

at ~~Chatham~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~Georgia~~ <sup>South</sup> I do declare this to be  
my last Will and Testament.

<sup>John W. Bryan</sup>  
Signed in the presence of Bryan Foley, J. Faranally,  
State of Georgia, Chatham County, Court of Ordinary,  
January 1840. Personally appeared Bryan Foley  
and J. Faranally subscribing Witnesses, to the foregoing  
instrument of writing, purporting to be the last Will and  
Testament of Patrick O'Bryan an alien late of Chat.  
County Decd. Who being duly sworn depose and swear  
that they were present and did see the said instrument  
of writing duly executed by the said Patrick O'Bryan,  
who made his mark thereto, after having declared it to be  
deem according to his directions - correctly. And  
deponents further swear that the said Patrick O'Bryan  
at the time of executing the said instrument of writing  
was to the best of deponents knowledge and belief of  
sound and disposing mind, memory & understanding,  
that he went to sign his name thereto and that Bryan  
Foley and J. Faranally (the deponents) in the presence  
of each other and of the said Patrick O'Bryan and at  
his request signed their names as Witnesses to the due  
execution of the same. Bryan Foley, J. Faranally,  
Jura to before us this 18th January 1840.

Robert W. Cooke Clerk

Recorded 18 day of January A.D. 1840.

State of Georgia, City of Savannah. I Patrick Houston  
of said City, being of sound and disposing mind and  
understanding do make and publish this my last  
Will and Testament.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Eliza  
my slaves Hannah, Maria, Susannah and the other  
children of Clarissa except Hannah, to hold the same  
with their future increase to her forever. And I confirm to  
my said daughter a gift of the girl Mary Aselyne  
made to her by deed.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter George Ann  
my house burnt wholly and her children, with their  
future increase to her forever, and I

confirm to me the gift of the annuity the daughter of mine,  
this. I hereby my daughter Eliza has expressed from her  
own resources to the amount of Two hundred and thirty  
seven dollars, \$237<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> in my house, I hereby direct  
that the same amount be paid to her now and also  
my bequest devise or gift herein containing a vesting  
I give the use and enjoyment of all my furniture,  
plate, table and bed linen to my daughter as long as they  
shall please to keep house, and afterwards the same  
I direct to be divided, between them when I shall be equally

South. I further give and bequeath unto my said daughter  
Eliza and George Ann the sum of Six thousand dollars,  
each, about the sum of Six thousand dollars are to be  
raised by my executors as hereinafter directed and are by  
them to be invested in such manner or property as my said  
daughters respectively may desire and point out, and it is  
my Will that the fund or property so invested or purchased  
be conveyed to my said daughters respectively, to have and  
during their lives, respectively, with power to my said  
daughters to give or devise the same at their death to  
such of my grand children as they please, and in default  
of such appointment I bequeath the same, at the death  
of my said daughters, to my grand children then living,  
equally to be divided.

South. I give and bequeath unto my son George the boy now  
at present in his employment and I do hereby release  
my son son George from any claim which I may have  
against him for the hire or shares of the profits of wages  
of mine, which have been in his possession for several  
years as also for the amount of hire agreed on for two  
years longer under a written contract between us on  
November 22 December last. All which I consider fully  
equivalent to amount advanced by me to my other  
son hereinafter referred to.

South. Whereas I hold my son Patrick's note for thirty six  
hundred dollars which was advanced by me to support  
his purchase of negroes at the sale of the estate of George  
I will and direct that the said note and said negroes to  
remain the same, be given up to him.  
this. I do hereby confirm and ratify a certain deed

to and for the use and benefit of  
the wife and children of my son Edward, Executors  
of certain negroes herein mentioned, and for which  
negroes I pay the value for his use - I also give and  
bequeath to my son Edward the negro man Hardy  
in his possession, he to pay for the same according to  
the valuation of my negroes in Georgia; I also give  
to him the man Ben and Woman Tabina. I do  
this more to designate who shall take care of  
them as I consider Tabina useless and Ben's labor  
no more than sufficient to support her.

