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that we had made to take with us, but it was forgot. I hope I shall have another opportunity to send it. I received your money by Captain Trott, and laid it out for you, and sent the effects by this conveniency, The Mary Hope. The keys of the chest of drawers* are in the upper drawer, one to the left hand side, and the keys of the desk are tied to it. Not else but dear love from your affectionate Father & Mother,

JOHN and ELIZABETH HADDON

* Chest now in the possession of Rebecca Nicholson Taylor, great-great-granddaughter of John Estaugh Hopkins. Photograph on page 6 of book "Colonial Furniture of West New Jersey," compiled by Thomas S. Hopkins and Walter S. Cox.

Sarah Hopkins to Elizabeth Estaugh

GRANGE ROAD 19th of 7 mo., 1742

Dear Sister:

Thine of 21st of 5 mo. I received last week and am glad to hear of thine and dear Brother's welfare. You did not receive mine from Hargrave, but it is not the first has missed. I cannot but sympathize with thee in the hardship of parting with thy dearest, knowing it must be trying, but we must consider who has commanded it, and hope the same hand will protect him—which is my desire. As to the manner of our dear mother's illness, she never kept her bed more than usual, but swelled more, and grew more feeble, so that for about a week she had a nurse. Sometime before her departure, she called her grandchildren and advised them to fear the Lord and be dutiful, and to me she said "my dear child the Lord bless thee, and grant that thy children may be as dutiful to thee as thee and sister have been to me,"—and told us how good the Lord had been to her in her young days. She was up sometime before she died, and seemed heavy to sleep. I asked her if she would please to go to bed, and with a smile she said "yes," and we got her to bed. As soon as she was laid down she said "The Lord's name be praised," and having shut her eyes, without sigh or groan, departed.

As she lived, so died, in quiet. She several times said she had no bar in her way, and was resigned to the will of her great captain, whether to live or die. When she perceived me to be in trouble, she said "Be not troubled for me, for I hope all will be well; I have lived to a great age." And it was not desirable to her to live. May we make as good an end, is the

desire of my soul, and then we shall be made amends for all our troubles here. When I have been overwhelmed with trouble I have been ready to say, "Where is the blessing of thy dear mother?" Dear father spoke but little in his illness; he was resigned to the will of the Lord. Awhile before he was taken, heard a voice calling him by name, which I feared was ominous. I conclude with most dear love to thee desiring thee may be favored with the company of thy dearest as soon as may be. Could be glad we could have an interview, but whether we see each other here or no, that we may meet where we may part no more in those mansions of joy where our dear parents I doubt not have gone, is the sincere desire of my poor soul. So dear heart, farewell; pray for me that my faith fail not in the winter or on the sabbath-day. Once more, dear heart, farewell. When thou writest to thy dearest, pray give my hearty and very dear love to him, and may the God of peace bring him safe to him again is the prayer of her who is in all sincerity thy truly loving & affectionate sister

SARAH HOPKINS

Elizabeth Estaugh's Will

BE IT REMEMBERED, that I, Elizabeth Estaugh, of Haddonfield, in the Township of Newton, in the county of Gloucester, and Western Division of the Province of New Jersey, Widow; being at this time (through mercy) in a good state of health of body, and of sound disposing mind—praised be the Lord therefore—remembering the uncertainty of time, and willing as far as in me lieth to settle my temporal affairs in order to prevent any disputes or differences that otherwise might arise concerning the same after my decease; do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following; that is to say, IMPRIMIS—It is my will that my funeral expenses and all my just debts shall be paid and discharged by my Executors hereinafter named.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my loving kinswoman Sarah Hopkins, relict of my dear kinsman Ebenezer Hopkins, the whole use, benefit, privilege, and profit of the upper House and Lot in Haddonfield I purchased of the Executors of Samuel Mickle, now in tenure of Thomas Edgerton; but let it be understood, it's only that part let to the said Thomas Edgerton, with the like privilege of said lot he enjoys. To hold her during her natural life only, and after her decease, the said House and that part of Lot, with whatsoever improvements on it to be sold, and equally divided among the children

