

In the Name of God Amen this 15. day of Nov: 1785
 I William Hawkins of the County of Eliz: City being
 Sick and weak but in 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
 and Testament, that is to say, 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 has been
 pleased to bless me with in this life after my just debts
 and funeral expences are first paid. I hereby I lend
 the use of my ~~personal~~ Estate to my Loving Wife Sarah
 Hawkins during her life or Widowhood and my Will and
 desire is that my said Wife gives my three Children Vizt.
 John, Anthony and Richard such learning as she is
 able to Give them, Item my Will is that after the Death
 my said Wife Sarah Hawkins, or Marriage, that my three
 Negroes Quash, Hannah and Jim be sold and the proceeds
 thereof Equally Divided amongst my said three Children
 or the Survivors of them my Will further is that Advice
 be had Concerning my right to the land whereon Willis
 Skinner now lives and if my right should appear good
 my Desire is that suit may be brought in order to
 recover the same, and if recovered I give and bequeath
 the same to my son Anthony Hawkins and his heirs for-
 ever, if not recovered I give to my said son Anthony
~~what ever stock and furniture may remain with my~~
 wife Sarah at her Death And lastly I appoint my Loving
 wife Sarah Hawkins executrix of this my last Will and
 Testament and for making and all other Intents
 whereof I have unto set my hand and seal the day & year
 above written
 signed sealed Published & Declared William Hawkins
 In Presence of ~~Deffenis, J. Bullock~~ (S)