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Hugh Matthews of the County of Southampton in Notoway Parish do make this Will Writing my last will & Testament in form & manner as followeth Item I give & Bequeath to my Granson Jonas Matthews Son of John Matthews Deceased Two Hundred Acres of Land lying on the East side the Angelica Swamp being Part of a Tract of Land formerly taken up by Capt. M^{rs} West & now possessed by Edward Drew I say I give the said Tract of Land to him & the Heirs of his Body Lawfully Begotten Item I give & Bequeath to my Granson Ralph Matthews Son of Ralph Matthews a certain Tract or parcel of Land lying on the East side the Angelica Swamp a Survey lately made by Mag^r Sam^r Baker the Contents not known at present I say I give the said Land to him & his Heirs Item I give & Bequeath to my Granson Solomon Stephenson a certain Tract or Parcel of Land

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proposed by Edward Drews I say I give the said Tract of Land
to him & his Heirs of his Body lawfully Begotten Item I
give & Bequeath to my Grandson Ralph Matthews Son of Ralph
Matthews a Certain Tract or parcel of Land lying on the East
side the Angelica Swamp a Survey lately made by Map Esqr.
Baker the Contents not known at present I say I give the
said Land to him & his Heirs Item I give & Bequeath to my
Grandson Solomon Stephenson a Certain Tract or Parcel of Land
lying on James Branch bounded by Edward Drews Line & my
own Line the Contents unknown at present I give the said
Land to him & his Heirs Item I give & Bequeath to my two Sons
Edward Matthews & W^m Matthews a New Survey of Land lately
made by me lying on James Branch & bounded by the Indian
Line & the branch commonly called the Indian branch I say I
give the said Land to my said Sons to be Equally Divided

Between them according to Quantity & Quality to them & their
Heirs Item I give and Bequeath to my Loving Wife Ann
Matthews the Plantation I now live on During her Widows
hood and afterwards I Bequeath the same to my Son Joseph
Matthews I shew my Desire is that my Son Joseph Matthews
may build him a house the which he hath on part of the said
Land & my Desire that he may live where he is on that part
of the Land that was laid off to him & live on the manner of
Plantation without any Molestation the time of her widows
I say I give the said Plantation to him & his Son Jacob Matthews
& there Heirs Item I give and Bequeath to my Son Joseph
Matthews my Mill with all Conveniences thereunto belonging
I shew I Bequeath the third part of the Liquor both Syder
& Brandy made on the Plantation to my wife Ann Matthews
During her widows hood & my Son Joseph Matthews

sons Edward & John may have the liberty of selling their Tyder
in the said Tull as long as the last on free Cont. Item I
Bequeath to my Loving wife Ann Matthews my Negro fellow
call'd Jack During her Widowhood & after to have his freedom
And my Desire is that my wife Ann Matthews may not
take any Body to Crop it with her except her own Son
Item my Will & Desire is that all my Household Stuff
& Goods of all Kinds may be Equally Divided between my
Loving wife ~~Ann Matthews~~ & my three sons Edward W. my
Joseph except my wife Ann Matthews should have a
mind to leave the Plantation then my Will & Desire is
that she may have two Cows & calves or year olds & my
black Riding horse saddle & bridle or otherwise if she
continues after her Dec. to be Equally Divided among them
Likewise my desire is that my wife Ann Matthews

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have one Feather Bed & Furniture Item I give & Bequeath to
my Daughter Mary Thorp one Shilling Item I give and
Bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Mackenry one Shill.
And my fine Duffell Coat Item I give & Bequeath to my
Daughter Martha ~~Neale~~ one Shilling. Item I give and
Bequeath to my Son Benj. Matthews one Shilling Item I
give & Bequeath to my Daughter Hester Johnson one Shilling
Item I give and Bequeath to my Grandson Aaron Math
one Bed & Furniture one Beaver Hat Broad Cloth Coat
one two year Hifer Item I give & Bequeath to my Daught
Patience Johnson one Shilling Item My Will & Desire is
that if the Stock of Cattle Increased on the Plantation &
either of my Sons stands in need of Cattle either of them
may have a cow & calf to give them milk Item my Desire is that
my Loving wife Ann Matthews & my son Joseph Mathew
may be Ex^{rs} of this my Last Will & Testament

maybe last of this my last will & Testament Revoking
all other Wills by me made in Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal the 7th day of Novr 1747

Dan. Sebee

Thomas Purwell

George ^{his} Stephens
mark

his
Hugh M^r Matthews
mark

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on Thursday the
18th Day of September 1757

This Writing was sworn to by Ann Matthews the Ex^r of the
named Hon her Motion It was Ordered to be Recorded and a
Certificate was granted her for obtaining a probate on the
Goods & Chattels of ^{the} then named Hugh Matthews giving
Security according to Said

Test P. Hello C^t