

In the name of God Amen I Martha Chastin of
Lincoln County in the state of Carolina being
weak in body but of perfect mind & memory
for where he I give thanks to God calling to
mind the mortality of my body and knowing
that it is appointed for all men once to die
do make & publish this my last will and testament
in the following manner. I form & recommend
my soul to God who gave it and my body to
the earth to be buried in a decent manner
at the discretion of my Executors hereafter
named and am touching such worldly estate
wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this
life I give devise and dispose of it following
manner. First I allow all my just debts and
funeral expenses to be paid Secondly I give and
bequeath to my beloved daughters Elizabeth
Barren and Mary Elckrabe the following
property to be equally divided between them
my chily, bed and bedstead and all my bed
furniture and my chest and my wearing
apparel to hold the same until my said
daughters Elizabeth and Mary their heirs
and assigns forever Thirdly I give and bequeath
unto my beloved daughter Susan Ratchford
all my household and kitchen furniture
together with my chock root and spinning wheel to
hold the same to her the said Susan Ratchford her heirs and
assigns forever Fourthly I give and bequeath unto my
grandson Robert Chastin Ratchford all my stock of hogs
and horned cattle together with all other property which
I may have in my possession and also all notes payable to
me and all debts due me and all monies in my possession
to hold the same to him the said Robert all Ratchford his heirs
and assigns forever And I do nominate constitute and
appoint my neighbour Robert Chastin of the sole executor
of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and
making void all and every will and parts at any time
heretofore by me made and do declare this to be my
last will and testament in witness where of I have
hereto set my hand and seal this 12th day of May
1829 signed sealed declared and published by the
above named Martha Chastin in presence of without her
request and in her presence have subscribed our names as
witnesses Wm G. Mm
Robert Chastin
John Finley
Martha Chastin
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