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Be it Remedy Catherine Abernathy Daniel Whicentunt Ephraim Whicentunt Philip Whicentunt Sally Whitman each one to have an equal part of said plantation again I give to my beloved wife Catherine Crow of my stock also all the household and kitchen furniture that belongs to me to be hers as long as she lives and after her death it is my will that it should fall back to an equal divide among my heirs namely Catherine Daniel Polly Ephraim Philip and Sally with this receipt the land shall be Polly's also it is my will that my daughter Polly shall have the gray mare and all the sheep and all the cattle but four which belongs to me and all the pigs but one sow is mine - again to my wife that my beloved wife Catherine shall have half of these four head of cattle and also this sow and further I will to my beloved wife above named all the grain on the place and also all the cabbages and three two head of cattle that is not willed and also it is my will that she shall pay my debts out of the same or otherwise I do hereby my signature acknowledge this to be my last will and testament when as witness my hand & seal day and date above written.

Signed in presence of his

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Lester & Co
John B Whitman

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his mark

I Asenath Houston late of Texas now of Lincoln County N.C. in the due exercise of my reason (blessed be God, & under a sense of my mortality and in hope of a blessed immortality, &c In the name of God Amen) I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Joel B Houston the sole Executor of this my last will & testament as follows application thereon having been made by said son J.B.H. to J.L. Edwards, the Commissioner of Pensions at the City of Washington D.C. for me in my name and behalf and for my behalf & a final decree there to an answer thereto having not as yet been secured by him for which pension a petition has been drawn up and signed by me on account of services rendered and wounds received by my deceased husband Jas. Houston during the Revolutionary war therefore the amount of money for said Pension which may be adjudged or set apart for me by the afore said Commissioner of Pensions is not known neither can it be now ascertained & hereby and by these presents do will & bequeath unto my son Joel B Houston the whole amount of money which

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may be allowed me or adjudged for me as a pension by said Commissioner all which pension money when received or if received by said son at all or any time to be divided by said son J.B.H. or distributed between himself and his Brothers and Sisters or their Children in such time, way and quantity or amount which he may think and believe most proper fair just and equitable between them and himself entirely at his discretion or discretion (having) in my life time divided out & distributed amongst my Children all my property or any money where of I may have been possessed Except my old negro woman Nina or Ann by name whom I will & bequeath to my son George Houston living and wants or wishes to live with him on account of his infirmities who belongs to said son G. Houston in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 27th day of March A.D. 1842

Asenath Houston
Joel B Houston

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Executor sworn