of hers by my kinsman Ebenezer Hopkins, or survivor or survivors of them. And the other part of said Lot and House with all other improvements now in tenure of Rachel Lippincott and son Smith, I give and bequeath unto Ann Hopkins, youngest daughter of my said kinswoman, to her and her heirs and assigns forever. And I also give the said Ann the sum of Three Hundred Pounds, current money of the Province aforesaid, and to be put out to Interest by my Executors until she arrives to the age of eighteen years, or marriage, which shall happen first; and the Interest arising to be paid yearly and every year, to be paid during the said time unto her said mother towards bringing her up to the age aforesaid, and then the said Sum Principal, Three Hundred Pounds, to be paid to her; but if she does not arrive to said age, in that case to be equally divided between the surviving sisters, to them and their heirs, executors, and assigns forever. But the House and Lot with the other improvements that may be on it, to be sold and equally divided between her brothers, viz: Haddon, and Ebenezer Hopkins, or to the survivor of them, to them, his or their heirs, executors or assigns forever. I also farther give unto my said kinswoman Sarah Hopkins aforesaid, the liberty and use of which House, either that wherein I now dwell, or that wherein she now dwells, which she shall choose to dwell in, to hold to her during so long time only as she remains the widow of my kinsman aforesaid.

Item: I give, bequeath and devise unto my kinsman John Estaugh Hopkins, being one of the children of my relation aforesaid, and to his executors or assigns forever, all of my Plantation and Tract of Land called New Haddonfield, situate in the Township and County aforesaid, including the one Hundred and Twenty Five acres purchased of Joseph Collins, let the quantity of both be more or less; Together with all the buildings and improvements whatsoever thereon erected, (except only the Lots improved and unimproved as hereafter mentioned) also my Chariot, and Furniture, and 3 Coppers set in Brick Work, two of them Stills; all the Smith's Tools; also an Eighth part of a Proprietary of Land, which my dear Father John Haddon purchased of Richard Matthews, with the reversion and reversions and remainder of the same; also my Clock. He the said John Estaugh Hopkins, providing and allowing unto his mother, the aforesaid Sarah Hopkins, during her widowhood as aforesaid, Corn sufficient for her and her family's use yearly during said term.

Item: I give, bequeath, and devise unto my kinswoman Elizabeth Estaugh Hopkins one of the children aforesaid, the sum of Five Hundred Pounds Proclamation Money, on her marriage, as soon as money can be got in; Also my Weather Glass.

Item: I give, devise and bequeath unto my kinsman Haddon Hopkins (one of the children aforesaid) and to his heirs and assigns forever, my house and lot in Haddonfield next adjacent to Isaac Andrews, with all improvements whatsoever on said lot, and also my Plantation called Little Stebbing, purchased of Jonathan Bolton, & Lucy Hubbs, & Robert Montgomery; the quantity One Hundred and Fifty seven Acres more or less, with all improvements thereon; and also the half of Willis' Right of Proprietary (which my Dear Father John Haddon purchased of Thomas Willis) with the Provisions and Remainder of the same. Also, Three Hundred Pounds Money aforesaid towards building, at the age of Twenty-One Years, with the interest from the time of my decease towards building at Old Haddonfield.

Item: I give, bequeath, and devise unto my kinsman Ebenezer Hopkins (one of the children aforesaid) and to his heirs and assigns forever, my house and lot next adjoining his brother Haddon, with all other improvements whatsoever there on. And I also give unto him his heirs & assigns forever, the other half part of Willis' Proprietary Right, with the Provisions and Remainder of the same, and Three Hundred Pounds money aforesaid towards building at the age of Twenty-One, with interest from the time of my decease.

Item: I give, bequeath, and devise unto my relation Sarah Hopkins (one of the children aforesaid) and to her heirs & assigns forever, my house and lot in Haddonfield now in the tenure of Eliza. Craig, and joining the house in tenure of Ann Banks, and the sum of Three Hundred Pounds of like money afore said, to be paid her on marriage or arrival at the age of eighteen years, which may first happen.

