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Martin's
Will

In the name of god Amen, I James Martin of the Parish of
County of Amherst, being in perfect health and sound memory
but Calling to mind the mortality of my Body & that ^{it} is appointed
to all men once to die do make this my Last will & Testament
Revoking all other and former Wills by me here before made
And in the first place I recommend my soul to god who gave it
of my Body to the Earth to be decently interred at the discretion
of my Executors herein after mentioned and for such worldly
Goods as it hath pleased god to Bless me with in this life
my will and desire is that they be disposed of in the following
Manner, that is to say I will that all my personal Estate of
what kind soever there shall be shall be sold by my Executors &
that out of the money arising by the sale thereof all my just
Debts and funeral Charges shall be paid and satisfied. —
Item, I give and bequeath to my son Ananias Martin, the Tract
of Land whereon I now live, lying on the North Branch of Rock
fish River containing three hundred and sixty acres, and my
four Negro Slaves to wit Tom, Jane, Isaac & Betty and the future
Increase of the said Isaac & Betty, to hold to him and his heirs
forever & also I give to him one feather Bed & furniture two Bows &
all my Tables Chairs three Iron pots & Looking glass
Item I give & bequeath to my son John Martin and his heirs
forever my three negro Slaves, Sarah, Beck, and young Chancey
and their future Increase
Item I give and bequeath to my son William Martin and his
heirs forever my four Negro Slaves James, Lucey, Natham and
old Chancey and the future Increase of the said Lucey & Chancey

Item I give and bequeath to my son James Martin & his heirs forever my four Negro Slaves, Ann, John, Bob & Rachel and the future Increase of the said Ann & Rachel
 Item I give and bequeath to my son David Martin and his heirs forever my three negro Slaves, Manchester, David & Patty, and the future Increase of the said Patty
 Item I give and bequeath to my son in Law William Correll Lewis ten pounds Current money

Item I give & bequeath to my son in law Thomas Anthony twenty pounds Current money

Item, it is my Desire that the ten pounds given to William Correll Lewis and the twenty pounds given to Thomas Anthony be raised out of the sale of my personal Estate and if there should be money wanting to make up the said sums above mentioned, that my sons, David, John, James, William & Asariah Martin Each of them pay an equal part to make up the said sums of ten pounds to William Correll Lewis and twenty pounds to Thomas Anthony - - -

Whereas I have given my son Asariah Martin my Bond for one hundred and sixty five pounds two shillings pay able at my Decas which I gave him as his part of my Estate & it is my Desire he shall have no more

I also give my son Asariah Martin my two Negroes wily & Betty and their future Increase to him and his heirs forever -

I also I give to my son James Martin and his heirs forever my Negro Slave Milly and her future Increase

I also I give to my son William Martin my Negro Slave Sam to him and his heirs forever - - -

It is my desire that my sons Azariah James & William Martin do pay the above mentioned sum of one hundred and sixty five pounds two shillings to my son Obadiah Martin in consideration of their ^{parents} Last Legacies, and their Last mentioned Legacies shall be Valued by three indifferent persons and Each of them the said Azariah James & William Martin shall pay in proportion to the Value of their Legacies - - -

And Lastly I do appoint my three sons William James & Azariah Martin to be Executors of this my Last will & Testament In witness whereof I have signed sealed and published this as my Last will and Testament this 25th day of September 1771

Note that in the Bequest to James Martin my negro Bobie Interlined

Signed Sealed and published

In the presence of

Thos^r Meriwether

William Cypriest

Samuel Colwell

James Martin 

A Court held for Amherst County the sixth day of March 1775
This Last will and Testament of James Martin Senr. Deceased was presented in Court by William Martin James Martin & Azariah Martin the Executors therein named and proved by the Oaths of Francis Meriwether & William Cypriest two subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of the said Executors who made Oath according to Law Certificate is granted them for obtaining probat thereof in due form giving security whereupon the said Executors with Charles Jones William Loring & John Thompson their securities entered into and acknowledges bonds in the penalty of two thousand pounds with the Condition Required by Law

Test. Edmund Wilcox Clerk

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Martins
Inventory

An Inventory of James Martins Estate

Fifteen Hogs £5. 5	Three Chains 17/6	6	2
One Waggon £5. 10	One main £6	11	10
one Horse £10	one main Colt £7	17	
Four Cow Con Hides 25/	one Hogreed Lintan 2/	1	7
One Hon & Clevis 20/9	one whiff saw 10/	1	10
one Cutting Knife Box and Heale 10/	two Iron wedges 5/		15
one Hogged Houl 1/6	Fourteen Hoes 37/	1	18
One pair Tongs 4/6	one pair hammers & Pickle Bar 1/		5
one Saddle and Housin 45/	two Axes 5/	2	11
One Horse £20	two Dishes half Dozen plates 31/6	21	11
two Dishes six Basons six plates 35/	two Basons 6/	2	1
Four dishes one Bason six plates 15/	one pair Stillards 12/	1	7
one half Dozen Knives and forks 3/	four washers 1/6		7
one pair Candle snuffers & tich 1/3	four Pickles 1/8		2
Fifteen Goods 1/3	one Waggon Hammer 1/		2
One Stone Aug 2/	one Flax Hakele 2/		14
One Ditto 5/	one Reel 2/		7
One Woolen wheel two pair Cards			4
one Churne two pales one pigen			7
one Butter pott 6	one water mug 10		1
one Feather Bed and Turnstar £7. 10	one Grid Iron 2/	7	12
One, one Feather Bed and Turnstar £7. 10	one Chest 2/6	7	12
one Trunk 3/	one Puffe Blanket 6/		11
One Meal Chest 2/6	Flax Lees 12/		1
Four Calves 50/	one Stock of Hay 15/		4
Four Sheep 36/	twenty five Barrels Corn £2. 10		14

one half Bushel of two and half Bushels wheat 7/6 L^o. 8-6
one pair Single trees 3/ Twenty five head of Cattle £46-10 1/6 13-0
Seven Cydar bark 14/ one Grinding Stone 7/6 1-1-6

John Gilmer
Thom Meriwether
David Meriwether

At a Court held for Amherst County the third day of April 1775
This Inventory & appraisement of the Estate of James Martin
Esq^r, Dec^d. now this day Returned, and ordered to be Recorded
Test

Edmond Witcoff C^lk

Geotons
Guardian
Bond

KNOW all men by these presents that we Mordecai Brown
George Gilbert & Henry Gilbert son or heirs and assigns unto
James & David George Russell, Son John Rose Ambrose Tucker &
Roderick McCulloch Gent Justices of the Court of Amherst County
Now sitting in the sum of Five hundred pounds to the payment
whereof well and truly to be made, to the said Justices and their
Successors we bind ourselves and Each of us, our and Each of our
heirs Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly
by these presents, Sealed with our seals this third day of July
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seven
five, and in the 15th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King
George the third.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above
Bonds Mordecai Brown his Executors and Administrators