

in the presence of such others has been subscribed our names
 J. C. Harrison }
 Abraham Miller }



In the name of God Amen I James Martin of the County of
 Lowry in the State of North Carolina, being in a sickly & frail state of body, best of
 sound mind & memory thanks to God therefore calling to mind the
 mortality of my body & approaching dissolution, Do make &
 bequeath this my last Will & Testament 1793 principally & first of all
 I give my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it
 & my dying body I recommend to the earth to be buried in
 a decent manner at the discretion of my executors not doubting
 by the Almighty power of God, but as touching such worldly
 estate as it hath pleased God to bestow on me in this life, I now
 bequeath I give & bequeath the same in the following manner & form 1793
 My first my Negro Girl Minnie. Now living some years of age to
 her proper use & benefit during her natural life, & also the
 privilege of living on & enjoying the benefit of the plantation
 on which I now dwell & as far as will be necessary for the support
 of the family during her old age, And further this my
 Will & pleasure that my beloved wife & children should in number
 live & remain together in a family capacity for the term of 15
 years, & that all or so much of my personal estate shall remain
 in the hands of my wife Peggy during said term of fifteen years
 as my executors may judge sufficient to enable her to raise
 & clothe & school said children 1793 Hannah, James, Peggy L.,
 James D, Robert & Billy & Thomas. And it is further my Will &
 pleasure that at the expiration of said term of 15 years or if my
 wife should be dead before that then all my personal estate
 except my Negroes be valued by three men named by my executors
 hereafter mentioned, And my wife Peggy & each of my children
 to receive an equal division of said property unless they

The Executors & Legales may deem it more proper to sell said
 Estate & receive their divisions in Money, like at said time all
 my Negroes (except the one above bequeathed to my wife) are
 to be hired yearly until my Children all arrive to the age
 of twenty one & in case my wife should marry or die be-
 fore the arrival of that time it is my request that the land
 be rented till then at which time said land & Negroes is
 to be disposed of in the same manner as directed in the
 distribution of the personal estate remaining to be done
 that the Negro above bequeathed to my wife Peggy is to be
 at that time valued to be a part of her equal divide of
 all my Estate which Negro at her (viz. wife's) death is to be
 disposed of to the equal benefit of all my above named Chil-
 dren Item It is my will & pleasure that in case any of my above
 named Children should marry during the above mentioned
 term of fifteen years, that they receive such piece of property
 as my hereafter named Executors may judge proper for their
 assistance in taking up home. Said property to be valued
 to them chosen as above & converted in aspect of their Legacy
Item It is my will & pleasure that if all or any of my above
 named Sons should incline to have a trade they are allowed
 the privilege of choosing their own trade & to be bound
 at the age of seventeen to serve for the term of three years
 & then to work for my work for the term of one year & to
 enjoy the benefit of their own wages, & find their own clothes
 for said year & further it is my desire that there be such a
 deduction made out of the legacy of those who may be entrusted
 as may be judged proper by my Executors to recompense those of
 my above named Children who may at the time of their absence
 be laboring for the benefit of the Estate, Item It is my will and
 pleasure that all my lawful debts be paid; Item It is my will
 & pleasure that if my Executors may consider a surplus of pro-
 perty over what is sufficient for the purposes mentioned during
 the above mentioned fifteen years that the money raised out of
 said property is to go to the use of the family if need so require, &
 partly to be paid to be used for the equal use of all my legal

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be rented till then at such time said land & negroes is
to be disposed of in the same manner as directed in the
distribution of the personal estate remembering to observe
that the negro above bequeathed to my wife Peggy is to be
at that time valued to her as part of her equal share of
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disposed of to the equal benefit of all my above named chil-
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perty over what is sufficient for the purposes mentioned during
the above mentioned fifteen years that the money raised out of
said property is to go to the use of the family if need so require, &
not to be put to the use for the equal use of all my children.
And I do constitute & appoint my trusty friends Mr. Andrew
Thompson, Thomas & my dear & beloved wife Margaret
Hart & John here to be my sole Executors of this my last
will & Testament & in case any of them should be removed

by death or otherwise the survivors have sole & sole constitute
 & appoint others to supply the vacancy, & do hereby utterly
 revoke & disannul all & every other former, Will, Testaments
 Legacies or Executions by me in any wise named heretofore or
 hereafter before, Ratifying & confirming this & no other to be
 my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I the said James
 Martin have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 22^d
 day of March in the year of our Lord 1810.

Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced & declared by the said James Martin
 his last Will & Testament when in his presence & in the presence of each other
 subscribed our names as Witnesses

Harriette Martin }
 Estlin & Leare }
 Andrew & Horne }

James Martin



32 In the name of God Amen. I Robert Harrison Lord of the State
 of S^c Carolina & North Carolina County, calling to mind the Weakness
 of my body, that it is appointed for all men once to die, & being
 in perfect mind & memory, Do constitute & make this my last
 Will & Testament, and first of all I do will my body to be
 buried out of my estate 1st I do will that all my last debts
 shall be paid by my Executors 2^d I do will to my dearly be-
 loved wife Sarah Harrison her living off this plantation dur-
 ing her widowhood, likewise the Chest of drawers & two beds
 well furnished with Cloaths & a Stand of Curtains, likewise
 my two horses & two cows, 4th I do will to my son William
 Harrison the plantation where he first settled 5th I do will
 to my son James Harrison the three hundred dollars that he
 received from me to pay the plantation he now lives on, 6th I do
 will to my sons John & Robert Harrison the plantation I
 purchased from James Harrison to be equally divided
 between them 7th I do will to my son Thomas Harrison
 the plantation on which I now live & likewise the 3 or more
 & 1/2 Acre & the two cows & calves which I left her with their
 increase & likewise all the hogs. 8th I will that the land on the
 Western Waters shall be divided in the following manner