

In the name of God Amen. I James Houston of North Carolina County
of North Carolina, being at present weak in body but of a sound and
disposing mind & trusting blessed be God, & calling to mind the mortality of
the body, & that it is appointed for all men once to die, Do make & ordain this
my last Will & Testament in the manner & form following Viz. Principally
First of all I recommend my soul to God who gave it & my body to the
earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent manner at the discretion
of my Executors herein after named, And as touching the worldly Estate as it
hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give & dispose of the same as follows
First I Will that my Just debts & funeral expenses be paid & discharged as soon
as convenient after my decease. Imprimis I give the yew tree under my house
where I live from the plantation I now live on together with the dwelling house
& other out buildings thereunto belonging & that during her life I likewise
leave unto my wife a negro woman named Hannah two ~~pieces~~ beds & three
chairs, one case of drawers one table & four chairs all the spinning
wheels & ready all the kitchen furniture a grey mare called Brandy a sorrel
mare Colt two years old her saddle & four Cows & three calves & that when ever
my wife shall die I leave unto my son James the plantation he now lives
on containing 112 Acres to him & his heirs forever in fee simple, Likewise two
hundred & adjoining the land he now lives on that was formerly purchased from
William Givens, & the plantation I now live on at the decease of his Mother
to him & his heirs forever in fee simple, I likewise leave unto my daughter
Mary a man named Alan & a negro boy named ~~Frank~~ Frank I leave unto my
daughter Elizabeth wife to John Potts a negro woman named Ure & that during
the life of my said daughter I will leave to her all her pleasure & to either
of her daughters when or when. Yet it is otherwise my Will that the land
I have on the waters of Twelve mile creek adjoining land of Robert Hunt
containing one hundred Acres & a tract near ~~Franklin~~ Franklin containing 50 Acres
containing of 100 Acres on Givens' field & to be enjoyed by his heirs as soon as
convenient after my decease & the money arising from the sale to be divided as
soon after my decease & I do hereby authorize my Executors to make as
much & sufficient a title as I could of conveyance to the purchasers of said
land & myself I could have done taken personally present. And I like
wise my Will that my Negro Man George & my Negro woman named Ure
with all my personal property not herein before mentioned be

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I do of full Recommendation my soul to God who gave it & my body to the
earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent manner at the discretion
of my Executors herein after named And as touching the worldly Estate as it
belongeth unto me I do to bless me in this life I give & dispose of the same as follows
First I Will that my Just debts & funeral expenses be paid & discharged as soon
as convenient after my decease. Imprimis I give the sum of ten pounds my lawful
married wife Grace the plantation I now live on together with the dwelling house
& other out buildings thereto belonging & that during her life I likewise
leave unto my wife a negro woman named Hannah two ~~hundred~~ ^{hundred} & thirty
four acres of dry land one table & four chairs all the spinning
wheels & such all the kitchen furniture a grey mare called Brandy a sorrel
mare Colt two years old her saddle & four coats & three barrels & that when my
wife is dead I leave unto my son James the plantation he now lives
on containing 112 Acres to him & his heirs forever in fee simple, likewise two
hundred & thirty acres of the land he now lives on that was formerly purchased from
William Givens, & the plantation I now live on at the decease of his mother
to him & his heirs forever in fee simple, I likewise leave unto my daughter
Mary a man named John & a negro boy named Abel. I leave unto my
daughter Elizabeth wife to John Potts a negro woman named Ulla & that during
the life of my said daughter I do her devise to be given at her pleasure & to either
of her daughters here or there. Yet it is otherwise my Will that a tract
of land on the waters of Hunter make back adjoining land of Robert Hunter
containing one hundred acres & a tract near George's ^{containing} 50 acres
containing of 100 Acres on Givens's ^{shall} ^{be} ^{as} ^{soon} ^{as} ^{convenient} after my decease & the money arising thereunto be divided as
soon after my decease & I do hereby authorize my Executors to make as
much & sufficient a title or deeds of conveyance to the purchasers of said
lands as myself could have done taken personally present His wife
and my Will that my Negro Men George & Simon & my woman named Lie
with all my personal property not herein before mentioned be
to be divided by my Executors as soon as convenient after my
decease & the money arising from such sales to be then and there
in my possession & the last standing debts due to me be given and
paid as follows. To my wife Twenty dollars to my Grand daughter

