

Hughes
William

do make and publish this my last will and testament revoking all others. It is my will and desire that after my death I shall be decently buried in a Christian manner and all my debts shall be paid. It is further my will and desire that W. D. M. Gentry of Hamblin shall have all the rest and residue of my property real and personal my land warrant my land warrant I have applied for from the Government my land on Crooked Creek forming the land of John White and other my land in Florida on Saddlers Creek in Dubois County first comes the first named tract on Crooked Creek in this Blount County contains about one hundred and thirty acres and largely of constitute and appurtenant my said friend W. D. M. Gentry of Hamblin my executor of this my last will and testament.

William Hughes

Witness my hand and seal this 28th day of July 1840

in our presence and we have signed this will in the presence of the testator William Hughes in the presence of each other and at his request

H. Keats
Saml. M. T. L.

Howard
George

The last will and testament of George Howard of Blount County State of Tennessee Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory (Blessed be God for the same) do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following and is to say: First I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Betsey the privilege of my Mansion house and other out houses as also the exclusive benefit of that part of my tract of land in which I now reside all the western part of it when divided by the line running from the bridge north to a cross fence east of the lane or running from west to east to be in line all north of that fence into the said western part which my wife is to inhabit I also bequeath to my said wife first Negroes Gay Ned son and Frank and Sally and Maria and little boy Cole. Harrison also five head of horse and a bay mare and two Dorset mares a Dorset horse a cow and my South also two cows and three some young cattle besides also my stock of hogs and sheep also all my household furniture to be at her disposal between her self and children also four pair of oxen and four pair of plows which she exercises an independent ownership during her natural life and may make such disposition all of the above said personal property amongst our children as her prudence may direct I further will that my Negroes Pishen Whats and four Green and the land and timber of my late Sowing South of Pine Hill Creek shall be for the mutual benefit of my whole family on which I have and do reside Second here I bequeath I have given to my Daughter Mary Harbison her full share here for Third here I bequeath that I have given heretofore to my Sons viz. John P. and Benjamin their full share of my property after giving to Benjamin the field immediately above the mill and from back also on which the mill lies and also to divide the profits of the Saw and Grist mills mutually between my wife and Son Benjamin S. during my wife's lifetime then to belong to Benjamin S. exclusively fourth I give and bequeath in addition to what I have already given to my Son Johnston M. my Negro boy Sam with the privilege of occupying the two Wood S. along

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as he remains on the premises where I now live when he reaches the Fairground and after that time shall belong to my wife and Son William Walter. I shall be exclusive of W. M. Walter as my wife's death Fifth - I give to my Son Alfred Blount the several fractions of land of one or four mile Creek in Blount County also my Negro man Abe. Sixth here I bequeath I have given my daughter Mary Louisa her portion of my estate but will give to my Son William Walter mutual benefit with his mother while she lives of that part of my farm and plantation on which I now live which has not been otherwise appropriated at the death of my wife my Son William Walter shall be the exclusive proprietor of all that part of my farm which he and his mother are to mutually share as above said to gather into such personal property as may be assigned to him by his mother and or last will he residing with his mother and caring for her while she lives and shall also have my Negro boy Fann and bottom gun Seventh - I will give to my daughter Betsey Adeline my Negro girl Katy and to my daughter Rebecca Maria my Negro girl Eliza and also to my Daughter Polly Mildred I give my Negro girl Sarah also I give to my three last mentioned daughters each a good horse best of price saddles and bridles and household furniture at their mother's discretion and be privileged to a home with their mother and Brother W. M. Walter as long as they may remain single. Eighth - I will that my children who live hither and should wish it may be at liberty to do their own Sowing on the Saw mill this clause to be regulated by my Son Benjamin S. notwithstanding the S. Saw mill has been given to him in a former will. Ninth as to my personal property which I possess not particularly mentioned above such residue I will that it be put to public sale giving such time and notice as my executors hereafter appointed shall deem for the mutual benefit of all concerned and I will that I hereby make appointment and ordain my two Sons Cornelius and William Walter my executors to carry into effect all the devices of this my last will and testament and that then he is named to make the best profits of which the amount of unappropriated personal property shall be equally divided between all my daughters and my executors, and my two executors above appointed now finally I hereby inform it in all the legacies of my estate that should it be contrary to my wish any dispute should arise between any of them respecting any of the devices of this my last will that the executing parties shall each choose one honest intelligent and interested man and should they not agree for them to choose a third man a majority deciding whose decision shall be final and any one of them refusing to finally settle all such disputes in the way and mode prescribed in this clause shall thereby forfeit their interest in any part of my estate in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 28th day of July 1840

George Howard

Signed and Sealed in presence of
And George
Oliver S. Armstrong

Houston
John

In the name of God Amen I John Houston of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee do make and ordain that my last will and testament first I commit my soul to God