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W<sup>m</sup> In the Name of God Amen J William Housley being sick & weak  
but of perfect mind & memory do make this my last Will & Testament  
this Twenty fourth day of June one Thousand seven hundred & Sixty  
as followeth to wit Item I give & bequeath unto my three sons William  
Housley Robert Housley & John Housley & to their heirs forever all the  
Land I hold where I now live & all that is adjacent thereto on both sides  
of Fluvanna River to be Equally Divided between the forenamed three  
sons by three honest housekeepers being appointed by the Court  
& first Sworne. It is to be Divided when my son William attains  
to the Years of Twenty one & then the three sons to Draw lots for  
Choice Item If we & bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Housley  
& to her heirs forever four hundred Acres of Land I hold on the  
Branches of Pedlar River & also three hundred & Eighty four  
Acres I hold lying & being on both sides of Housleys Creek  
Item I give & bequeath to my aforesaid Children William  
Housley Robert Housley John Housley & Elizabeth Housley & to their  
heirs forever or the Survivor of them all the rest of my Estate Real &  
Personal to be Equally Divided in the manner above mentioned  
between them as lack as each of my said Children shall attain to the  
age of Twenty one years or Marry Item my Will is that John  
Bumpass shall have as much land as he & one more hand can tend  
on the plantation where up now lives as long as he lives Item my  
Will & Desire is that my Estate be kept altogether till the Division  
above mentioned is made & that it may not be appraised, Item of  
my Will is to do Constitute & Impower my Executors hereafter  
mentioned or the Survivors of them to act on my behalf on all  
Accounts & in all cases Item my Will is to do nominate & appoint  
William & Joseph Cabell Gent. Executors to this my last Will & my  
Testament & do acknowledge Publish & Declare the within be-  
above Writing to be the same

In presence of Jeremiah Whitney  
David Rogers, John Patterson  
John Bumpass James Freeland

William Housley Jr.

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At a Court held for Allegan County the tenth day of July 1760  
This last Will & Testament was proved by the Oaths of Davis Rogers & John  
Patterson two of the Testifiers thereto & Ordered to be recorded & on the  
motion of William Cabell Junr & Joseph Cabell the Executors therin named  
who made Oath according to law Certificate is granted them for Obtaining  
a probat thereof giving Security whereupon they with Guy Smith &  
John Harre their Security entered into & acknowledged their Bond accordingly  
Test John Nicholas Etch

In the name of God Amen I Charles Ellis of the County of Allegan  
& parish of Saint Anne being in perfect Sence & Memory do make & Ordain  
this to be my last Will & Testament My Will & Desire is that my just  
Debts be fully paid & satisfied Item I give unto my son Josias Ellis my  
Tract of Land know dwell on & all the rest of my land lying on the south  
side of Pedlar River to him & his heirs forever also desire he may have a horse  
& Saddle from my Estate to be of Value twelve pounds Current money which  
said Land horse & saddle I desire he may have when he attains to the  
age of eighteen years Item I give to my son Charles Ellis six hundred  
Acres of Land lying on the North side Pedlar River four hundred Acres  
the said land was James Headeth deod & the other two hundred from  
Joseph Burton which land I desire he may have when he attains to the  
age of eighteen years to him & his heirs forever Item my Will & Desire  
is that my land besides what I have mentioned before may be Equally Divided  
to my Daughters to wit Hannah Ellis, Edy Ellis, Susannah Wright, Mary  
Ellis, Sally Ellis, Betheny Ellis, Elizabeth Ellis, Rosanna Ellis or to their  
Survivors to them share & share alike for them & their heirs forever my  
desire is that all my Estate not by me yet mentioned both Real & personal  
after my Youngest Child do attain to the age of fourteen years that it may be  
Equally Divided among my Children & Wife to wit Josias Ellis, Charles  
Ellis, Hannah Ellis, Edy Ellis, Susannah Wright, Mary ann Ellis, Sally  
Ellis, Betheny Ellis, Elizabeth Ellis, Rosanna Ellis, & my loving Wife  
Susannah Ellis or to their survivors of them to them & their heirs forever