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In his last ~~will~~ Testament in the presence of
us
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In the name of God Amen the twenty third day of
January 1786 I Thomas Johnston of Rowan County
in the State of North Carolina being sick and weak
of body but of perfect mind and memory. Thanks be
given unto God. therefore calling to mind the mortality
of my body and that it is appointed for men to die
do make this my last Will and Testament. and
principally and first of all I give and recommend my
soul into the hands of God that gave it. hoping through the
merits of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
to have a full and free pardon of all my sins and to
inherit everlasting life and my body I recommend
to the Earth to be Buried in decent Christian Burial
at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named hop-
ing to receive the same again at the general Resur-
rection by the mighty power of God and as touching
such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to bless me
with in this life. I give bequeath demise and dispose

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of in the following manner and form (viz) My
Will and pleasure is that all those just debts and
duties as I do any person or persons whomsoever
be well and truly satisfied and paid in convenient
time after my decease by my Executors hereafter nam-
ed - I do give and bequeath to my loving daugh-
ter Anna One shilling sterling money, I do give
and bequeath to my loving daughter Margaret One
Shilling sterling money, I do give and bequeath
to my loving daughter Hester one shilling sterling
I do give bequeath and demise to my loving son
John Johnston my plantation which he now lives
and to his heirs and assigns forever. Reserving interest
standing to my loving wife her right of dower in said
plantation - I do give and bequeath to my loving
Wife Anna all and singular the Remainder of my per-
sonal Estate to her and her heirs and assigns forever
Lastly I nominate constitute ordain and Appoint George
Webb and my loving Wife Anna Johnston Executors
and Executors of this my last Will and Testament
and do hereby utterly revoke disannul and annul
of all and every former and other Will or Wills and
Testament, legacies, Bequests and Executors by me
in any way before this time made named Willed

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Willed Requeathed 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

James Brandon

James Dickey

Samuel Young

Thomas Johnson Esq.



In the name of God Amen. the 2^d day
of August Anno Domini 1770, I James 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, looking and counselling
by these presents all and every Will or Testament

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 mercifull 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-
-suredly 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 Christs
death and passion shall 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
liabls pleased God for my Defaults to be taken
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 Demands as I owe in Right of Conscience to
any manner of person or persons whatsoever
shall be well and truly Contented of said