

The last Will and Testament of me Samuel Hopkins

This is the last Will and Testament of me Samuel Hopkins of Hays in the County of Middlesex Gentn. Imprimis? my Will is that all my just debts and funeral Expences be in the first place paid – and discharged and I hereby charge all my real and personal Estate with the payment thereof and whereas before my Marriage with my present Wife by Articles of Agreement bearing date the eighth day of January in the year 1732 I did consonant with my said Wife by her then name of **Susanna Prior** to settle the sum of one thousand four hundred pounds to the use of myself for Life and after my decease to the Use of my said Wife to the Use of the Issue of that marriage and in default of such Issue to the Use of my own right heirs for ever and Whereas Part of the said Sum of one thousand four hundred pounds hath been since disposed of in the purchase of freehold Lands and the other part thereof ?ested? in other Securities but no settlement hath been made by me in pursuance of the said hereinbefore recited Articles now? upon condition that my said Wife and **my Son and daughter** renounce all the Right and Interest that they have or may claim? of and in the said Sum of one thousand four hundred pounds by Virtue of the said Articles I give de..se? and bequeath to them as follows that is to say I give and devise? unto my dear Wife all my messnages Lands Tenements and Hereditoments? with their Appurtenances situate lying and being in the parish of **Blethusa? in the County of Radnor** for the Term of her natural Life and from and immediately after her decease I give and devise my said messnages? Lands and Premises unto **my dear Son John William Hopkins** for the Term of his natural Life Subject nevertheless to the Legacy hereinafter mentioned and after the determination of that Estate I have and devise the said Messnages Lands and Premises unto my friend the **Revd. Mr. John Bowdler and Mr. Tomlinson Busby** the Younger and their heirs upon Trust to preserve the Contingent Remainders and from and immediately after the decease of my said son I give and devise the said Messnages Lands and Premises unto the first and every other Son and Sons of the Body of my said Son lawfully issuing and the heirs of their Respective Bodies lawfully issuing severally and successively in Remainder one after another as they shall be in Seniority of Age the Elder of such Sons and the heirs of his Body being always to be preferred and ?? before the Younger of such sons and the heirs of their respective Bodies and in default of such Issue I give and devise the said Messnages Lands and Premises unto the Daughter or Daughters of my said Son lawfully issuing equally to be divided amont them as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants and in default of Issue of my said Son I give and devise the said Messnages Lands and premises unto **my dear daughter Henrietta Hopkins** for and during the term of her natural Life and after the determinations of that Estate I give and devise the said messnages Lands and premises unto the said **John Bowdler and Tomlinson Busby** and their heirs upon Trust to preserve the Contingent Remainder and from and immediately after the decease of my said daughter I give and devise the said Messnages Lands and Premises unot the first and every other Son and Sons of the Body of my said Daughter lawfully issuing and the heirs of their respective Bodies lawfully issuing severally and successively in Remainder one after the other as they shall be in Seniority of age the Elder of such Sons and the heirs of his Body being always to be preferred and take? before theyounger of such sons and the heirs of their respective Bodies and in default of such Issue I give and devise the said Messnages

Lands and Premises unto the daughter or daughter of my said Daughter lawfully issuing equally to be divided among them as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants and in default of Issue of my said Duaghter I give and devise the said Messnages Lands and Premises unto my own Right Heirs forever ?? I give and bequeath **my seven houses in Bishopsgate Street** held by Lease under the *Haberdashers Company* in London **my house in Holbourn** London held under a Lease from the late Lady Skipwith and also my **Chambers in Grays Inn** to my dear Wife furing the Term of her natural Life she paying out of the Rents and Profits thereof unto my said son the sum of forty pounds a year until he shall have attained his age of twenty two years and after he shall have attained that age the sum of twenty pounds a year my reason for reducing my sons Annuity at that time is because his fellowship will be then increased and he capable of ?utoring? into? Business and also paying unto my said Daughter the sum of twenty pounds a year nad from and immediately after the decease of my said dear Wife I give and bequeath my said houses in Bishopsgate Street and Chambers in Grays Inn Subject nevertheless to the Legacy hereinafter mentioned to my said Son his Executors Administrators and Assigns and I give /// and bequeath my said house in Holborn unto my said Daughter her Executors Administrators and Assigns and whereas **I am entitled to a considerbale sum of money payable out of the Estate of the late Henry Glasscock Esqr.** in the County of Hertford ?? I give and bequeath the Interest and produce thereof unto my dear Wife for the Term of her Life and after her Decease I give and bequeath and Moiety? of the said Principal Sum unto my said son his Executors Administrators and Assigns and the other moiety thereof unto my said Duaghter her Executors Administrators and Assigns all the Rest Residue and Remainder of my real and personal Estate I give devise and bequeath unto my dear Wife upon Trust to receive the Butorest? and produce thereof for her own use and disposal and to pay the sum of five hundred pounds part of the principal thereof unot my said duaghter at such time and in such manner as she shall think proper and after the decease of my said dear Wife I give and bequeath the principal to arise from the said Rest and Residue unto my said Son his Executors Administrators and Assigns subject nonetheless to the payment of the usm of One Thousand pounds unto my said duaghter her Executors Administrators and Assigns in manner floowing that is to say five hundred pounds part thereof immediately after the death of my said dear Wife and the remaining five hundred pounds immediately after the Lease of my House herein before bequeathed to my said Daughter shall be expired or determined but in Case my Wife shall in her Lifetime have paid the said sum of five hundred pounds hereinbefore mentioned to my daughter then subject only to the payment of five hundred pounds to my said Daughter ber Executors Administrators and Assigns on the Expiration or determination of the said Lease but incase the oney arising from the said Rest and Residue shall be deficient to pay the said Sum of one Thousand pounds or five hundred pounds to my said duaghter as aforesaid then I do hereby charge all my said freehold and Leasehold Lands and Premises herein before devised and bequeathed unot my said son with the payment thereof or so much thereof as the said Rest and Residue of my Estate shall be deficient to pay and I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said dear Wife to be the Executrix of this my Will hereby revoking all former Wills by me made and declaring this to be my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this **twelfth day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and fifty four.** Samuel Hopkins signed sealed published and declared by the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his preence and in the preence of

such other have set our names ad Wintesses thereto the Words her Executors Administrators and Assigns in manner following between the 44th and 45th Lines being first interlined? Susanna Haselfoot - - - Tomlinson Busby, Mary Johnosn her mark.

Onthe **fourth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight** Administration with the Will annexed of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of Samuel Hopkins late of the parish of Hays in the County of Middlesex deceased was granted to **Henrietta Busby formerly Hopkins Wife of Tomlinson Busby** the natural and lawfull daughter of the said Deceased and Legatee named in the said Will she having been first sworn duly to administer Susanna Hopkins Widow the Relict? sole Executrix and residuary Legatee for Life named in the said Will dying before she had taken upon her the Execution of the said Will and John William Hopkins ?erk? the Son and Residuary Legatee substituted having first renounced./. Exd.