Item: I give, devise and bequeath unto my Relation Mary Hopkins, one of the children aforesaid, and to her heirs and assigns forever. My House and Lot (now in tenure of the Widow Cooper) with whatever improvements may be made upon it, and Three Hundred Pounds money aforesaid to be paid her at the age of eighteen years, or marriage, which may first happen. And my Will farther is, that the several and respective sums of money before mentioned unto the children aforesaid, that if any of them run out in marriage contrary

to the rules of our Society, that in such case, the part and sums or sum prefixed to that name or names shall be void, and equally divided to each other of the children or the survivor of them, who do not marry contrary to the rules aforesaid.

Item: I give, devise & bequeath unto my loving kinswoman Mary Stephens, relict of Robert Stephens, late of Newton, in the county and provence aforesaid, all that lot of Land being situate in the City of Philadelphia, in the Province of Pennsylvania, which my Dear Husband John Estaugh purchased of her former husband Joseph Kaighn, for and during her natural life; at the expiration of which, that her son Joseph Kaighn shall inherit it, and his heirs, executors or assigns forever. I also give unto her, my said kinswoman Mary Stephens, and to her heirs and assigns forever (as above) my House and Lot in Haddonfield now in tenure of Ann Banks, and runs to Tho. Cummin's line front and rear, and the other side to the house and lot in tenure of Elizabeth Craig. Also, one-Quart Mugg, with our names decipherd thereon, and four sweet-meat spoons, my Gold Chain, and the sum of One Hundred Pounds of like money aforesaid, to be paid three months after my decease.

Item: I also give, devise, & bequeath unto her two sons, John and Joseph Kaighn by her former husband Joseph Kaighn, one sixth part of a Proprietary of Land which was purchased of Richard Matthews by my Dear Father John Haddon, together with the reversions and remainders of the said sixth part of a proprietary. To hold to them the said John and Joseph Kaighn, and to their heirs, executors and assigns forever. Also, to Joseph, James and Elizabeth Kaighn, three children of the aforesaid Joseph and Mary Kaighn, to each of them the sum of fifty pounds of like money aforesaid, to be paid them in three months after my decease, or sooner if money can be got in.

Item: I give unto Hannah Estaugh (Relict of James Estaugh, late of Philadelphia) and her three children, viz: Joseph, David, and Grace, to each of them the sum of Fifty Pounds of like money aforesaid, in three months after my decease (if money can be got in) to hold to them or their assigns.

Item: I give, bequeath, and devise unto my kinsman John Gill, and to his heirs, executors and assigns forever, one sixteenth part of a Proprietary purchased by my Dear Father John Haddon of the executors of Richard Moss; and like wise all my meadow joining to his father, John Gill deceased, and

John Estaugh Hopkins, and upland also that may appear on a resurvey to be mine, be the quantity more or less. Also all the reservations and remainders whatsoever belonging to the abovesaid sixteenth part of a Proprietary Right.

Item: I give unto my kinswoman Mary Thorn, The sum of One Hundred Pounds, to be put out on interest for her own use during her natural life, and after her decease the said Hundred Pounds to be equally divided between her grandchildren by her son John Gill, and her daughter Hannah Redman deceased; the said One Hundred Pounds to be paid to her in six months after my decease, or sooner if money can be got in, or Bond to her liking. I give and bequeath unto the following persons, my relations and friends, Namely, Thomas Redman and his three children, (by his former wife Hannah, the daughter of John Gill and Mary his wife), viz: Thomas, John, and Mary, to each respectively the Sum of Twenty Pounds; and to Isaac Andrews, Daniel Stanton of Philadelphia, & Abigail Fisher, daughter of William Cooper, of Philadelphia, to be paid into her own hand, whose receipt shall be sufficient discharge (notwithstanding her present coverture) and to Elizabeth Craig, that is to say, to each and every one of them, Ten Pounds. And unto the following, that is to say Rachel Lippincott, Mary Sharp, Ann Gant, Mary Garwood, to each and every one of them, Two Pounds; all the aforesaid Legacies to be paid in like money aforesaid, and it is my Will that all the aforesaid Legacies bequeathed, if any has slipt being mentioned a time for payment, that in that case they be paid in six months after my decease (or sooner if money be got in) by my Executors after named.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my kinswoman Sarah Hopkins and her Four Daughters (aforementioned) all my Household Goods and Furniture of all sorts as if particularly mentioned, and also my wearing apparel; silk, woollen, and linen of all sorts, made and to make. Books in general and my Seller store to be equally divided among them or the survivors of them, except what is herein before particularly bequeathed.

