

David Martin

In the name of God amen David Martin of the County of Rockingham and State of North Carolina being sickly and weakly of body but in perfect mind and memory praise be therefore given to Almighty God I do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows that is to say first and principally I do commend my soul to Almighty God who gave it hoping by the merits death and passion of my savior Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named and touching the disposal of all such temporal estates it has pleased God to bestow on me I give and devise as followeth I give unto my dear and loving wife all and singular my land and tenements my stocks of all kinds which I do now possess and also all my household furniture and with all my working tools belonging to the plantation during her widowhood if she my wife should at this time be in a state of pregnancy I consider it to be my heir and to possess such part of my estate as the law will allow it to possess in such a case if no heir at her marriage or death or should she have a base begotten child in either of these cases I wish her to possess none of my estate but for it to be equally divided between my brother and sister and I also wish all my just debts to be settled up out of my estate by my executors and I do hereby constitute and appoint my worthy friend Benjamin Witty and John Winchester Senr to be my full and sole executors and no other of this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke a will and make void all former

wills and testaments by me heretofore made in 230
 witnessed whereof I the said David Martin to this my last will and testament do set my hand and seal this second day of April one thousand eight hundred and fifteen (signed) David Martin Esq.
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 Benjamin Winchester +
 Elijah Witty, Senr.

Charles Moore

In the name of God amen I Charles Moore of the County of Rockingham and State of North Carolina being in a low state of health but of perfect mind and recollection thanks be given to God calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die do make this my last will and testament (viz) First and principally I commend my body to the grave to be buried in decent christian burial doubting not but I shall receive the same again at the general resurrection by the mighty power of God where I hope through the merits of Christ that my soul and body will be acquitted and received into the fruition of the blest and touching such worldly estate as I have been made the possessor of in this life I give and bequeath the same as follows.
 I give and bequeath to the heirs of my eldest brother Thomas Moore the sum of fifty dollars ⁱⁿ cash and no more. I give and bequeath to my brother James Moore or his heirs the sum of fifty dollars ^{in cash} and no more. I give and bequeath to my brother John Moore or his heirs the sum of fifty dollars and no more. I give and bequeath to my brother Samuel Moore or his heirs the sum of fifty dollars in cash and no more. I give and bequeath to my brother David Moore or his heirs fifty dollars in cash and no more.

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I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Letitia Moore one head steered Bead and furniture which one sower she may choose one horse saddle and bridle one cow and calf one sow and pigs and it is my desire that in all these she may have her choice Further I give and bequeath to my beloved wife one wearing loom and its appurtenances one flax wheel one cotton wheel one cut reel one pair of cards all the flax wool and cotton which I possess together with all the spun thread all my leather whether raw tanning or tanned all my wearing clothes to dispose of as she pleases again I give and bequeath to my beloved wife the use and behoof of all my lands and tenements during her natural life with all the crops of every kind that may be growing at the time of my decease Further it is my will that all the balance of my property not already bequeathed shall be sold and after paying all my just debts it is my desire that the amount of said sale together with all the money that may be collected as due to my estate shall be given one half to my beloved wife and the other half I wish to be lodged in the hands of my executors so that it may be put by them to interest and I desire that said money or a necessary part thereof shall go to supply the exigencies of my beloved wife should she live to want any of it
Lastly It is my will that ^{all} my lands be sold at the death of my beloved wife and I do desire that the money arising from said sale together with all the balance of the money that may remain in the hands of my executors shall be given up into the hands of the Methodist Conference of Local Preachers to

258 be originating to the district in which I desire to be appropriated by them to the most ~~charitable~~ ^{beneficial} purposes with such Disagreement and fugacity as shall best agree with the genuine spirit of benevolence I however recommend to said conference that if a way shall be opened for the emancipation of the negroes living with me and belonging to Surana Henry that the said conference will apply a part of said money to their freedom and again I recommend the said conference any of my Relations that might happen to become available as primary objects of their charity and I do hereby utterly renounce and disapprove every other will from owning this and no other to be my last will and testament at the same time I nominate and appoint my beloved wife Letitia Moore and my friends William Conner and Thomas Thompson Sen. the whole and sole executors and executors of this my last will and testament to have the same duly executed according to Law in witness where of I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 19th day of September 1820
Signed in the presence of us Henry Thompson +
James Doason +
his mark
State of North Carolina 3rd Nov. 1825
Rockingham County 3rd the within last will and testament of Charles Moore and being offered for probate and the same being proved by the oath of Henry Thompson and James Doason was duly admitted whereupon the Executors qualified and took out letters testamentary in the same
R. H. Gallaway C. C.