

Sam Houston
Will #

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In The Name of God Amen I Samuel Houston of
Timberidge, Rockbridge county and state of Virginia do
frame this Instrument with my own hand, and do consti-
tute it my last will and Testament, in manner follow-
ing (viz) Item I order that my funeral charges, and

all my Just debts be punctually paid by my Executors

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth
all my household furniture together with that of the kitchen
and all implements of husbandry, and, all my stock of
cattle sheep and hogs, and also all my house creatures
except two, which I give and bequeath unto my son
John being a dark boy, which is called him and a small

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horse which I generally ride and in consequence of my
wife receiving the aforesaid property, she is to give my son
and each of my three daughters a good feather bed and furni-
ture when they marry, or sooner if shee may think proper.
Shee is also to give my sons, Parson Samuel and William, and
my Daughter, Isabella, Polly, and Eliza each a good horse and
saddle when they may actually need them.

" I will and Order that all my slaves shall be at the dispo-
sal of my wife during her natural life. In case shee remain
a widow, if she does not remain in widowhood, they
slaves are to be Employed for the benefit of my children,
to raise and school such of them as may require that relief,
and when my youngest child shall arrive at lawfull age
slaves and their offspring are to be Equally divided among
my children then living, in such manner as they agree

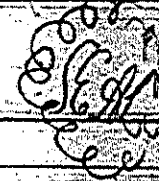
" Hence my Executors are to collect all moneys which are
to me, and after appropriating as much as they may
- usually find necessary out of said moneys to Enable them
to move with convenience as they may find it most
- Eligible (to some new country) two thirds of the remainder
is to be applied to purchase land on the best terms
also to purchase such articles as may be needful for their
support until they can be otherwise provided for, the
remaining third to be at the disposal of my wife who
I trust will do equal Justice to my children, the con-
- - currence of my wife enjoying the last mentioned third,
is to apply as much of the property of horses and
things which they acquire in Moving as they can spare
to the purchase of Land, and the third so purchas-

with said money and property, shall be divided at the
deceas of my wife to my children in the following
manner, to my son John two shares, and to my other
children one share each, my wife having the last men-
tioned shares of the land at her direction during her
widowhood, my wife is also to retain her saddle and
my bridle, she is also to have the disposal of my books,
"Then I give and bequath unto my son John my sword
(if it is not disposed of in my lifetime) and my apparel
In consequence of my son John receiving the greatest
dividend, he is to pay strict attention to my family
and Endeavor to see them raised and treated worth

Justice. My Exrs are to be guardians of my children
until they shall arrive at lawful age, and I would
recommend that they put my sons to such trades as
may be ~~as may be~~ most beneficial - and I do ap-
point as Executors of this my last will and testament
my wife Elizabeth, and my sons James Houston & John
Houston, and if any dispute shall arise respecting Execu-
ting the above will. the court of the county wherein
the majority of the legates shall reside shall have power
to appoint five men who shall put a construction
on the same as they may think best, which shall
be the final decision, and I do in the presence of

These Witnesses, acknowledged and pronounced this my last
Will and Testament, signed with my hand and Sealed
with my seal this twenty second day of September in
the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and six 1806

Witness present
Duncan Campbell
John Kinnear

Sam Houston 

Wm Lyle

At a court continued held for Rockbridge County the 6th
day of November 1807 The last will and Testament of Sam
Houston deceased, was produced in court by Elizabeth Houston
James Houston & John Houston, the Executors thereunto
named and proved by the oath of Duncan Campbell
John Kinnear, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and
Ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of the said

way of ~~showing~~ ^{the} ~~last~~ ^{will and testament of} ~~James~~ ^{James} Houston deceased, was produced in court by Elizabeth Houston James Houston & John Houston, the Executors there named and proved by the oath of Duncan Campbell John Kinnear, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of the said Executors & Executors, who made oath according to law certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate there in due form they having with approved security entered into & acknowledged bond in the penalty of five thousand dollars conditioned according to law

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