

In the name of God amen September the 20 1788

I Benjamin Martin Being of Sound memory do make this
My Last Will and Testament as followeth to Wit first I give
My soul to God that gave it and my Body to the ground from
Whence it came and Decently Buried and my funeral Charges

paid - Item first I desire that all my Just Debts be paid
Item my Desire is that my Beloved Wife Mary Martin have
Quiet and peaceable possession of all my personable Estate of

Slave horses cattle hogs house hold furniture &c During her life
or Widow hood not to waste or destroy - Item my Desire is that
my son John Martin have all the Land on the south side of
the Spring Branch to the mouth thence to a white oak at
the mouth of a stream thence East Seventy Degrees north to
pointers on Stovalls line - Item my Desire is that my son
Benjamin Martin have all the land on the north west
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Oak at the mouth of a stream thence to the said point

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Estate be Equally Devided Between my Children as follow
- th John Martin Benjamin ^{Martins} and Mary and Sally and
Betsey also my Desire is that my two Grand Children
Benjamin and nancy Mitchell have a Childs part between
them only a bed which they have in possession - Item my
Son John has had is had in possession

It is my desire is that my two sons John Martin and Benjamin
Martin be my Executors

Test

Benjamin Martin
mark

Francis Shelton

Charles Sullivant

David Nichols

At a Court held for Halifax County 26 Day of July 1796
The last Will and Testament of Benjamin Martin ^{Deceased} was Exhibited
In Court & proved by the oath of 2 witnesses & ordered to be Recorded
And on the motion of John Martin & Benjamin Martin the
Executors there in named Certificate for obtaining Probate of said
Will is granted them in due form they giving Security where upon
They together with John Clerk & David Nichols their Security entered
In to & acknowledge Bond in the penalty of \$10,000 Dollars Condition
According to Law

Test James Martin