongst them & to be possessed by them after their Mother's ^{deceased} ^{said} Mother to provided any one of my three Grandsons by my daughter Morris should dye without heir then their part to fall to the Surviving Party or Parties To hold all and every the said Premises after the decease of their ^{said} Mother to them their heirs and Assigns forever. — Item I Will and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Burton the use of the Land I purchased of Abraham Ingram containing four hundred acres during her Natural life Except one hundred pole length from the River back for breadth from William Naples line & running up the River to the Slash & so up the Slash also the use of the Marsh I bought of Baptist Newcomb during her life also one Negro Girl called Beck now in her possession with her increase To hold the use of the said Land and Marsh during her natural life but Negro & her increase to her and her heirs forever. — Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Wollsey Burton son of Daughter Elizabeth the Land I purchased of Abraham Ingram containing four hundred acres Except one hundred poles in length from the river back for breadth from William Naples line & running up the River to the Slash & so up the Slash to be possessed by him after the decease of his said mother To hold all and every the said premises to him his heirs & Assigns forever. Also the Marsh I bought of Baptist Newcomb to him his heirs forever. — Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Ingram a Tract of Land lying on the North Side of Shooppen branch called Rich Island also one hundred and fifty acres of Land whereon they now dwell it being the North part of the land (called Conclusion) also the other half of the upper part of the Island, also one Negro Girl (called Moll) To hold all & every the said Land & premises & said Negro to her my said Daughter Sarah her heirs & Assigns forever. — Item I give and bequeath unto my six Children named Richard Burton, John Burton, Joshua Burton, Catherine Morris Elizabeth Burton & Sarah Ingram the profits & Ground rents of that Land called the Warwick which was laid out for a Town Beginning from the River & running one hundred poles in length back & from William Naples line up the river to the Slash for breadth & to Equally divided amongst them & their heirs forever. — Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Joshua Burton all the rest and residue of my Lands & Tenements with houses Orchards thereto belonging Except the whole use of my Dwelling Plantation to his mother Francis Burton during her Natural life & the privilege of the Island, also one Negro Boy named James, To hold all & every the said Lands & premises not before given, & Negro to him his heirs & Assigns forever. — Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Frances Burton the use of my dwelling Plantation and the Island during her widowhood, also the use of all my Negroes being not before given during her widowhood & then them and their Increase to return to my before mentioned six Children also I give unto my loving wife the one half ^{part} of all & every my Moveable Estate forever To hold only the use ~~and~~ of my dwelling Plantation & Island & Negroes during the time of her widowhood but the one half of my moveable Estate forever. — Item I give and bequeath all the Rest & Residue & Remainder of my Estate that is not before given in this my Will unto my six Children to be equally divided by two honest men that my Executors shall chuse without being appraised so that each of my said six Children may have equal Share that is Richard, John, Joshua Catherine, Elizabeth & Sarah to be holden by them & their heirs forever. — Lastly I do hereby nominate Constitutors & appoint my said Wife & Sons John Burton & Joshua ~~Burton~~ Executors & Executors of this my

last Will & Testament revoking all other. In Witnefs whereof I have set my hand & seal this Seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & forty four.

Signed Sealed ----- Benjamin Salmon
Acknowledged and ----- Elizabeth ^{her} ~~mark~~ Duffo
Published in presence of us } Joseph Carter -----

William Burton ----- Seal

Worcester 1st Feby. 1st 1744/5 Came Benjamin Salmon Elizabeth Duffo and Joseph Carter the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will before the Subscriber who being duly and solemnly sworn on the holy Evangelis of Almighty God depose and say that they saw the Testator William Burton Sign the within Will and heard him Publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of a sound disposing mind and memory and that that subscribed their Names respectively as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator and at his request. —

Sworn before Benton Harris Dep^y Com^y of Worcester County

In the Name of God amen I Hampton Hopkins of Worcester County in the Province of Maryland being sick & weak of body but of sound mind & memory do make this my Will in manner & form following — Imprim^o I give to my son Samuel Hopkins the Plantation ~~whereon~~ I now live called Double Purchase to him & his heirs forever but if my S^r son should die before he comes to the age of twenty one years I give the S^r Plantation to William Whittington Junior to him & his heirs — Item My Land lying on the Indian River I give to my son Samuell Hopkins to him & his heirs but if he should die before he comes to the age of Twenty one years I give the S^r Land at Indian River to Hampton Hopkins son of Matthew Hopkins and to his heirs — Item it is my Will that what money is due from me to the Estate of Harvey Wilks be put into the Hands of Isaac Morris for the heirs of the S^r Wilks — Item I desire Isaac Morris to act as Trustee to assist my loving wife — Item I give to my loving wife & to my son Samuell Hopkins all my personall Estate to be Equally divided between them — Lastly I nominate & appoint my loving wife to be my Executrix to this my Will Revoking all other Wills heretofore by me made In Witnefs whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this fifteenth day of February one thousand seven hundred & forty five. —

Signed Sealed & acknowledged by the Testator in presence of us to be his Last Will ... } James Martin
Isaac Morris
Samuel Wise

Hampton Hopkins ----- Seal

October 4th 1746. then came James Martin & Samuel Wise and made oath on the holy Evangelis of Almighty God (also Isaac Morris who being one of the people called Quakers upon his ^{Solemn} Affirmations says) that they saw Hampton Hopkins the Testator sign, Seal, and heard him publish pronounce and declare the within Will to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of a sound disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their names as witnesses to the said Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator.

Sworn before Benton Harris Dep^y Com^y of Worcester County

In the Name of God amen I George Truitt of ~~Mulberry~~ Mulberry Grove in the County of Worcester in the Province of Maryland being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing ~~that~~ it is appointed for all flesh once to dye do make this my last Will and Testament and desire it may be received by all as such — Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my eldest (son)