

WILL OF

JOHN HAWKINS

John Hawkins of the County of Abbeville, & State of South Carolina, Planter Being in perfect health of body, and perfect mind & memory, thanks be given unto God; calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make & ordain this my last will & testament; that is to say principally and first of all. I give & recommend my soul into the hand of almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in decent Christian burial, at the discretion of my Executors; nothing doubting aty at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give demise and dispose of in the following manner & form; First I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my dearly beloved wife all my household goods & money and moveable effects (after giving to my Daughter Elizabeth the sum of five shillings also to my Daughter Rebecca five shillings sterling. also to my Daughter Mary the sum of five shillings sterling. to my Daughter Nancy one cow and calf and to each of my Sons that is to say Joseph James and Mathew Hawkins the sum of five shillings sterling each) to be possessed by her during her natural life time and at her decease to become the property of my beloved son Benjamin Hawkins also. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son Benjamin whom I likewise constitute make & ordain the sole executor of this my last will & testament all & singular my lands messuages and tenements by him freely to be possessed and enjoyed. and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke disanul all & every other former testaments wills legacies bequests and executors by me in any way named willed & bequeathed.

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whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal this eighteenth day of

July Anno; Domini one thousand seven hundred & ninety seven.

Signed Sealed published pronounced & declared by the said

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