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In the name of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I Sam Keister, of the County of Walker, and State of Texas, being fully aware of the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death do ordain and declare this my last will and testament;

First I will that all my just debts be paid out of my personal effects; as I think them sufficient, without disposing of any of the family servants. Second: I bequeath my entire remaining estate to my beloved wife Margaret, and four children; and I desire that they may remain with her so long as she may remain in maidenhood; and should she at any time marry, I desire that my daughters should be subject to her control so long as their minority lasts.

X Third, my will is that my sons should receive solid and useful education; and that no portion of their time may be devoted to the study of abstract sciences. I greatly desire that they may possess a thorough knowledge of the English language, with a good knowledge of the Latin language. I also request that they be instructed in the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures; and next to these that they be rendered thorough in a knowledge of Geography and History. I wish my sons early taught an utter contempt for novels and light reading. In all that pertains to my

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sons, I wish particular regard paid to their
morals; as well as to the character and morals
of those whom they may be associated or in-
structed. Fourth, I leave to my wife as Ex-
ecutrix, and to the following gentlemen as
my Executors, Thomas Gibbs, Thomas Ca-
rothers, J. Canal Smith, and Anthony
M. Branch, my much beloved friends, in
whom I place my entire confidence, to make
such disposition of my personal and real
estate as may seem to them best for the ne-
cessities and interests and welfare of my
family. Fifth, To my dearly beloved wife,
Margaret, I confide the rearing, education
moral and training of our sons and daughters. Sixth
To my eldest son, Sam Houston, Jr, I bequeath
my sword, worn in the battle of San Jacinto,
to be drawn only in the defence of the
Constitution, the laws and liberties of this coun-
try. If any attempt should be made to
assail one of these, I wish it to be used
in its vindication. Seventh, It is my will
that my library should be left at the dis-
position of my dear wife. Eighth, to my
dearly beloved wife, I bequeath my watch
and all my jewelry, subject to her disposi-
tion. Ninth, I hereby appoint my dearly be-
loved wife, Margaret, testamentary guardian
of my children, their persons and estates;
during minority. But, should a wise Provi-
dence, through its inscrutable decrees, see fit

to deprive our offspring of both parents, and
make them orphans, indeed, it is hereby del-
egated to my executors, who are hereby con-
firmed, J. Carrall Smith, Thomas Car-
tham, Thomas Gill, and Anthony M.
Branch, to make such disposition in regard
to their welfare, as they may think best cal-
culated to carry out the designs as expres-
sed in this my last will and testament,
Truth: And I direct and enjoin my execu-
tors and executors that after the Probate
and registry of this my last will, and re-
turn of inventory of my estate, the County
or other Court of Probate have no further
control over my executors or testamentary guar-
dian, or of my estate. Done at Huntsville
the second day of April 1863.
Sam Houston.

Acknowledged in presence of the undersigned,
and witnessed at his request

James R. Cox, Joab Barton

W. H. Randolph, W. F. Robinson

The State of Texas }
Walker County, Court, Joab N. Barton,
and made oath that he has examined the in-
strument of writing, hereto attached, filed
the 17th day of August, 1863, as the last
will of Sam Houston; and that the said
Sam Houston declared the same to be his
last will and testament; and that he
affiant, signed the same as subscribing wit-

In the name of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I, Sam Houston of the county of Walker and State of Texas, being fully aware of the uncertainty of life and certainty of death, do ordain and declare this my last Will and Testament.

First: I will that all my just debts be paid out of my personal effects, as I think them sufficient, without disposing of any of the family servants.

Second: I bequeath by entire remaining estate to my beloved wife Margaret, and our children, and I desire that they may remain with her, so long as she may remain in widowhood; and should she at anytime remarry, I desire that my daughters, should be subject to her control so long as their minority lasts;

Third: My will is that my sons should receive solid and useful education, and that no portion of their time may be devoted to the study of abstract sciences. I greatly desire that they may possess a thorough knowledge of the English language with a good knowledge of the Latin language. I also request that they be instructed in the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures; and next to these that they be rendered thorough in a knowledge of Geography and History. I wish my sons early taught an utter contempt for novels and light reading. In all that pertains to my sons I wish particular regard paid to their morals as well as character and morals of those whom they may be associated or instructed.

Fourth: I leave to my wife as Executrix and to the following gentlemen as my executors, Thomas Gibbs, Thomas Carothers, J. Carroll Smith and Anthony M. Branch, my much beloved friends, in whom I place my entire confidence, to make such disposition of my personal and real Estate as may seem to them best for the necessities and interests and welfare of my family.

Fifth: To my dearly beloved wife, Margaret, I confide the rearing, education and moral training of our sons and daughters.

Sixth. To my eldest son, Sam Houston, Jr., I bequeath my sword worn in the battle of San Jacinto, never to be drawn only in defense of the Constitution, the laws and Liberties of his Country. If any attempt should ever be made to assail one of these, I wish it to be used in its vindication.

Seventh: It is my will that my Library should be left at the disposition of my dear wife.

Eighth: To my dearly beloved wife, I bequeath my watch and all my jewelry, subject to her disposition.

Ninth: I hereby appoint my dearly beloved wife, Margaret, Testamentary guardian of my children, their Persons and Estates during minority; But should a wise Providence, through its inscrutable decrees see fit to deprive our offspring of both parents and make them orphans indeed, it is hereby delegated to my executors who are hereby confirmed. J. Carroll Smith, Thomas Carothers, Thomas Gibbs and Anthony M. Branch to make such disposition in regard to their welfare, as they may think best calculated to carry out the designs as expressed in this my last will and Testament.

Tenth: And I direct and enjoin my Executrix and Executors, that after the Probate and Registry of this my last will, and return of an Inventory of my Estate, the County, or other Court of Probate, have no further control over my Executors, or Testamentary Guardian, or of my Estate.

Done at Huntsville, the Second day of April 1863

Sam Houston