Eighty I gave my note to Robert Hutchison for eight  
hundred and fifty dollars, the principal  
and interest of the price agreed to be paid by my son  
Edward for the man servant Ben and hold titles for  
him in my name; I do hereby direct that said  
titles be given up, with said negro, to the said Edward,  
upon his paying said Note or securing and indemnifying  
my estate against the same.

Twenty I do hereby direct that all the rest, residue and  
remainder of my Estate real and personal, not herein  
given be disposed of by my Executors in such manner  
as they shall deem most advantageous for my children  
and those interested in it, and for that purpose I  
authorize my Executors hereinafter named to sell the  
same at such time or times place or places and on  
such terms as they think most judicious and con-  
sistent to the purchasers of the same. From the  
proceeds paying my just debts and to be first paid,  
then the said sum of six thousand dollars, part of  
my daughter, herein before mentioning, to be taken  
and directed as before directed by my Executors, then  
the residue is to be divided equally among my said  
sons to the extent of twenty five hundred dollars for  
each of them, which I consider with what I have  
already done for each of them equivalent to six thousand  
dollars, and should there still remain a surplus,  
I desire and direct that such surplus be paid by  
my Executors unto and amongst all my children  
equally, particularly and it is my Will

that the foregoing bequests to my sons and their heirs under  
the direction of my Executors, be secured for the benefit  
of these Wives and Children if any, and if they have  
none at the termination of their life estate, then to  
such of my grand Children as may then be alive,  
Any other debts not before mentioned due by my  
sons or any of them for which I am Security, shall be  
paid or arranged by them to satisfy them to the bequest  
respectively herein contained.

I nominate and appoint my friends Robert Bidwell  
 & Richard W. Copley Executors of this my last Will and  
 Testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto  
 set my hand and seal at Savannah, this fifteenth  
 day of February eighteen hundred & thirty nine  
 P. Townsend L.

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the Testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us also in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our names as Witnesses. Wm. D. Waring

P. M. Collock. P. M. Woodsuff  
State of Georgia Chatham County Court of Ordinary  
January Term 1840. Present their Honors Francis  
Smith, C. J. Bates and William Stone Williams Justices.  
Personally appeared William R. Waring a subscribing  
Witness to the annexed instrument of writing purporting  
to be the last will and Testament of Patrick Houston  
late of Chatham County deceased, the being duly sworn  
deponent and said that he was present and did see  
the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said  
Patrick Houston and deponent further said that  
the said Patrick Houston at the time of executing the  
said instrument of writing was, to the best of deponent's  
knowledge and belief, of sound and disposing mind,  
memory and understanding, and that P. M. Collock  
and P. M. Woodsuff and he the deponent in the presence  
of each other, and of the said Patrick Houston and at  
his request signed their names as Witnesses to the due  
execution of the same. Wm R. Waring

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10.  
State of Georgia, County of Chatham, Inferior Court of Ordinary.  
To Edward D. Tracy, Washington Poe & John McDonald  
Executors of the last Will and Testament of Patrick Houston  
deceased.  
Whereas Robert H. Newkum & Richard R. Caylor  
have procured, with the will of the late Patrick  
Houston deceased, a certain paper writing purporting to  
be a codicil to said Will under the hand and seal  
of the said Patrick, to which said paper William C.  
Harris & Joseph S. Hay are subscribing Witnesses,  
and whereas the said William C. Harris is now absent  
from the State of Georgia and the said Joseph S. Hay  
is resident at Macon in said County of Bibb, so that the  
personal attendance of a subscribing Witness to said  
paper cannot be obtaining before us to prove the same,  
Now know ye that we the Honorable the Justices of the  
Inferior Court of Chatham County, sitting for Ordinary purposes,  
reposing special confidence and trust in you have  
authorized and do authorize you or any two of you  
to cause the said Joseph S. Hay to come before you  
and to examine the said Joseph on oath touching the  
execution by the said Patrick of said paper purporting  
to be a codicil to his will, which paper is here to  
attached, and such examination to be reduced to  
writing and certified by you under your hands. You  
are directed to return to Robert H. Porter Esq. Clerk of  
our said Court at Macon on or before the twentieth  
day of January instant herewith.

Witness the Honorable the County Clerk Esq.  
one of the Justices of our said Court this eighth day of  
January 1850.

