

Mr. Troughton's Will

In the Name of God Amen, I Mary Troughton of Halifax County  
& State of North Carolina being at this time in a Weak Condition but of Perfect  
Sound mind & memory do I make & Ordain this my Last Will and Testament  
in manner & form following First my Soul I recommend & bequeath into the  
Hands of Almighty God that gave it & my body I commit to the Earth to be  
buried at the discretion of my Executors here after named and as to my worldly  
property my Will & Desire is that it may be disposed of in the following  
Manner Viz.

Item, I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Lucy Martin and to her heirs for ever  
four Negroes to wit Trist, Jacob, John & Sue . . . . One bed & furniture  
One Desk, One Large pew Glass On Dyer powder Plates, 1 Dozen Quens  
China plates & Two Dishes, One Dozen Silver Teaspoons, a 1/2 Silver Sugar  
Tongs half a Doz. Tea cups & saucers, a large Bible & What Other Books  
She may choose a spinning Wheel, a set of Cards One 3 1/2 foot Table, two Table  
Cloths One Dark Coloured young Horse Called Dobbin, One Red & white  
China Bowl, & if my Son Henry Line Martin should never Return to this  
State, I further give to my Daughter Lucy & to her heirs for ever, One  
Negro Boy Called Joe, Item if my said son Henry should Ever Return  
to this State & be permitted to reside as a peaceable Citizen therein, I give

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China plates & Two Dishes. One Dozen Silver Teaspoons, a  $\frac{1}{2}$  Silver Sugar  
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Negro Boy Call'd Joe, Item if my said son Henry should Ever return  
to this State & be permitted to reside as a peaceable Citizen therein, I give  
& bequeath the aforesaid Negro Boy Joe, To him & his heirs for Ever, But  
if he should never then as before & the mean time I give the s<sup>d</sup> Negro Boy Joe  
to my s<sup>d</sup> Daughter Lucy, Item, I give & bequeath to Daughter  
Susannah Bullock, One Negro Girl Named Elo, One piece of Calico & a Gold  
Ring to her & her heirs for Ever, Item give & bequeath to my Grand Daughter  
Mary Martin Daughter of my son James One small Negro Girl Named  
Judah, to her & her heirs for Ever, Item, I give & bequeath to my son James  
Martin four Head of Cattle, Item, I give Devise & Bequeath to my son  
Patrick Martin, all the Rest & Residue of my Estate be it of what nature

On kind I never whether real or personal to him and his heirs for ever  
 be the said Patrick Martin paying all the just Debts & Demands  
 Against my Estate. Item my Will & Desire is that my Son William  
 Should Act as Guardian to my Daughter Lucy untill she should  
 marry or arrive to Lawfull Age, & Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute  
 & Appoint my Sons William James & Patrick Martin Executors to this  
 my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others by me  
 Made in Writings whereof I have hitherto set my Hand & Affixed my  
 Seal this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of April Anno Domini 1783

Sealed published &  
 Delivered in the presence of

Wm Martin  
 Elizabeth Aaron,  
 Sarah Coleman  
 Mary

Mary Traugh  
 Halifax County for Aug Court 1783  
 Then this Will was Duly Proved in Open  
 Court by the Oaths of Wm Martin James  
 Martin Patrick Martin Executors &

On Motion Ordered to be Recorded Test Wm Wootten &c

In the Name of God Amen I Wm Bishop of the County