Item: I also give, devise & bequeath all my proper Right, Title, Interest, Claim and Demand whatsoever of, in, and unto that Estate or Interest lately called by the name of the Pennsylvania Land Company or Copartnership in London, let the same extend to One Hundred Fifty and Six shares more or less, with the Profits or Produce thereof, also all other my Lands, Tenements & Hereditaments whatsoever, not herein before otherwise disposed of. To be equally divided between

them (their said mother) and her children, viz: John Estaugh Hopkins, Haddon, Ebenezer, Elizabeth Estaugh Hopkins, Sarah, Mary, and Ann. To hold to them, their heirs, and Assigns, Executors or Administrators forever. And also all the Reversion of both Real and Personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever, and to be equally divided as abovesaid, to them and their heirs, Executors, Administrators or assigns forever.

Item: Lastly I nominate, constitute, and appoint my friend William Mickle, Senior, and my kinsman John Gill, Executors. And I also appoint my friends James and David Cooper to be Trustees and Overseers of this my Will, authorizing them with all the power in me lays to have justice done in all that's contained in this my Will: and for the acceptance of Executors and Trustees, to each of them for condescending to answer my request, I give the sum of Ten Pounds, lawful money aforesaid, not intending to bar them of reasonable charges, having entire confidence in them all. Ratifying and confirming this only and no other, to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof, I, the said Elizabeth Estaugh, have set my Hand and Seal hereunto, the 30th of Month called November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty One.

ELIZA ESTAUGH. (*Sealed.*)

Signed, Sealed, Published, and Pronounced by the Testator within named, as her last Will and Testament (the several Rasures and Interlineations first being made herein) in presence of us the subscribers, and at her request have subscribed our names as evidences thereunto.

SAML. CLEMENT, JUNR.
BEULAH CLEMENT.
THOMAS CUMMINGS.

The Theologian's Tale from Tales of a Wayside Inn
(CONDENSED)

ELIZABETH

BY
HENRY WATSWORTH LONGFELLOW

I
"Ah, how short are the days! How soon the night overtakes us! In the old country the twilight is longer; but here in the forest Suddenly comes the dark, with hardly a pause in its coming;

Yet how grand is the winter! How spotless the snow is, and perfect!"

Thus spake Elizabeth Haddon at nightfall to Hannah the housemaid,

As in the farm-house kitchen, that served for kitchen and parlor, By the window she sat with her work, and looked on the landscape

White as the great white sheet that Peter saw in his vision.

Then with a smile on her lips made answer Hannah the housemaid:

"Beautiful winter! yea, the winter is beautiful, surely, If one could only walk like a fly with one's feet on the ceiling.

There is snow in the air, and see! it is falling already; All the roads will be blocked, and I pity Joseph to-morrow, Breaking his way through the drifts, with his sled and oxen; and then, too

How in all the world shall we get to Meeting on First-Day?"

But Elizabeth checked her, and answered, mildly reproving:

"Surely the Lord will provide."

Meanwhile Hannah the housemaid had closed and fastened the shutters,

Spread the cloth, and lighted the lamp on the table, and placed there
Plater and cups from the dresser, the brown rye loaf, and the butter
Fresh from the dairy.

Then Elizabeth said, "Lo! Joseph is long on his errand. I have sent him away with a hamper of food and of clothing
For the poor in the village.

The house is far from the village;
We should be lonely here, were it not for Friends that in passing
Sometimes tarry o'ernight, and make us glad by their coming."

Thereupon answered Hannah the housemaid, the thrifty, the frugal:

"Yea, they come and they tarry, as if thy house were a tavern."

