

State of N. Carolina } April Term 1807
Duplin County

This was the within will pronounced in Court in due form of law by the oath of John Barnes and William Barnes the subscribing witnesses thereto. And at the same time George P. Houston the Clerk named in the said will came before the Court and declared as such according to law. Ordered that letters issue accordingly.

Test W^m Nicholson Clk.

In the name of God amen. I Edward Houston of Duplin County being in perfect health and sound memory and mind but calling to mind the uncertainty of this life do make publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit. First I give and bequeath to my son Reuben Houston my manner plantation and land and all the apartments thereto. I then I give and bequeath all the rest of all my worldly goods to my three sons Benjamin Absolom and Reuben to be equally divided between my three sons and I also do nominate and appoint my son Reuben Houston to be my executor to my last will and testament. Witness all wills hereof made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 2^d day of February 1769.

Signed sealed and delivered

In the presence of us

John Barnes

W^m Robinson

Tracy Barnes

Edw^d Houston Seal

In the name of God amen. I John Whitfield of Duplin County and State of North Carolina being man of sound heart and perfect sound mind and memory do this 31st day of January 1825 make and publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows viz. First I bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy three negroes named Matilda Polly and Carter whom and their increase to her and her heirs and assigns for and during her natural life time. Also I give to my beloved wife one bay mare two colts and colts and one three year old filly and her choice in the stable and I give my said wife Nancy Whitfield one Choece bed and furniture one chest bed and card room and table three chairs one pot and Dutch oven one case of Linen and forks set of tea cups and saucers and plates and a dish and one saddle and side saddle. Also I bequeath unto my wife Nancy all the remaining part of my house hold and kitchen furniture during her widowhood or natural life time. Second I give unto my daughter Sally Martin Eighty one acres and a quarter of land lying in the fork of Rooty Branch and Gumpey Run and contain dollars in money to her her heirs and assigns. Third I bequeath unto my wife Nancy Whitfield all the remaining part of my land for and during her natural lifetime or widowhood and after her death or marriage it is my wish that all the land that I have bequeathed my wife should be equally divided among my present wife children named Fustor, Isaac and one the being pregnant with at this time Fourth all the rest and residue of my estate of what nature or kind soever I give and leave to the disposal of my wife Nancy for the purpose of paying all my just debts