Elizabeth, Mary, & Nancy Potts, to each of them twenty dollars to be paid
 them when they are 21 years of age on the day of their marriage with the
 In least else their own & the other of these three last named children the
 day before they are 21 years of age on the day of their marriage - then
 then there to go the survivors, to my sister Isabella wife to William
 the forty dollars, to my grandson James Houston Morrison, son
 to David Morrison one hundred dollars, to my grand son James M
Patterson son to John Patterson two hundred dollars long daughter
 Margaret wife to John Patterson one hundred eighty dollars and it is
 my will that the money hereby left to my two grandsons be put to
 interest & paid to them when they arrive to the age of twenty one years
 & the remainder of the monies arising from the sales & as aforesaid be
 equally divided between my four children viz James, & his wife,
 wife to John Potts, Margaret wife to John Patterson & Susan wife
 William Morrison share & share alike - and lastly I do hereby
 nominate constitute & appoint William Pitt & my son James M
 Houston & my son in law John Patterson to be the sole Executors of
 this my last will & Testament hereby revoking & making void all
 former wills by me heretofore made, Ratifying & confirming this
 my last will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand & affixed my seal this 11th day of January Anno Dom. 1800
 signed, sealed, Published & pronounced by the said James Houston
 to be his last will & Testament in the presence of us who at his
 request have subscribed our names as witnesses

Hugh Houston

James Pitt

John McCarty

James Houston



Know all men by these presents that I James Houston being of
 the County of ... State of ... do hereby certify that the following
 is a true and correct copy of the original of the same as the same
 is now in my possession viz that the ... mentioned in my last
 will to be given at my death to my daughter Susan wife to William
 Morrison, & to my wife Susan two negro children not
 mentioned in my will named Sarah & Anne to her own use & to be at
 her disposing, & the same with the 700 acres of the land that is, some part
 now lying on which was purchased from Robert Quinn & 150 ...

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 to Dr. Morrison one hundred dollars, to my Grandson James
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 Equally divided between my four children viz James, & my wife,
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 William Morrison share & share alike - & I do hereby
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 request have subscribed our names as witnesses

Hugh Houston }
 James Pitt }
 John McCarty }

James Houston 

Now after which it may be seen that James Houston having
 bequeathed at his death the said land to his son James
 my attention viz that the said land was bequeathed in my last
 will to be given at my pleasure to my daughter Susan wife to William
 Morrison, & to my wife Susan & to my two negro children not
 mentioned in my will named Obed & Anne to her own use & to be at
 her disposing. & I likewise bequeathed to her the land that is, son
 now lies on which was purchased from William James & John
 the land adjoining that was purchased from William James & John
 & of H. Houston be disposed of public sale by my Executors as soon
 convenient after my decease & the money arising from such sale to
 Equally divided between my four children viz James, & my wife

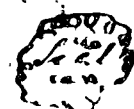
John Potts, & Margaret wife to John Potts & Susan wife to William
 Herring, then & there alone, & I do hereby authorize my Executors or any
 one of them to make as good a title or deed of conveyance to the purchasers
 of said lands as I myself could have done when personally present, & it is
 my will that my son James have the one hundred & fifty acres of land the
 remainder of the 300 acres purchased from H. Givens & the plantation now
 live at his mother's death to him & his heirs forever in fee simple. In Witnes
 whereof I do hereunto set my hand & affix my seal this 28th day of Decemr
 1800 Wm. H. Potts

James Potts

J. Houston

Ann M. Potts

James Houston



In the name of God Amen, I George Hornes of Northumberland County
 State of V. Carolina, being at present weak in body but of a sound & dispo
 my mind blessed be God, and calling to mind the mortality of the body & that it
 is appointed for all men once to die, Do make & declare this my last will. In
 testament in manner & form following Viz first I will that my just debts
 & funeral expenses be paid & discharged as soon as convenient after my death
 I give & bequeath unto my well beloved wife Bethsiah all my
 property of whatsoever kind including my wearing apparel & household
 in, debts due to me the paying out of the same one dollar unto my
 daughter Mary wife to Andrew Presley & that at any time when de
 mandee after my decease. And lastly I do hereby nominate my
 son in law Joseph W. Common to be the sole Executor of this my
 last will, hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made
 ratifying & confirming this to be my last will. In witness whereof
 I do hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 6th day of May
 1802 Signed, Sealed, Published & pronounced
 by the said George Hornes to be his last will in the presence
 of us who at his request have subscribed our names
 as witnesses

John M. Corde

Hugh M. Gray

George Hornes

