

In the name of God Amen the 15<sup>th</sup>  
 of March 1783. I Martin Trencham being sick in body but of  
 good and sound memory thanks be to the Almighty and caling  
 to mind the uncertainty what of this transitory life and that all  
 flesh must die when it shall please god to call do make  
 constitute ordain and declare this my last will and  
 Testament in manner and form following, revoke and  
 annulling by these presents all and every Testament  
 and Testaments will and Wills heretofore by me made  
 and declain either by word or writing & this to be taken  
 only for my last Will and Testament and none other  
 and first being penitent and sorry from the bottom of  
 my heart for my past sins most humbly desiring  
 forgiveness for the same I give and commit my soul  
 unto Almighty god my saviour and Redeemer in  
 whom and by the merits of Jesus Christ I trust and  
 believe assuredly to be saved and that my soul with  
 my body at the general day of Resurrection shall rise  
 again with joy & have the merits of Christ death and  
 passion possess and inherit the Kingdom of Heaven  
 prepared for his elect and chosen and my body to be  
 buried in a decent manner according to the direction  
 of my Exe: and now for settling of my temporal

Estates and such Goods and Chattels as it (121)  
 has pleased God to bless me with far above my  
 desires to bestow upon me. I do now give and  
 dispose the same in manner and form following  
 that is to say first I will that all those debts and  
 dues as I owe in right of conscience to any person  
 or persons, whatsoever shall be well and truly  
 paid within a convenient time after my decease  
 by my Executors hereafter named and first of  
 all — I give and bequeath unto well beloved  
 son Japhtha Trencham all my Iron working Tools  
 and likewise my land I now live on all that is mow  
 and he is to pay for the said land five and thirty pounds  
 in gold or silver in five years after my decease to my  
 Son Martin Trencham and likewise that he shall give  
 him One year schooling, secondly I give and bequeath  
 unto my beloved daughter Margerrey Trencham the  
 second best Bed and furniture, thirdly I give and  
 bequeath unto my beloved daughter Ann Trencham  
 the first best Bed and furniture, and fourthly I  
 give and bequeath unto well beloved daughter Mary  
 Trencham One Bed and furniture to be sold at  
 Public Vendue and fifthly I give and bequeath  
 unto my well beloved son Martin Trencham one  
 dark bay Horse a star in his forehead and four

(122) White suit to be sold at public Vendue, and all  
the rest of my Goods and Chattels to be sold at public  
Vendue and to be equally divided between Margery  
Tenthum Ann Tenthum and Mary Tenthum and  
Martin Tenthum only three pounds fifteen shillings  
out of Margery Tenthum part to be taken and seventhly  
I give and bequeir to my well Beloved son Martin  
Tenthum which I had by my first Wife five shillings  
in Gold or Silver. And I do appoint John Collins &  
Philip Sted my Executors of this my last Will and  
Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke  
and Disannulle all and every other former Testa-  
ments wills, legacies and beques and Executors  
by me in any wise before named willed and  
bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no  
other to be my last will and Testament in witness  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the  
day and Year above written, signed sealed published  
and pronounced and declared by the said Martin  
Tenthum as his last Will and Testament in the  
presence of us —

John <sup>his</sup> <sub>mark</sub> Robinson

William <sup>his</sup> <sub>mark</sub> Robinson

li. Martin <sup>his</sup> <sub>mark</sub> Tenthum



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Where as the Last will & Testament of M<sup>rs</sup> Parks  
deceased Was accidentally Burned. The following is a Hand-  
script of S<sup>d</sup> Will as to the Bequeathments.  
To Margaret Parks one Negro Saddle & Children  
to be at her own disposal only to the Children of S<sup>d</sup>  
deceased one mare & saddle spinning wheel & Large  
Bible the one half of the House hold furniture to be  
at her own disposal Except one bed & furniture the  
third of the plantation Utensils the fourth part of Estate  
not particularly Bequeathed in S<sup>d</sup> will also the one  
third part of the plantation where one deceased formerly  
lived with all the dwelling House during her lifetime  
To John Parks Two thirds of the plantation whereon  
S<sup>d</sup> deceased formerly lived with the third part of  
the plantation Utensils one Negro and a horse one  
half of the House hold furniture Except the above men-  
tioned Bed also the fourth of the Estate not par-  
ticularly Bequeathed in S<sup>d</sup> will. To Hugh Parks  
one third part of the plantation whereon S<sup>d</sup> deceased  
formerly lived with the third of the plantation  
utensils one Negro one bed & furniture also  
the fourth part of the Estate not particularly  
Bequeathed in S<sup>d</sup> will. To John McDowell  
a plantation and the one fourth part of the  
Estate not particularly Bequeathed in S<sup>d</sup> will  
To four of the Grandsons of M<sup>rs</sup> deceased a plantation  
To James Reed the sum of forty pounds  
To John McDowell the sum of thirty pounds  
To James McDowell the sum of twenty pounds  
To Hugh McDowell the sum of forty pounds  
The remainder of the Estate not particularly  
Bequeathed in S<sup>d</sup> will to be divided in to  
Equal parts without sale.