

Joseph Martin. Will

In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Martin of Anson County State of North Carolina being sick in body but of perfect & sound mind & Memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same & Calling to mind the Mortality of the Body & that it is appointed for all men once to die Do make constitute & ordain this my Last Will & Testament in Manner & form Following that is to say.

First I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it & my body to the Earth from whence it came to be Decently Intred at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named & as to my worldly Estate that I am poss^r of I Give bequeath & Dispose of as follows Vizt.

Item I Give & bequeath to my son Jesse Martin all that Part of the Land & plantation whereon I now live which is not given & Granted by Deed of Gift To John Hail Martin at his Mothers Death or Marriage Containing by Estimation one hundred and fifty acres be the same More or less unto Him the sd. Jesse Martin his heirs or assigns forever.

Item I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter Nancy Martin my negro boy Will at her Mothers Death or Marriage to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my son John Hail Martin my negro boy Tom at his Mothers Death or Marriage to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my son Jesse Martin my negro man Davy at his Mothers Death or marriage to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my wife Catharine my negro woman Jane to be Disposed of at her Death as she sees proper.

Item I Lend to my beloved wife Catharine the use of the Land & Plantation willed as above to my son Jesse as will the use of my negroes Davy Tom & Will During her Natural Life or Widowhood.

Item I Give & bequeath to my Daughter Nancy Martin one Good saddle horse saddle & bridle to be paid her by my sons John Hail Martin & Jesse Martin Equally at The Time of her Marriage or coming

of age to her & her heirs forever.
Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Nancy Martin the Likely Cows & Calves to be paid her by my sons John Hail Martin & Jesse Martin Equally at the time of her Marriage or coming of age to her & her heirs forever.

Item I Lend to my beloved wife Catharine all the Remaining part of my personal Estate During her Natural Life or Widowhood then to be Disposed of amongst my children John Hail Martin Jesse Martin & Nancy Martin at my Wifes Discretion & Lastly I do constitute & Appoint my beloved wife Catharine Martin my Executor & my son John Hail Martin Executor of this my Last Will & Testament hereby Revoking all former or other wills by me Made as Witness my hand & seal this Thirtieth Day of February anno Domini 1787.

Signed Sealed
published & Declared

in presence
of us

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Joseph Martin (Seal)