

Houston
James

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} 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 and the 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 corner line run by Aaron Hockmy son deceased between Joseph Phea and myself thence running with the line of said Phea now the ^{of} Jones to a corner of an entry made by Edmund Westlund thence with the same to John Hockmy son thence with Ch. Hockmy son'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 Hockmy 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
 of } William Colburn
 of } John Houston

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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 in manner and form 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's 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 Lebanon County and one lot situated in the town of Louis ville 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 perishable 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} Mier
 Robert ^{his} Mier

Houston
William

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

Hughes
William

do make and publish this my last will and testament sending all others off it is my will and desire that after my death I shall be decently buried in a Christian manner and all my debts shall be paid It is further my will and desire that W.D. McQuinn of Hannibal shall have all the rest and residue of my property real and personal my land warrant my land warrant I have applied for from the Government my land on Crooked Creek forming the land of John White and other my land in Florida on Saddle Creek in DeBake County forty acres the first named tract in Crooked Creek in this Blount County contains about one hundred and thirty acres. And lastly I constitute and appoint my said friend W.D. McQuinn of Hannibal my executor of this my last will and testament

William Hughes test

Signed Sealed and published in our presence and we have signed this will in the presence of the testator William Hughes in the presence of each other and at his request

H. Keatslee
David McQuinn
A. S. Lee

Howard
George

I the last will and testament of George Howard of Blount County State of Tennessee Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory (Blessed be God for the same) do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following And it is my will and desire that I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Betsey the privilege of my Mansion house and other up houses as also the exclusive benefit of that part of my tract of land in which I now reside all the western part of it which divided by the levee running from the bridge north to a cross fence east of the levee it running from west to east to be inclosed all north of that fence into the said western part which my wife is to inhabit I also bequeath to my said wife five Negroes viz Ned son and Frank and Sally and Olivia and little boy Callet Harrison also five head of horse kind a bay mare and two Dorset mares a Dorset horned cow and my cow also two hogs and Oliver some young cattle besides also my stock of hogs and sheep also all my household furniture to be at her disposal between her self and Children also four pair of new Geese and four pair of Plover which she receives an undivided ownership during her natural life and may make such disposition all of the above said personal property amongst our Children as her prudence may direct I further will that my Negroes Nelson Whits and four men and the land and timber of my late Son-in-law South of Rice mill creek shall be for the mutual benefit of my whole family on which I have and do reside Second here I bequeath I have given to my daughter Mary Harbison her full share here for. And I request that I have given heretofore to my Sons viz John R. and Benjamin S. their full share of my property after giving to Benjamin S. the full immediately above the Mills and ten back also in charge the Miller's mill and also to divide the profits of the Saw and Grist mills mutually between my wife and Son Benjamin S. during my wife's lifetime then to belong to Benjamin S. exclusively fourth I bequeath and give in addition to what I have already given to my Son Sebastian M. my Negro boy Sam with the privilege of occupying the two Wood so long

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as he remains on the premises where I now live when he removes the Sawyard and all things shall belong to my wife and Son William Walter shall be exclusive my wife's death Fifth - I give to my Son Alfred Benton the several fractions of land I own on four mile Creek in Blount County also my Negro man Abie. Sixth here I request I have given my daughter Mary Louisa her portion of my estate but will give to my Son William Walter mutual benefit with his mother while she lives of that part of my farm and plantation on which I now live which has not been otherwise appropriated at the death of my wife my Son William Walter shall be the exclusive proprietor of all that part of my farm which he and his mother are to mutually share as above said to gether with such personal property as may be added to him by his mother and or last will he residing with his mother and having care of her child she lives and shall also have my Negro boy Tom and little girl Elizabeth - I will give to my daughter Rebecca Adeline my Negro girl Katy and to my daughter Rebecca Olivia my Negro girl Elm and also to my daughter Polly Mildred I give my Negro girl Sarah also I give to my three last mentioned daughters each a good new best African Saddle and bridles and household furniture at their mother's discretion and be privileged to a home with their mother and Brother Mr. Walter as long as they may remain single. Eighth - I will that my Children who live hands and should wish it may be at liberty to do their own Sowing on the Saw mill this clause to be regulated by my Son Benjamin S. notwithstanding the S. Saw mill has been given to him in a former will. Ninth as to my personal property which I possess not particularly mentioned above such residue I will that it be put to public sale giving such time and notice as my executors hereafter appointed shall deem for the mutual benefit of all concerned. Tenth I hereby make appoint and ordain my two Sons Cornelius and William Walter my executors to carry into effect all the wishes of this my last will and testament and that they be enjoined to make the best profits of which the amount of unappropriated personal property shall be equally divided between all my daughters and my executors and my two executors are appointed now finally I hereby resign in all the legacies of my estate that should or be contrary to my wish any dispute should arise between any of them Respecting any of the wishes of this my last will that the Court only parties shall each choose an honest intelligent and interested man and should they not agree for them to choose a third man a majority dividing whose decision shall be final and any one of them refusing to finally settle all such disputes in the way and mode prescribed in this clause shall thereby forfeit their interest in any part of my estate in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 25th day of July 1840

George Howard test

Signed Sealed in presence of
Abel George
Edw. S. Armstrong

Houston
John

In the name of God Amen I John Houston of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee do make and ordain this my last will and testament first I commit my soul to God