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In the Name of God Amen This eighth day of July
1785 J. James Hawkins of the County of Elizabeth City being
sick and weak in Body but of perfect memory and Understanding
thanks be to God for the same, and knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to die do make and Ordain this my last will
and Testament, (Viz.) Principally and first of all I recommend
my Soul to God who gave it and my Body to the Earth from
whence it came to be decently buried, and as touching such
worldly Estate as God hath been pleased to bless me with in this
life after my just debts and funeral Expences are first paid
Imprimis I give to my Son William Hawkins Every thing
upon my Plantation, (and Plantation also) excepting one
Horse Colt, one Cow one Yoke of Steers and one Old Mare Horse
Colt, and my Desire is that my Negre fellow be hired yearly
till my just Debts are fully Paid, and then to be kept on the
Plantation with the rest of the Negres, All my Desire is if I
should not recover that my Brother William Hawkins have
a Lease of Twenty five Acres of Land whereon he now liveth during
his and Wifes Life or Widowhood. And Lastly I appoint my
Brother William Hawkins, and John Smith Executors of this my
last Will and Testament And I do hereby disannul and Revoke
all and every other Will by me heretofore made In Witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and
year as above

Signed Sealed Published and
Declared by the said James
Hawkins as his last will and
Testament in Presence of
Interlines before Signed.

James Bullock +

William Hawkins

Miller Smith

James Hawkins