L. David Wilson Esq. Ch. C. & C. C.  
State of Georgia, City of Savannah.

Patrick Houston of  
the said City being of sound and disposing mind and  
understanding do make declare and publish this as a  
codicil to my last Will and Testament made and  
executed on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February of this present  
year eighteen hundred and fifteen.

Whereas in the fifth item of my said Will  
and Testament it was stated and declared that I

considered the hire and share of the profits of the  
labor of certain negroes that had been in my possession  
for several years together with the hire of my land for  
two years longer under a written contract between us in  
November or December preceding the execution of  
the said Will to be equivalent to amounts advanced  
by me to my other sons. And whereas upon  
further reflection I considered that not to have seen the  
case, the said negroes having been placed under bond  
to work on shares &c &c, having been unfortunate in crops  
the proceeds could have been but little more than sufficient  
to pay expenses. Therefore in addition to the bequests &  
dispositions made to my said son George I do hereby give  
and bequeath to him & to his wife Sarah for their  
joint use and benefit during their joint lives then  
to the use and benefit of the Survivors & their children,  
if any, and after the death of the Survivors to their children  
and if no children at the time of the death of the Survivors  
then to such other of my grand Children as shall be  
alive at the death of the Survivors. The following  
Negro Slaves, viz. Tom mentioning in the 5<sup>th</sup> Item of my  
said Will & Testament, Mary, Susan or Caddy & the  
other children of Mary, Caddy & her children.

P. Houston L.

Signed, sealed and published, as a codicil to his last  
Will and Testament by Patrick Houston the Testator  
in the presence of us who in presence of him and of  
each other have signed our names as Witnesses that  
we truly witnessed the said Patrick Houston being duly  
sworn. W. E. Harris. J. L. Day  
State of Georgia, Cobb County.

By virtue of a commission  
from the Honorable Chief of Ordinary of Chatham County  
to us directed, we have caused Joseph L. Day one of the  
subscribing Witnesses to the above paper purporting to be  
a codicil to the Will of Patrick Houston to come before  
us, and the said Joseph L. Day thereupon being duly  
sworn before us in the holy Evangelist books before  
us and that he saw Patrick Houston  
the Testator sign and bind him declared the above

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to be a Credit to and part of his Will, in  
the presence also of William J. Harris, his other  
subscribing Witness. And that the said Patent  
at the time of the execution hereof was of sound  
and disposing mind and understanding.

In Testimony Whereof  
I have signed and subscribed before us this 11<sup>th</sup> January 1840.  
Washington Poe Clerk (L)  
Clem Alexander Comr. (L)  
Witness 20<sup>th</sup> January A.D. 1840.

This is the last Will and Testament of me John Williamson of Alameda  
in the County of Northumberland Virginia. I devise appoint and  
bequeath all messuages lands tenements and real estate whatever  
and wheresoever except estates vested in me as trustee or mortgagee  
and also all my monies goods chattels and personal estate and  
effects which I can devise appoint and bequeath by this my  
Will unto and to the use of my friends Henry Taylor late of  
Savannah in Georgia in the United States of America late of  
Robert Church late of Swartout and now of New Hollow  
near Bolton in the County of Northumberland Amdersson and  
Michael Paterson of Alameda in the same County of Northumberland  
since I have made this my executor, administrators and assigns  
upon the trusts following that is to say. As to my said messuages  
lands tenements and real estate upon trust as soon as conveniently  
may be after my decease to sell the same either together or in  
parcels and either by public auction or private contract  
and subject to such conditions or stipulations and in such  
manner in all respects as to my said trustees for the time  
being shall appear expedient with full power to my said  
trustees or any part thereof at any auction or auctioneers and to  
assign or vary the terms of any contract for sale and to make  
the same at any public auction or in private contract with  
all such powers as are hereinbefore given in regard to any original  
sale or sales without being liable for any loss or diminution  
of price in consequence thereof and to convey such parts of the  
said estate as from time to time shall be sold in such manner  
as the respective purchasers thereof shall direct. And as to  
my personal estate to and shall convert into money all  
such parts thereof as shall not at the time of my decease