But in meekness of spirit, and calmly, Elizabeth answered:

"All I have is the Lord's, not mine to give or withhold it; I but distribute his gifts to the poor, and to those of his people
Who in journeyings often surrender their lives to his service. His, not mine, are the gifts, and only so far can I make them Mine, as in giving I add my heart to whatever is given.
Therefore my excellent father first built this house in the clearing;

Through various transfers, by 1827 John Roberts, owner of the Indian King, had become owner of the Parkham property, and the Leeman section had passed to William Brown, another colored laborer. The latter area later came into the possession of the Nicholson family, owners of the remainder of the triangle and of the property and mansion, yet standing, across Haddon Avenue at Lake Street.

The left-hand portion of the house which now occupies the Parkham lot, No. 38 Haddon, was built about 1856; the right-hand portion, which blends in with the whole, was added some thirty years ago. Tradition says that there was a log house on the property, built of materials from the first Meeting House, across Haddon Avenue; if this is true, proof has yet to be found that it had any part in the present structure. However that may be, the result is a dignified frame house, painted white, well over one hundred years of age, its dignity enhanced by the white picket fence in front and on the south side.

HOUSES IN THE TRIANGLE — RHOADS-ESTAUGH

No. 56 Haddon Avenue

Ann Hopkins Nicholson, daughter of Samuel Nicholson of 65 Haddon Avenue, was married 10th mo. 2nd, 1856, to Charles Rhoads of Philadelphia. After a life of about three years in Philadelphia, the young couple came to Haddonfield to the "Brown Cottage," the home at 56 Haddon Avenue which Samuel Nicholson completed for them in 1860. Four years later, they were separated by her death, but here the family of five children grew up. The fourth was Samuel Nicholson Rhoads, who acquired national fame as a naturalist.

The Rhoads dwelling, or the "Brown Cottage," was the southerly portion of the present structure, of wood-frame, with high ceilings, and a generous air of comfort. The northerly part was added after it became The Estaugh. The second wife of Charles Rhoads, Beulah Morris, remained here until her death, and in her will left \$10,000 to make possible the use of the home as a residence for retired Friends; the acquisition was made by the Estaugh organization March 12, 1923.

A large unpainted barn, part of the Rhoads property, stands near the corner of Clement and Tanner Streets, dating from about 1865. Of the remaining land in the triangle, Rebecca Nicholson, sister of Ann Nicholson Rhoads, donated to the Borough the portion at the point as a public park, in 1915, and the land for the library at a little later date.

A word about The Estaugh, as the Charles Rhoads house is known: Early in this century, the Friends felt the need of a home on this side of the Delaware for their retired members. In 1911 an organization was formed, and later incorporated as The Estaugh. A house at 241 Kings Highway, E., just east of the Indian King, was rented, and was occupied in September of 1911. The following year, the house and property at 101 Center Street was purchased, and used until the organization moved to its present home in the fall of 1923.

While primarily for retired Friends, The Estaugh does not limit itself in the persuasion of those who wish to live within its walls.

HOPKINS POND

The sunlight streams through the tulip and oaks and beeches
That shelter the pond,
And spatters with gold the quiet water-reaches,
And woodland and meadow beyond.
From his perch the cardinal calls, aflame with feeling,
Repeating his mood,
Till the glow of love his tense little heart is revealing
Floods all the meadow and wood.
Down by the stream the for-get-me-nots are turning
Their fair blue eyes,
As a child to its mother, with infinite sympathy yearning
Toward the kindred blue of the skies.
Under the road, through the chute in the dam imbedded,
Slips the overflow,
And laves the feet of the twin-oaks, interlocked, wedded,
A hundred years ago.
The race-way that once was the haunt of frog and fingerling
And barefoot boy,
Now is flooded with violets, therein lingering
And uttering their joy.
Gone is the mill with its old, high, bucketed mill-wheel,
And it sails for the wind,
And the miller, who in whirl of the stones could still feel
The music in the grind.
The village creeps close, the city is swiftly encroaching
With its ruthless throng,
And scenes that yield before the stranger's approaching
Memories are, and a song.

JAMES LANE PENNYPACKER