

James Martin's Will

I James Martin of the County of Greene and State of Georgia being of sound disposing mind and memory, do hereby make and ordain this to be my Will and Testament in manner and form following viz.

- 1st I Request that all my last debts if any be paid.
- 2nd It is my wish that my Lands and Negroes and all other property I own may remain unsold, and be for the support of my wife Rachel and those of my Children who may remain with their Mother.
- 3rd I have given and delivered to my Daughter Ruthy McGowan three Negroes, Melly a woman, Jeffery a Manly fellow, Mariah a small Girl, one Horse, one Bed and furniture, one Table, half doz chairs, one Chest, one spinning wheel and from Circumstances known to myself, that is all that I ever intend giving to my daughter Ruthy McGowan.
- 4th I have given and delivered to my son Benjamin Martin three Negroes and their increase, Rose a Woman, Charles a Boy, Phillis a Girl, one Bed and furniture, one Horse, one Mare and one Filly, one Cow Goat and twenty four Head of Hogs to him and his Heirs forever and having attested my said son B. F. Martin in paying for the Land he now lives on he is to have no further interest in my Lands at final division of them.
- 5th I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Anna Martin three Negroes, Filly a woman, Washington a Boy, Leah a Girl and their future increase, one Horse, one Bed and furniture, one Table, half a dozen chairs, one Chest and one spinning wheel, to her and her Heirs forever.
- 6th I give to Daughter Nancy Martin, three Negroes, Eliza a woman, Mattie a Girl and David a Boy and their future increase, one Horse, one Bed and furniture, one Table, a half dozen chairs, one Chest, one spinning wheel to her and her Heirs forever.
- 7 I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Peranna Martin three Negroes, Mink a woman and her child Will and a Girl called Mary Ann and their future increase, one Horse, one Bed and furniture, one Table, a half dozen chairs, one Chest, and one spinning wheel, to her and her Heirs forever.
- 8th It is my desire that my Executors deliver the Three last legacies to my three last mentioned Daughters, as they may severally marry or leave their Mother.
- 9th It is my will and desire that my wife Rachel shall have and occupy one of my Tracts of Land which ever she may prefer, the other Lands to be rented out, and after the above legacies are paid and my Lawful debts paid - I lend unto my wife during her natural life the balance of my Negroes and other personal property of my estate, and after her death during her natural life - and at my death for all my Lands to be divided into four parts in equal shares and the money divided into four

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equal parts between my Daughters Nancy Martin, Anna Martin, Roxana Martin and the children of my Daughter Ruthy M. Brown if she has any at that time, and if she has no children at that time it sh. be divided between my three youngest Daughters as above.

10th It is my Will and desire that after the death of my wife Rachel, for all the Negroes and other perishable property bequeathed to her during her life be sold and the proceeds of the sale equally divided between my son Benjamin J. Martin, Nancy Martin, Anna Martin, Roxana Martin and the children of my Daughter Ruthy M. Brown.

11th It is my Will and desire that my Executors here in after mentioned do sell (if they think it necessary) my Rifle & Shot Gun, or any part of my stock of cattle and Hogs or any part of my crops by private or public sale as they might think best for the interest of my Estate for the purpose of paying my debts and any other necessary expense, and it is my Will and desire that none of the Negroes loaned to my wife Rachel shall be carried out of the State of Georgia and if my wife should marry that her office of Executrix shall cease.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint my Wife Rachel Martin Executors and my son Benjamin J. Martin, George Martin and Joel Crawford Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this fifth day of July 1831

Liquid sealed Acknowledged

by the Testator as his last Will

Testament in presence of

D^r Ferrell

W. Crawford

J. J. Crawford

James Martin

(Seal)

Georgia Inferior County Court of ordinary March Term 1832

Personally appeared in open Court William Crawford & J. J. Crawford two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within last will Testament of James Martin and on oath said, that they saw him subscribe the same and that they each believed him to be of perfect sound mind and sound memory, at the time of his signing the same, and that they in the presence of each other together with D^r Ferrell and in presence of the Testator subscribed their names as witnesses thereto.

Sworn to in open Court

5th day of March 1832

William Crawford

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Joel J. Crawford

Thomas M. Brown

Recorded 7th day of March 1832

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