

his life time that he was and is of sound mind and disposing memory at the time he signed the said will and testament and on the day it bore date that he was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time he signed the same and that they signed their names thereto as witnesses in the presence and at the request of the Testator. Thereupon it was ordered by the Court that said will be recorded as the Law directs. Testes Jm E Taylor Clerk of said Court at office
February 5th 1849

Jm E Taylor cks

Johnathan
Houston's
Will

In the Name of G. D. Linn & Jonathan Houston of Transum
County and State of Tennessee being now and in Body that I am
in health and bearing a desire to dispose of what property the Lord
has blessed me with do ordain this my last will and testament
reversing all others I then 1st I desire after death to be buried in
a pious Christian manner. I then 2nd That all my just debt to
be paid and what may remain to be disposed of as follows I do
give I give unto my wife to have and all the balance of my
property during her life or widowhood at her death to be
equally divided among all my living children. I then 3rd
appoint my Son Thomas & Houston my Executor and hereby
authorize him to sell all or any portion of my land that
may this purpose for the payment of my debt to and the
balance paid over to be applied to buying another home but
there must be an agreement with him and his Mother before
he can sell all I hope he will do the best he can for her
and the children. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal
this 12th day of February 1849
Attest
Jm L Smith Wm Murphy.

Jonathan Houston Seal

State of Tennessee & County Court May Term 1849
Transum County Then the said will and testament of Johnathan
Houston he do was for the said Court for
prolative and thereupon came Jm L Smith & Wm Murphy the witnesses
witnesses there to who being duly sworn depose and say they were
personally acquainted with the Testator in his life time and
he signed & sealed and published the same in their presence to his
last will and testament that he was of sound mind and
disposing memory at the time he signed the same and that
they agreed their names thereto as witnesses at the request
and in the presence of the Testator and on the 12th day of
February it was ordered by the Court that said will
be recorded as the Law directs. Testes Jm E Taylor
Clerk of said Court at office May 7th 1849

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