



## The Last Will and Testament of Giles Hopkins

“This will was recorded in the Probate Records of Barnstable County, at Barnstable, Mass., and is found in Volume I, page 32.” The will is printed in *The Mayflower Descendant*, Vol. 1, p. 110.

“To all Christian people to whome these presents shall com know ye that I Giles Hopkins of Eastham being sick and weak of body and yet of perfit memory do declare this as my Last will and Testament on this nineteenth day of January in ye year of our Lord 1682

“I bequeath my Body to ye grave in decent burial when this temporal Life of mine shall have an end and my soul to god that gave it in hopes of a blessed Resurrection at ye Last day

“2ly my will is that my son Stephen Hopkins shall possess and Injoy all my upland and meadow Lying and being at Satuckit that is to say all my upland and meadow on ye southerly side of ye bounds of ye Towne of eastham that is to say all my right and title Intrest and claime to all those Lands from ye head of Namescakit to ye southermost part of ye long pond where mannomoyet cart way goes over to Satuckit and from thence to ye head of manomoyet river and so as our Line shall run over to ye south sea all ye Lands between thos bounds and ye westermost bounds of ye purchases at satuckit river all these Lands I give unto my son Stephen Hopkins and to his heirs forever : and half my stock of cattill for and in consideration of ye above sd Land and half stock of cattel my will is that after my decrease my son Stephen Hopkins shall take ye care and oversight and maintaine my son William Hopkins during his natural Life in a comfortable decent manner.

“3ly my will is that all my Lands at Palmet both purchased and unpurchased both meadows and upland and all my Lands at Pochet and my thrd part of Samsons neck and what other Lands shall fall unto me as a purchaser from ye fore mentioned Bounds of my son Stephen Hopkinses Lands and potanomacot all these fore specified Lands I give unto my sons Caleb and Joshua Hopkins to be equally devided between them: further my will is that if either of my sons, Joshua or Caleb Hopkins dye having no Issew that then these Lands which I have given them to be equally devided between them fall to him that surviveth.

“4ly. I give unto my wife Catorne Hopkins and to my son William Hopkins the improvment of too acres of meadow Lying at ye head of Rock Harbor during my wifes Life and ye one halfe of that too acres I give unto my son william during his Life and after ye decrease of my wife and son william I do give this above sd too acres of meadow to my son Joshua Hopkins and his heirs forever: as also after my decrease I give unto my son Joshua Hopkins a parcel of meadow Lying at ye mouth of Rock Harbor according to ye bounds thereofspecified in ye Towne Records of Lands: it I give unto my son Caleb Hopkins a parcel of meadow Lying at Little Nameskeket according to ye bounds thereof specified in ye Towne Book of Records of Lands.

“It I give unto my wife my now dwelling House and halfe my Land and halfe my orchard that is by my house: by Land I mean half my Land that is about my house both fenced and unfenced during my wifes natural Life, and then ye abovesd housing and Lands to fall utno my son Joshua Hopkins; the other half of my Land and orchard I give to my son Joshua Hopkins after my death that is to say ye other half of my Lands lying about my house.

“It. I give unto my son Caleb Hopkins one pair of plow Irons.

“It. I give unto my son Joshua Hopkins one payer of plow Irons.

“It. I give unto my son Joshua Hopkins my carte and wheels.

"It. I give unto my wife ye other half of my stock and moveables I say to my wife and son William or what parte of ye moveables my wife shall see cause to bestow on my son William Hopkins.

"It. I do appoint my son Stephen Hopkins to be my true and Lawful executor of this my Last will and testament to pay what is payable and Receive what is due.

"And to ye truth and verity hereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal ye day and year above written.

"Signed and sealed in the presence of us, Jonathan Sparrow. Samuel Knowles.

"Ye mark of Giles H Hopkins [seal]

"Jonathan Sparrow and Samuel Knowles witnesses to this will made oath in Court ye: 16<sup>th</sup>: of April 1690 that they saw ye sd Giles Hopkins signe seal and declare this to be his Last will and testament.

"Attest Joseph Lothrop. Claerk.

"I ye abovesd giles Hopkins do declare where as by ye providence of God my Life has been prolonged unto me and by Reason of age and disabillity of Body I am Incapitated to provide for my owne support and my wifes, my will further is that my son Stephen Hopkins from this time and forward shall possess and Injoy all my stock and moveable estate provided he take effectual care for mine and my wifes Comfortable Support during our natural Lives witness my hand and seal this fifth day of march 1688/9

"Witness Mark Snow Jonathan Sparrow. Giles H Hopkins [seal]

"The within mentioned Mark Snow and Jonathan Sparrow made oath in Court April ye: 16: 1690 that they saw Giles Hopkins within mentioned signe seal and declare ye latter part of this will within mentioned to be his Last will and Testament. Attest. Joseph Lothrop, Clerk.

"Duly Compared with the original and entered April ye: 22: 1690. Attest. Joseph Lothrop, Recorder."