

deceased, Now, if the said William G. Martin do well and truly demean himself as guardian aforesaid, agreeably to letters of guardianship, bearing even date herewith, and agreeably to law in such case made and provided, the above obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in open Court.

Wm. G. Martin (S)

C. Baker Clerk

Recorded 7 January 1837

C. Baker Clerk.

Georgia

Liberty County

In the name of my adorable Creator, Preserver & Redeemer. Amen.

I John Martin, of the State aforesaid & County of Liberty, being of sound & perfect mind and memory, but knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, Do make, ordain and establish the following as my last will and testament.

- 1st I desire, that, when my mortal life is ended, to be buried, with decent Christian burial, at the discretion of my executors; and that all my just debts be speedily paid.
- 2^d I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Eliza Martin, one negro girl named Patty, and six cows, to her and her heirs forever.
- 3^d I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Sarah Martin, one negro girl by the name of Mary, & six cows, to her and her heirs forever.
- 4th It is my will, that my beloved son Martin Martin should have all the expenses of his education out of my estate, over and above his equal proportion of the residue of my estate; and that he receive one hundred & twenty dollars to purchase a horse and saddle.
- 5th It is my will, that after my decease, the residue of my estate, both real and personal, shall be equally divided among all my sons and daughters, share and share alike; and that the three slaves which I have given to my beloved son James C. Martin, viz. Caesar, Sam & Increase, & Ben, and two hundred & thirty dollars advanced him; and that the two slaves which I have given to my son William G. Martin, viz. Major & Nanney, & their increase, and two hundred & thirty dollars, be produced and included in the apportionment and division of my estate.

It is my will, that taking into view those advances made to my two sons, James C. and William G. that an equal division of my estate be made so far as regards my property, both real & personal, except the specified bequests to my son Martin, & to my two daughters; and that my son, James C. & William G. shall take the negroes now in their possession at their appraised value.

Lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint my friends & relations, James Living, William H. Martin & Angus Martin, executors of this my last will & testament.

John Martin (S)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged,
published & declared, to be his last
will and testament by the testator,
in presence of us, who, in his presence,
& by his request, and in presence of each
other, have signed the same as witnesses,
the 30th day of October in the year of
our Lord 1835.

Robert Hendry
Enoch Daniel

State of Georgia

Liberty County, Court of Ordinary,

2^d January 1837

Enoch Daniel, being duly sworn, deposes and swears, that he is a
subscribing witness to the foregoing last will and testament of

204

John Martin deceased, which he just duly executed by the said testator in presence of Robert Hendry, the other subscribing witness; and that the said testator appeared at the time to be in his perfect senses.

Sworn to before us this 2^d January 1807.

Enoch Daniel

W. E. Baker J. J. C.

W. B. Fleming J. B.

John Dummerly J. B.

Admitted to record 2^d January 1807.

Recorded 7 January 1807

C. Baker J. B.

In the name of God Amen. I James Law, of Liberty County & State of Georgia, do make and declare this my last will and testament; having in view the uncertainty of life, and being desirous to make a disposition of my property while I yet am of sound and composed mind.

Item first. It is my wish and desire, that my real estate be sold, and the money arising from the sale thereof be applied to the payment of just debts.

Item second. If there should be a surplus in hand, after the payment of my lawful debts, from the sale of real estate, it is my wish and desire that the said surplus, together with the proceeds of my crop, and the money due to me by note, due bill, or otherwise, be given to my brother Joseph Law, and my sister Elizabeth Law, share and share alike.

Item third. I hold in my own right three negroes, slaves, to wit, binders, Tom and Jack. It is my wish and desire that the said negroes be appraised by three disinterested gentlemen, cotton-planters, and one half the estimated value of the said three slaves, in money, to be paid by my brother Joseph, I give and bequeath to my sister Elizabeth Law.

Item fourth. Upon the fulfillment of the foregoing provision, to wit, the payment by my brother Joseph of one half the estimated value of the said three slaves to my sister Elizabeth, I give and bequeath the said slaves, binders, Tom and Jack, in trust, to my brother Wm. Law Esq. to be held by him for the benefit of my brother Joseph Law: and further, it is my earnest wish and desire, that the said negroes be and continue under the immediate management and control of my said brother Joseph. But in the event of the death of my brother Joseph without issue, then and in that case, I will and bequeath the said negroes, and their future increase, to my sister Elizabeth Law, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item fifth. It is my wish and desire, and I hereby enjoin the same, that my brother Joseph pay, or cause to be paid, to my brother Wm. Law, for the benefit of my brother Benjamin Law, the sum of fifty dollars.

Item sixth. I do hereby ordain and appoint my brothers, William and Joseph, executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and subscribed my name, this ninth day of December eighteen hundred and thirty six.

Subscribed in the presence of us, who, in the presence of each other, did sign as witnesses.

James Law

B. King

J. B. Law

Jos. B. Barnard

State of Georgia

Liberty County

John B. Barnard, being duly sworn, deposes and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the within last will and testament of James Law deceased; that he just the same duly executed by the said testator in presence of Benjamin King & J. B. Law, the other two subscribing witnesses; and that the said testator appeared at the time to be in his perfect senses.

John B. Barnard

Sworn to