

To be paid & the remainder of the money to be laid out in Land for
the four Boys who is to have an equal divide as they come of age
I do allow Josiah the youngest boy to keep his Mother & to his
Three Shares Accordingly - I bequeath unto Jesse & Jenny Child ~~Twenty~~
Dollars, I bequeath unto Eli & Mary Church fifteen Dollars -
I bequeath unto Thomas & Margaret Seely three dollars, I bequeath
my daughter Jemima Harkness one hundred Dollars & her husband
I do bequeath unto my Daughter Anna one hundred dollars
on a Horse & saddle & back in Lince Turn of & Cynthia the same
as Anna the which sums truly to be paid to them when they
of age if they stay in the family, I do further declare that if
any of them will turn Rebels or will not be advised by the
Executors but will go away from the family, I do allow
them three dollars either boy or girl and no more

I do constitute & declare Mary Harkness my wife & my son
Thomas Seely sole Executors of my last will & Testament
Revoke & disannul all former Testaments confirming this
& no other to be my last will & Testament. In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 16th day
of July in the year of our Lord 1807 and 32 of our Inde-
pendance. And I do empower the Executors to make a
Sufficiant to any person for the same

Signed & attested before us

Richard Sharpe }
James McTear }

George Harkness 

In the name of God Amen, I John Houston of Meck-
lenburg County & State of North Carolina, being sick & weak
in body, think proper while my Judgment Remains sound
& memory perfect to dispose of my worldly estate as it
has pleased a kind Providence to bless me in this life with
in mine & from following to wit I wish my wife
that all my just debts be paid out of my estate -

I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Ann Houston
 the dwelling house that I now live in with all the improvements
 belonging to it & timber to support the same & firewood during
 her natural life or widowhood, likewise I give to my beloved
 wife one negro woman named Sela also a young boy named
 named Dick, also one boy named Tipton with a young
 mare colt & sucking of her at this time with her saddle & bridle
 all the household & kitchen furniture then standing without
 like wine twenty five dollars, one plow with gear bridle &
 colters double trees & clevises, like wine three mitch cows &
 two 2 year old heifers to be of her own choosing. Also I leave
 her all my books & body clothing, also one ox & two wending hoes

It is my desire that my execut. or lay off provisions for one year
 to her & her heirs & assigns for ever — I then I give & bequeath to
 my three sons I Thompson, William & Stephen all my land that
 lay joining here & a tract in the south of the six mile creek
 to be equally divided betwixt them when my second son
 comes of age to them their heirs & assigns for ever —

I then I give & bequeath one negro girl named Linda & one negro
 boy named Sampson & should the negro women that I left my
 beloved wife have any more children it is my will that the be
 equally divided betwixt all my children there & there alike

I then I give & bequeath to my two daughters Peggy & Jane each
 of them one bed & furniture when they may stand in need of
 them. The remainder of my property not willed I allow my
 execut. ors to put to sale & equally divide betwixt my five
 children there & there alike — Lastly I do hereby nominate

my Trusty, friends John Clegg & Edward Still Executors
 of this my last will, hereby Overruling & making null &
 void all other wills & bequestments heretofore made

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 & seal this 28th day of May 1812 —

Signed Sealed pronounced & declared
 in the presence of these two witnesses

William McKee

John Houston

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all the household & kitchen furniture then spanning wheel
like with twenty five dollars, one plow with gear bridle &
cotton double bars & clevises, likewise three milk cows &
two 2 year old heifers to be of her own choosing. Also I give
her all my books & body clothing, also one or two wedding hoop

It is my desire that my execut. or lay up provision for one year
to her & her heirs & assigns for ever — I then I give & bequeath to
my three sons I Thompson, John & Stephen all my land that
I am joining here & a tract in the forks of the Six mile brook
to be equally divided betwixt them when my second son
comes of age to them their heirs & assigns for ever —

I then I give & bequeath one negro girl named Linda & one negro
boy named Sampson & should the negro women that I left my
beloved wife have any more children it is my will that the be
equally divided betwixt all my children share & share alike

I then I give & bequeath to my two daughters Peggy & Jane each
of them one bed & furniture. when they may stand in need of
them. The remainder of my property not willed I allow my
executors to sell & equally divide betwixt my five
children share & share alike —

Lastly I do hereby nominate
my Trusty, friends John Clegg & Edward Still Executors
of this my last will, hereby Overruling & making null &
void all other wills & bequestments here before made

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
& seal this 28th day of May 1812 —

Signed Sealed pronounced & Declared
in the presence of these two witnesses.

William McKee }
Andrew Spratt - }

John Acoustic 