

State of Georgia } In the name of God - Amen 1888
Harris County } I William Martin of said State

and knowing that I must shortly die do therefore make
this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all
others heretofore made by me.

Item 1st I desire and direct that my body be buried in a de-
cent and Christian like manner.

Item 2nd I wish all just debts paid out of any money belong-
ing to my Estate

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy
Martin all of my lands in Harris County, during
her natural life or widowhood, and at her death
said lands to be sold after giving lawful notice with
the following provisions to wit my son Willis A. Martin
and Jasper Martin I desire to live on and cultivate
said lands whenever I now live free of any rent except
that the said Willis and Jasper is to feed clothe and
provide for my said wife during her widowhood or
life time also it is my desire that each of my sons
above mentioned pay to her Trustee I shall hereafter
appoint the sum of twenty dollars for the benefit of my
daughter Elizabeth Vardeman and her children, the above
named sum to be paid to her Trustee annually and at the
death of my wife or widowhood said land to be
sold as I have above directed and equally divided
between my three children to wit, Willis A. Martin
Jasper Martin and Elizabeth Vardeman. That I give
and bequeath unto my son Willis A. Martin all of
the said Elizabeth Vardeman portion of my Estate in
Trust of the said Willis A. Martin Trustee as aforesaid
to control the same in he may think best to meet
the necessities of my said daughter Elizabeth Martin not
to be subject to the debts of the said Elizabeth
present husband or future husband and should there
be any money in the hands of said Trustee at
aforesaid then at the death of my said daughter Elizabeth
Vardeman then to her children.

Item 4th I also give to the above named Trustee in twelve
months after my death for the benefit of said
Elizabeth and children one hundred and forty eight
dollars to be given to her at such times as her
Trustee may think best the above sum to be paid
by my son Willis in consideration of a white
named Lamy and said Mule to be his. I also give
and bequeath to my son Willis A. Martin one black
named Mule named Kate.

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my son Jasper Martin one
white Mule named Rhoda and one Road Wagon
In addition to what I have heretofore given
beloved wife I bequeath to her my buggy and
should said Mule die and the buggy need repair
said Jasper & Willis is to replace the same.

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Dated

it to be done, out of their own funds,
I hereby appoint my sons William A. Martin and Jasper
Martin my Executors with power to carry out the same,
without the expense of letters Testamentary as all of
my children are of age -
April 1873

William ^{his} Martin
mark

Signed, Sealed, and delivered in the presence of
the subscribers who subscribed their names here to
in the presence of the said Testator and of each other
This April 1873

Dennis Miller
Wm P. McGehee
G. W. Martin
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Grand } Court of Orleans
Barren County } July Term 1873
Before me J. F. C. Williams, Ordway
of said County, personally appeared Dennis Miller
and G. W. Martin, who being duly sworn, said
that they are two of the subscribing witnesses to
the paper writing now produced in open Court
purporting to be the last Will and Testament of
William Martin late of said County, dead and that
they subscribed the same as witnesses in the presence
of the Testator that they saw the said William
Martin make his mark in the presence of the other
subscribing witnesses and that said Testator executed
and declared the same to be his last Will and
Testament and deponents further said that they
saw William P. McGehee sign the same paper as
a subscribing witness and in the presence of the
said Testator, and deponents further said that all
of said witnesses signed said paper at the special
instance and request of the Testator and that said
Testator at the time of signing said paper was of sound
disposing mind and memory

Sworn to and Subscribed
before me July 7th 1873
J. F. C. Williams,
Ordway

Dennis Miller
G. W. Martin