

to be buried in a Churchyard. I will leave such worldly Estate as God has blessed me with in this life after all of just debts are paid - I give bequeath & dispose of in the following manner Viz I give & bequeath unto my beloved son John all of the Land I possess & together with the fishing, and it is my further will & pleasure for my beloved son William to have two hundred dollars out of the property I leave to my son John. It is further my will & pleasure for my Daughter Sarah to have one bed & its necessary furniture. I together with the household furniture I to have one cow, to have her maintenance out of the Estate. It is further my particular will & pleasure for my son Thompson to be maintained out of my Estate & for my son John to take care of him. And Lastly I do nominate & constitute I appoint & my Trusty friends John Hartgrove & William Wiley to be my whole & sole Executors of this my last will & Testament. This the 2nd day of February in the Year of our Lord 1827

Stephen Taylor

Benjamin Hartgrove
Ephraim Hartgrove

Thompson Hartgrove



In the name of God Amen I Leviness Houston of the County of Mecklenburg in the Province of N. Carolina, being sick & weak in body but of a sound & perfect mind & memory Thanks be to God the giver of all mercies. Do make this my last will & Testament, That is to say first of all, I recommend my soul unto God who gave it trusting that through the merits of Jesus Christ our Redeemer & only Saviour I shall come to joyful & happy Resurrection. And my body I commit to the earth to be decently interred in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter to be named. And as touching such worldly substance as it hath pleased God in this life to bless me with, I do bequeath in the following manner - To my wife I bequeath all my just debts to be paid after first discharging my funeral charges - Then I do bequeath my loving wife, signess Houston have her separate living life on her dower land on the plantation where I now live & that she have her bed & furniture one & above the third of my goods & chattels which

at her desire ~~that she~~ ^{that I desire} that she
 dispose of it amongst my said Daughters or the survivors of them.
 Then I give & bequeath my two plantations of Land to my two sons John
 & Henry Houston to be equally divided between them at the marriage
 of either of them that shall marry first by my Executors that shall
 be survivors of that time. Then I give & bequeath to each of my
 two sons a Horse out of my present Stock such as my Executors shall
 think proper. Then I give & bequeath to each of my five Daughters
 Frances, Mary, Jennett, Martha & Elizabeth one Young Cow to be
 nominated by my Executors, Next May after the date hereof over & above
 them several & equal shares of my goods & Chattels - Then I Order that
 my two sons herein before named John & Henry do equally pay unto
 each of my daughters at their coming of age or Marriage The sum
 of one hundred proclamation Money out of their Land as an Equi-
 valent Provision with them the said John & Henry before said
 Then I Order that it is my will that my loving wife Agness do retain under
 her paternal care & Tustion my said children herein before named
 & that they live all on & occupy the Land before bequeathed during the
 life of my said wife for their Medical Support & Maintenance
 Then I Order my Executors to School & Educate my said Children in such man-
 ner as they shall think proper the expenses of which I Order to be charged
 out of the common Fortune or whole Shares of my Legacies & not of the
 respective Shares of any of them - Then I Order to each of my two sons
 before said one Young Cow at the time made mention of for the
 Nomination of the Cows for my daughters if my Executors shall think
 it expedient, And as my Stock is considerable at present, I Order that
 my Executors do see that my said Legacies do take all possible
 care thereof until the ensuing Spring & then if it is judged that the
 same is more than my wife & Children can conveniently maintain
 that then they do by Vendue make Sale thereof & the money there-
 of, some arising to dispose of for the use of my daughters at their coming
 to age or Marriage, Still observing to retain a sufficient
 Stock on the Land for the support & accommodations of my wife & children
 I Appoint my loving wife Agness Houston with Richard Harrisson
 & William Harris Esquire my sole Executors of this my last will and

of either of them the said children by my Executors that shall
 be survivors of that time. Item, I give & bequeath to each of my
 two Sons a Horse out of my present Stock such as my Executors shall
 think proper. Item, I give & bequeath to each of my four Daughters
 Frances, Mary, Jennett, Martha & Elizabeth one Young Cow to be
 nominated by my Executors, Next May after the date hereof over & above
 them several & equal shares of my goods & Chattels. Item I Order that
 my two Sons herein before named John & Henry, do equally pay me
 each of my daughters at their coming of age or Marriage the sum
 of five pounds proclamation Money out of their Land as an Equi-
 valent Provision with them the said John & Henry before said
 Item I Order that it is my Will that my loving wife Agneta do retain under
 her paternal care & Protection my said Children herein before named
 & that they live all on & occupy the Land before bequeathed during the
 life of my said wife, for their Medical Support & Maintenance
 Item I Order my Executors to School & Educate my said Children in such man-
 ner as they shall think proper the expenses of which I Order to be charged
 out of the common, fortune or whole terms of my Legacies & not of the
 respective shares of any of them. Item I Order to each of my two sons
 before said one Young Cow at the time made mention of for the
 Homestead of the same for my daughters if my Executors shall think
 it expedient, And as my Stock is considerable at present, I Order that
 my Executors do see that my several Legacies do take all possible
 care thereof until the ensuing Spring & then if it is judged that the
 same is more than my wife & Children can conveniently maintain
 that then they do by Vendue make sale thereof & the money there-
 of, some arising to dispose of for the use of my daughters at their com-
 ing to age or Marriage, Still observing to retain a sufficient
 Stock on the Land for the support & Accomodation of my wife & Children
 I Appoint my loving wife Agneta Herston with Robert Harris
 & William Harris Esquires my late Executors of this my last Will and
 Testament. Item, I Appoint & nominate my Trust man Cold Robert
 Harris Esquire Guardian of my daughters Frances, Mary, Jennett
 Martha & Elizabeth herein before named, & that he take notice
 & see that the several Articles herein before mentioned be

performed & I do hereby disannul, Revoke & make void
all former & other Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made. In Testimony
Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed
my Seal this 14th day of August 1764 -
Signed, sealed, published, pronounced & declared
as to & for the last Will & Testament of the said Leveness
Houston in the presence of us who with hereto
subscribed our names as witnesses

Robert Robinson

Andrew Robinson

James Robinson

Leveness Houston *Test*

October 20th 1775 I Leveness Houston maturely considering the above
Testament as my last Will do order that out of the whole of my Estate
my Daughter Elizabeth shall have Thirty five pounds for her dowry
& at her death if any of said sum is not laid out on her account the
remainder to equally divided among my surviving Children

Henry Mitchell

James Mitchell

Robert Harris

Leveness Houston

" In the name of God Amen. I William Henderson being weak in body, but
of perfect mind & memory understanding, Do make this my last Will and
Testament, I do leave my spirit to God that gave it, & my body to be
decently buried at the disposal of my Executors, and as for my worldly
affairs I do positively order that all my lawful Debts be paid out of
my Estate Effects, And the remainder as follows to wit, I leave to my loving
wife all my plantation tools & the third of all my Moveable Goods &
her own Sadle & spinning wheel, Item I leave to my sons & daughters
namely John, Jos. Jr, William, Alexander & Jane Hendersons & my other
now in the womb to six children above named mentioned I leave all
my Land goods & Chattels that is not mentioned before to any other
person, Only my wife shall have the benefit of all my Land so long
as she remains my Widow, And at her death or Marriage the Land shall
be sold by my Executors & equally divided with the rest of my goods
among my six Children each one to have an equal part