

220) Will'd Requeath a limited, Ratifying and con-
firming this and no other to be my last Will and
Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal the day and Year above Written
Signed sealed published pronounced and declared
by the said Thomas Johnson as his last Will &
Testament in the presence of the Subscribers

Samuel Brandon
Samuel Dickey
Samuel Young

Thomas Johnson Esq.
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In the name of God Amen. the 2 day
of August Anno Domini 1770, I Samuel Houston
of the County of Rowan in North Carolina being in
perfect health and soundness of memory, thanks be to
God for his mercies and calling to Remembrance the
uncertain State of this Transitory life and that all
flesh must yield to Death when it shall please
God to call, do make constitute ordain and declare
this my last Will and Testament in manner
and form following, Revoking and annulling
by these presents all and every Will or Testaments

heretofore by me made either in word or writing
and this to be taken only for my last Will
and Testament and none other and first be-
ing penitent and sorry for my sins past
committed against a kind and merciful God
most humbly desiring forgiveness of the same
I give and commit my soul unto Almighty
God my Saviour and Redeemer in whom and by
the merits of Jesus Christ I trust and believe af-
firmedly to be saved and that my soul with my bo-
dy at a general day of Resurrection shall arise
again with joy and through the merits of Christ's
death and precious blood and inherit the Kingdom
of Heaven prepared for his elect and chosen
and my Body to be buried in such a place as
my friends or Christian Brethren shall think
fit and now for the settling my temporal
Estate and such goods, Chattels, Debts and
bills pleased God for my Defaults to testify
upon me I do order give and dispose the
Same in manner and form following that
is to say first I will that all these Debts
and Dues as I owe in Right of Consanguinity to
any manner of person or persons whatsoever
shall be well and truly contracted & paid

or ordained to be paid within convenient
time after my decease by my Executors
hereafter named. Now I Give and Bequeath
unto my eldest Brother Samuel Houston
all my Right title or interest in the
Tract of Land he now lives upon with
all the household Goods I have at his place
and at the Coopers and my Black Kins
all which articles he the said Samuel
is to have and to hold until his son
James is twenty one years of age when he
the said Samuel shall pay unto his son
James forty pounds proclamation Money
in lieu of the said before mentioned, and unto
brother Samuel's eldest son Peter Houston
I Give and Bequeath my Silver Watch
Three Buckles with all my Cloathing now at
Brother Samuel's except my Clock bed side
and Bunkle and unto Martha Houston eldest
Daughter of Brother Samuel I Give and
Bequeath the loose chain which I bought
of William Sharps now in the Care of Petrus
Peters upon Church and unto my Sister
Robert Houston I Give and Bequeath my
Clock and that Bond upon Brother James
which was assigned to me I will and Bequeath
unto Brother Robert Houston all the

Household Goods pertaining unto me which are
in his possession with my plow and tackle
Instruments belonging and what Cloathing I
left at Robert Edmonstons with what
Corn I raised last year and what is coming
of Robert Edmonstons which is to be paid in
the way. I Give and Bequeath unto Brother
Roberts two Sons now born unto Robert his
eldest son that Claim of Land I bought of
John Lacey Lying between the Claim of land
on which son Robert Lacey and there I had
of Robert Edmonstons and unto James his second
son I Give that Claim of Land on which my
Cabin is built which formerly belonged to Robert
Edmonstons I Give and Bequeath unto Brother
Christopher Houston my negro boy James