

In the Name of God Amen I John Martiell of Accomack County in Virginia being at present of Sound & perfect memory & understanding thanks be to God for the same & duly considering the uncertainty of human life & that nothing is more Certain then that all men must die when it shall please Almighty God to Call him hence but that the time of his death is uncertain to prevent the ----- which may arise Concerning what Estate it has pleased God to bless me with I have made this my last Will & Testam^t in manner following.

Imprimis & most Especially I bequeath my Soul to Almighty God my Creator hoping for a full and free pardon of all my sins & only in & through the Merits & Intercession of my Ever blessed Saviour & Redeemer Jesus Christ his only Son and my body I give to the Earth from whence it was taken therein to be decently Interr'd at the discretion of my Execut^s hereafter Named & Appointed

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Item I will that all my Just debts be honestly paid and Satisfied. Item I give to my Sons William & Daniel all that parcell of Land I formerly Conveyed to them in this County Court by a Deed which I am apprehensive is imperfect to them & their heirs for ever & to be divided as in that Deed is menconed & bounded as they are bounded by the said Deed to which Deed for that purpose I refer the Same being therein more particularly Express'd

Item I give to my Son Charles Martiell the Plantation I now live on with the Land Marsh & Appurtenances thereto belonging binding Southerly on the s^{ist} Land of my said son Daniel Easterly by the Sound on salt Bay bounded northerly on the Land & Line of the heirs of Thomas Ward decess'd & so running Westerly between Dan^l Marshalls & Kendall Towls Land on the one side & the land of the heirs of the said Ward & the land of Daniel Welburn of the other side the full breadth of my Land till it intersetts the Kings or main County

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Thomas Ward deceased & so running Westerly between Dan^l Marshalls & Kendall Towls land
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of the other side the full breadth of my land till it intersectts the Kings or main County
Road which Road I appoint the head & Western bounds of my Son Charles sfs^d the land
Marsh & Appurtenances sfs^d Containing by Estimation three hundred Acres be the same more
of less within the bounds above Es^d I give to my said Son Charles & the heirs of his
Body lawfully begotten for Ever and for want of such to my Son Peter in like man^r
always provided that it be the true intent & meaning of these presents that my Son Charles
shall give liberty to my Son Peter during his naturall life to keep and maintain within the
Marsh & pasture belonging to the sfs^d land one horse Constantly & ten head of meat Cattle
all the winter Season and on this Condition that the said Peter help to keep & maintain
the fence Joyning on the land of the heirs of the said Thomas Ward deced. Item I give
all the rest of my land to the Westward of the Kings Road sfs^d to the head line that
was run by Coll Daniel Jenifer across the three thousand acres of land in Jengoteague
Neck to my Son Peter Martiell & the heirs of his Body lawfully begotten for ever and for
want of such to my Son Charles Martiell in like manner the same Containing by Estimation
two hundred acres by y^a Same more or less & if both my said Sons Peter and Charles should
Die without lawfull Issue then I settle the Reversion or Remainder of the lands herein to
them devised on my Son Daniel Martiell & his heirs for Ever. Item I give my Swamp Land
Joining to the head of that land given to Peter Martiell Extending Westerly as far as the
Mark'd Road between John Fishers & Daniel Smiths & that Road to be the boundary the same
Containing by Estimation three hundred & thirty Acres be the same more or less to my
Sons Daniel Peter & Charles Equally to them & their heirs for ever. Item I give the

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Containing by Estimation three hundred & thirty Acres be the same more or less to my
Sons Daniel Peter & Charles Equally to them & their heirs for ever. Item I give the
one hundred & thirty Acres of land which I bought of David Hazard called and known by the

name of the Shingled House & also Easterly as farr as the Road aisd between John Fishes
& Daniel Smiths from the said fishes line to the bridge over the head of the branch
Called the Impossible Branch to my Wife Mary during her Widowhood & at her Marriage or
Death which first shall happen to my Son John Martiell by my said Wife Mary & his heirs
for ever. Item I give one hundred & forty Acres of land which I lately took up lying
in the fork of the said Impossible Branch & bounded by the said Branch James Walkers
Land Edward Chapmans land & the land of the Welburnes to the son of my said Wife Mary
named William Martiell Richardson & his heirs for ever. Item I give to my said son

