

William Martin Will

I William Martin of Guilford County State of North Carolina make this my last will and Testament— I give to my beloved wife Rhoda Martin during her Natural life the following Negroes viz. Henry, Betty, Jane, Rachel, Nelson, and Mary. It is my Will that such articles as my Executors may think can be spared without inconvenience to the support of my wife may be sold, of household furniture or stock, and that all the rest be left in possession of my wife for the use of my Family— It is my Will that whatever crop or produce may be on hand at my death might be sold for my wife for the use of the family— Should my Executors deem it expedient to hire out some of my Negroes and should believe it more profitable to sell some of them in that way than to leave them all to labour on the land they are at liberty to do so, at private or public sale so as to spare them from such persons as will treat them with due Humanity— While my wife remains unmarried she is to have the occupation of my plantation for the benefit of herself and children, should she marry before she is dead I give all south and east of the following line, beginning at the river at the fork leading to John Marshes on near the upper end of Marshes one Salubrious thence south to the second bend where John Canell and Samuel Wimbles live, thence up the line of owners of said Marsh to the head thereof thence west across a brook the brook run to the latest line of the tract, and at the north and west of said line is the want of space to be hereafter ordered by my Executors (or as much as will be given thereof) for the benefit of all my Children until my son John becomes at the age of twenty one years, when the interest and benefit of said tract shall vest in him until my son William arrives at full age and then the interest to vest in both until the death of them either of them they are entitled to both tracts as joint tenants and their heirs— I give and bequeath to my sister Phoebe Martin one hundred Dollars apart of which is to be in consideration of the sum left her by her Father and when it comes into my hands I give to my daughter Margaret an negro girl named Abby, to my Daughter Sarah an negro Girl named Sally, to my Daughter Catharine an negro Girl named Abby, to my Daughter an negro Girl named Martha— I give and bequeath to my Natural Daughter Betty and Polly daughter

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Two Hundred Dollars Cash and fifty acres of Land Giving
James Dunlap on his personal books. It is my last and I am
to know the circumstances of the Estate will admit of it for my
Executors to pay the above sum of two Hundred Dollars to my
Daughters Fletty & Polly at least within three years after my
Death. My Executors are authorized and requested whenever
they have funds sufficient for that purpose to build a comfortable
Dwelling House for my family at or near my present habitation
within other N. Mary buildings. Should my funds arise
after the paymaster & provisions already mentioned for building
are discharged and after the Education of my Children it is
my Will it should be Equally divided between my Daughters
Margaret, Sarah, Catharine, & Sophie. It is also my Will
whenever any of my Daughters last mentioned shall marry
that they receive their proportion of the Negroes except those
left with their Mother which are not to be divided until
after her death, or at least they are to receive one apiece
besides the one left as above and after the death of their
Mother my Executors are to ^{divide} ~~divide~~ my Negroes as Equal
as may be between my two sons and four Daughters
last mentioned. I leave to my son John & William
all my Books, and all the plantation tools and farming
implements on the plantation at the Death of their Mother
if they are not sold before. In the Event that my wife
Mary my Stock and Household furniture are to be sold
except my ~~some~~ ~~books~~ ~~and~~ ~~my~~ ~~books~~ and my Will is
to have two further Passes Red blood and furniture
and the tail of the Passes to be divided among my
Daughters & Sons abiding part of the proceeds of the sale
of both stock and furniture I give to my wife. Should
either of my Daughters die before they marry or become at
full age, (which God forbid), I will that her or their
proportion go to her or their sister that stays in this
Will. This only regards my legitimate Children.
I also Will and desire of either my sons John or

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William should not arrive at the age of Twenty one years or legiti-
mely before their death that the Estate I leave by this Will
to the care so doing to go to his surviving brother.

I nominate and appoint Richard Martin, John Martin,
Archibald McQueen, Archibald McQueen, Atlas Jones and
Richard Hunt Executors of this my last Will and Testament.
Reserving all other Wills by me made before the date of this
my last Will and Testament. Thenceforward my Land and
Land the 11th day of July 1818.

W. Martin Seal

Mease County Court May Term 1819
The above Will was duly proven in open Court by the testimony
of James Jones, John Murchison and Benjamin H. Williams
to be very just true of in the hands of William Martin the
deceased, and that it was found among the valuable papers of
said William Martin after his death and it appearing to the
said Court that the Land Writing of the deceased is generally
known by his acquaintances, whereupon the said Court ordered
that it should be recorded.

Com. David L. H.

Arch. McQueen, Atlas Jones, Murchison Martin, Rich. Hunt
and John Martin were duly qualified as Executors of

Eli Callicott's Will

In the name of God Amen. I Eli Callicott of the State of
North Carolina Mease County being in a feeble State of Health but of
perfect Mind and Memory and being desirous finally to make
Arrangements with all my worldly business here below do make
publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament.
The manner following Viz, I give and bequeath unto
My beloved wife Sally negro Woman named Sedda to her
and her heirs forever. I then give and bequeath unto my
wife Sally the whole of my Stock of Every description household
and kitchen furniture farming tools &c to her and her heirs
forever. Then I give and bequeath to my wife Sally the sum of
three British Regions, twenty, Abner, Peter & Phineas sons of