

where Benjamin Hawkins of the County of Prince Edward & last residence was spent
his life on Friday the Second Day of May last and having been suddenly seized
with a certain disorder of which he died and being desirous of making a disposition
of his estate ^{calling for him and any papers for the purpose} but sending his father and dare mean but expressed Testified and
declared his last will in the presence of Henry Gordonson Edward Brown and Joel
Huntley all of the county of Amelia Plaintiffs to be as hereafter follows.

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That is to say the said Benjamin Hawkins expressed his Will to be that all his Land and Estate should be divided Equally between his Dear wife Mary and his Children share and share alike and also expressed and declared his will to be that his son in law Green Smith should have his (the said Hawkins) Land that lay over the road at the same time desiring that the said Green Smith should preserve the Shop for the use of his the said Hawkins's Horse - We the Subscribers the Persons above named do Declare that we were Present at the time above mentioned with the said Hawkins when he in our presence declared his last will to be as his last intent and meaning above expressed and say they believe the said Hawkins was at that time of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and would have the said will reduced into Writing if time had permitted and also say he did not after wards Revoke the said will or any Part thereof all which we declare this Nineteenth Day of May 1797 sworn

The same day a for them named Henry May 19th 1777. This
writing said to be the Nuncupative will of Benjamin Rankin
was presented in Court and proved by Henry Anderson
Edon and Borum
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were severally sworn before that this writing contains
as in this handwriting and that the deceased was in his perfect senses
directed that the said Nuncupative will should be his last will and testament
and that the same be recorded and at another Court held for
County June 17th
limited the Nuncupative will to be proved according to law so for

that son and son Smith should have his [the said Hawkins] Land that lay over
the road at the same time desiring that the said son Smith should preserve the
Shop for the use of his the said Hawkins's Son
We the Subscribers the Persons above named do Declare that we were Present
at the time above mentioned with the said Hawkins when he made his last will
and say they believe the said Hawkins was at that time of sound and disposing
mind memory and understanding and would have the said will reduced into
Writing if time had permitted and also say he did not afterwards revoke
the said will or any Part thereof all which we Declare this Nineteenth
Day of May 1777 sworn

We the undersigned being lawfully May 19th 1777
witnessed said to be the Nuncupative will of Benjamin Hawkins
was presented in Court and proved by Henry Anderson
Edward Boram and Joel Handley witnesses thereto; and
were severally sworn before that this Writing contains the will of the said
deceased that the said Nuncupative will should be his last will and Testament
and that the same be recorded and at another Court held for P. County June 1777
Amy Hawkins Widow & child of s. Benjamin Hawkins did come with and
Admitted this Nuncupative will to be proved according to law so far as it related
to her being summoned to contest its Validity in the matter of the said
Amy Hawkins who are Bond & took the oath required by law for
Obtaining Letters of Administration of her s. Husband's Estate with
the will aforesaid is granted her

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James Watson &c

In the name of Lord done at the 15th 1777 James Read A. Prince