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named William Martiell Richardson & his heirs for ever. Item I give to my said son
Charles Marshall and his heirs for ever my Negro Woman Katherine & also my pistols
Holsters & Gun & my riding Horse and Saddle and my largest Gold ring with this posey
think of me when I am gone. Item I give to my Son Peter & his heirs for ever my
Negro woman Frank and a gun. Item I give to John Martiell my son by my Wife Mary and
his heirs for ever my Negroe Boy Jimmy a Horse & a Gun. Item I give to William
Martiell Richardson my Wife Marys Son my Negroe Woman Hannah a horse or Mare & a Gun to
him & his heirs for ever I give to my said Wife Mary a Horse Side Saddle and Bridle
Item I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Dickeson one shilling she having already reced
her part of my Estate. Item I give to my Grand Son Martiell Townsend son of my deced
Daughter Ann Mary one Shilling his mother having already reced her part of my Estate.
Item I give to my Daughters Annabelle Mary and Comfort by my Wife Mary one Cow each &
also devise the tuition of my said daughters & my son John s^d by my Wife Mary to my
s^d wife Mary till they arrive at Lawfull age and all the profitts of their Estate
toward their Education without account for the same and she only to make good the
principell but if she should in the meantime marry & her husband should waste their
Estate & not Christianly Educate & keep my said Children without abusing them my will is
that they & their Estates be removed out of their Custody. Item All the rest of my
Estate of what nature or kind so ever my will is be appraised & Equally divided between
my wife Mary s^d my sons Peter & Charles & my Son John by my wife Mary my daughters
Annabelle Mary & Comfort & my wifes sons s^d William Marshall Richardson to each one
Eighth part of my Estate not before bequeathed Item I Constitute & Appoint my said

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Wife Mary Execut^x my Son Peter and my Kinamen Mr William Gore Execut^s of this my last

Will & Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me heretofore made & this Writing
I hereby retifie & Confirm to be my last Will & Testament with my hand and Seal this ninth
day of May Anno dom^o Séventeen hundred thirty three

Duly executed by John Martiell as his)
last Will & Testam^t in presence of)

John Martiell (SEAL)

Geo. Douglas

William Mersey

Seb^d Delastatus Jun^r

Having since the publication of this my above last will altered my mind in some points
I thought proper to Express the same in this Codicill to my last will annex^t Item
I lend to my Wife a/s^d my Negroe boy Jimmy above devis'd to my son John Martiell by my
Wife Mary a/s^d during her Widowhood & afterwards to be & descend in manner as in my
will expres'd to my said son John by my said Wife Mary & his heirs for ever.
Item I lend to my said Wife Mary my Negroe Hannah above in my last Will devis'd to
William Marshall Richardson Son of my said Wife Mary to my said Wife

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Mary during her widowhood a/s^d & then to be and remain to the said William Marshall
Richardson & his heirs for ever. Item my will is that my wife a/s^d may peaceably

and quietly use occupy and enjoy the plantation whereon I now live for one Year after my death and afterwards the said plantation to be and descend to my son Charles Marshall in manner & form as the same is limited to him by my aforesaid last Will and Testament in Testimony whereof I have hereto affix'd my hand & Seal this 17th day of Decem^r 1733

Testes

John Martiall (SEAL)

Geo Douglas

At a Court held for Accomack County the 5th day of March 1733

Abraham Shaver

The within last Will and Testament of John Marshall dec'd with

Ja. Welker

the Codicil was proved in open Court by the Oaths of George

W^m Chance

Douglas William Mercy Sebastian Delastatus jun^r & James

Welker four of the Witnesses to the Same & admitted to Record.

Test:)

) Jn^o Jackson Cl: Cur.

Recorded Test:)

Accomack County Novem^r 30th 1732

An Inventory of the Estate of George Johnson late of the County dec'd as Followeth Viz^t
To 6 feather Beds & bolsters & 1 pillow to 6 Rugs to 1 old D^o to 8 p^r of Blanketts To 6
p^r Sheets to 8 pewter dishes to 6 pewter Basons to 8 pewter plates to 2 pewter perringers