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I James Houston do make and publish this as my last will and testament in hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debt be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of any money that I may be possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor. Secondly I will and bequeath unto my Son ^{Thomas} ~~Thomas~~ Houston a tract of land containing forty acres more or less purchased by me from Aaron Hock my son deceased. Also one other tract containing forty seven and one half acres with the exception of a part to be hereafter named it being an entry made by me (See Grant No. 20, 934) from said Francis Houston. I shall pay my executor the sum of two hundred and twenty five dollars to be equally divided into five yearly installments and in case the said Francis Houston shall refuse to comply with the above condition I will and bequeath unto him the sum of five dollars in stead thereof and I require it as my executor to sell the same and the proceeds thereof after settling apart the sum of fifty dollars which is to be appropriated in schooling my son Aaron Thomson to be equally divided amongst my daughters namely Emily Elizabeth Lucinda Rebecca and Sarah my son Aaron Thomson. Thirdly I will and bequeath to my brother Thomas Jones a part of the before named tract See Grant No. 20, 934. Beginning at a certain corner near by Aaron Houston deceased between Joseph Phea and myself thence running with the line of said Phea now the Jones to a corner of an entry made by Edmund Westlund thence with the same to John Houston's line thence with Ch. Houston's line to a black oak corner thence a straight line to the beginning. And lastly I constitute and appoint my brother Thomas Jones and John Houston my executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twentieth day of the month of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one.

Signed Sealed and acknowledged in the presence of ^{his} James Houston
 of } Daniel Wicker
 } William Colburn
 } John Houston Jun

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I James Houston of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee being of sound and perfect mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner as follows and from following I direct give and bequeath unto my Son in law Robert Sedford my farm containing three hundred acres of land lying on the west of Little Creek commencing at the bridge on the McIntosh line running with the runnings of the creek up to the find near the Baptist meeting house thence with Edmund Houston's line till it strikes Dot McWhies line thence with Dot McWhies line till it strikes McIntosh's line and thence with McIntosh to the beginning with its appurtenances I also bequeath to Robert Sedford one half of the farm stock and one half of the farming utensils attached to said farm. The household and kitchen furniture exclusive of what belongs to Robert Sedford is to be sold after my daughter Sidney St. Houston shall have been furnished with two well equipped beds I also direct that Robert Sedford shall out of his portion of the estate furnish my daughter Sidney when she leaves the place with an outfit in kind and quantity equal to that given to my daughter Melvina

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Sidney is also to have the use of my grey Pony while she remains on the place and after she leaves the Pony is to be given to Robert Sedford of also direct that one tenth of the proceeds arising from the perishable property so soon as it can be sold and the money collected with one tenth of all notes due the estate so soon as they can be collected be divided equally between the following benevolent institutions One third to the Southern Western and Theological Seminary located at Mannville Tennessee one third to the American Sunday School Union and one third to the American Board for foreign Missions and that the remainder be united together with the Annual interest in some safe Bank or other institution for five years. I also direct that my interest in the mills on the waters of Pistol Creek be rented out for the space of five years at the expiration of which time said interest is to be sold and that my daughter Sidney St. Houston receive out of the profits of the rent one hundred dollars for Annus for her own use and if the rent should not amount to one hundred dollars for Annus the remainder is to be furnished her out of the interest of the rented money. I further direct that the several tracts and parcels of land not otherwise divided lying in the counties of Blount and Plover together with one bar bank in Blount County be sold at the option of my Executors within the space of five years and that a tenth part of the proceeds of said land be divided equally between the following benevolent institutions. One third to the Southern Western and Theological Seminary located at Mannville Tennessee One third to the American Sunday School Union and one third to the American Board for foreign Missions. I further direct that the whole residue of my real and personal estate at the expiration of five years or so soon thereafter as it can be collected be divided in the following manner. One tenth to my Grand Son James Alexander Son of John Alexander one tenth to Jane Brown and her heirs. One tenth to Caywood Brown and his heirs. One tenth to James Walker and his heirs. One tenth to Robert Sedford and his heirs. One tenth to William Moad and his heirs. One tenth to William Patrick and his heirs. One tenth to James Sedford and his heirs one tenth to Brokin Sedford and his heirs. And one tenth to my daughter Sidney St. Houston. Note Run. I recommend my heirs to appropriate as much of their several portions of this estate as they can consistently to the benevolent institutions of the age in which they live.

I hereby appoint Sole Executors of this my last will and testament Doctor James McPheeh Haywood Blount and Robert M. Sedford and do hereby make all former wills by me made and testamentary whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the twentieth day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.

Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named James Houston of the County of Blount and of the State of Tennessee to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator

Hugh Mier of James
 Robert ^{his} Millers
 Robert McBlain

Hughes
William

I William Hughes of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound mind and memory