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In Name of God Amen the tenth day of December Anno Dno Thousand seven Hundred and thirty three I Benjamen Houston of Somerset County in the Province of Maryland Planter being sick and weak in body yet sound and perfect in wit and memory do make and order this my last Will and Testament first of all I do give and bequeath my precious and Immortal Soul into the hands of my ever Blessed and Merciful Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ in and through whose Merits and mediation alone I expect Eternal Redemption from and pardon of my Sins 2ly I give and Recommend my body to the Earth to be decently and orderly buried therein nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God and as touching such Worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life I give and dispose of as followeth

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Houston one featherbed and furniture and Curtains and Vallins and the Chest of Draws and the Oval Table

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my Son Benjamin Houston the next best featherbed and furniture and one large Chest and one Gun and one Curren Knife & Steel and all the Pewter and the rest of my Goods to be divided between my two Children that is to say Mary Houston and Benjamin Houston also I set free my Negroe Dick and give him my Mare bridle and Saddle and for him to be free ninety nine years.

Item.. I give and bequeath to my Son in Law Benjamen Warrenton the old Gun of all

Item. I give and bequeath to Joshua Sturgis my two Children Mary & Benjamen till they come to the Years of castom of Countrey

My will and desire is and do appoint my well beloved Brother Joseph Houston whole and Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament made by me the subscriber the Date above written as witness my hand & Seal

Signed & Sealed in the presents of us —
Joshua Sturgis
Allen Gray

Benj.a Houston (Seal)

On the back of the foregoing Will was thus written Ps.t

Somerset County March the 20th 1734 Came Joshua Sturgis & Allen Gray subscribing Evidences to the within Will and made Oath on the Holy

77 — Evangels of Almighty God that they saw the Testator Benj.a Houston Sign and Seal and heard him publish pronounce and declare this Instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind memory & understanding and that they the aff.d Joshua Sturgis and Allin Gray subscribed this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator Benjamin Houston —

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Sworn before me Nehemiah King Dep Comly of Somerset County

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In the name of God Amen I Charles Bushup have taken into my serious consideration the uncertainty of this Transitory Life and the certainty of Death do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following and I commit my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping through the Love and merits of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to obtain full pardon of all my Sins and my body to the Earth from whence it was taken decently to be buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named Item I give and bequeath unto my true and well beloved friend Joseph Buship and to his Heirs Lawfully begotten of his body one Tract of Land called Kingsfield as far as Spring branch and if he shall die without Such Heirs then I give it to Benjaman Buship Item I give unto David Buship the old Plantation whereon my Brother John now lives Item I give unto David Buship one hundred Acres of Land more it being the Land that my Father had of Rereypatrick Item I give and bequeath unto Samuel Enies — one young Cow Item I give unto Pearcy Enies -- one two year old Heifer being not marked Item I give unto Elizabeth Smith Enies one two year old Heifer Item I give unto Ann Enies one Year old Heifer Item I give unto Cornelius Enies One year old heifer Item I gives unto Mary Buship One two year old heifer unmarked as also fourteen Shillings in Gold to make her a Ring Item I give unto Benjaman Buship one Cow Item I give Mary Enies Junior One year old heifer —

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