

In the name God Amen! I Abraham Martin Sen.
of Stokes County in the State of North Carolina being at this time
in perfect health mind and memory but casting into mind
the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to die do make certain & publish this
my last will and Testament that is to say principally
First of all I recommend my soul into the hands of
Almighty God My body to the earth to be buried in
Christian Burial. And as touching such worldly
estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in
this life after paying my Just debts if any I should owe
I give devise and dispose of the same in the following
manner I form to wit, I give & bequeath unto my beloved
wife Sally Seventy five acres of land adjoining the
lines of Ephraim Bannor & Volentine Fry to include
the miller house & out house where I now live I also
give to my said wife one negro woman slave named
Diner and her Children which she now or may hereafter
have for and during her my said Wifes natural life
and after her death to be divided as hereinafter mentioned
I further give and devise to my wife aforesaid one
horse one mare two feather beds & furniture and an
equal share of all my stock flock of fattle hogs &
sheep plantation tools and household furniture to
that of any one of my Children to be and remain
her property and at her own disposal forever.

I give and devise unto my two sons William
Martin & Abraham Martin the balance of the
tract of land on which I now live after deducting
the above seventy five acres of My son William
to have the south end so as to include his im-
provement where he now lives.

I further will and devise that the residue of my
estate both real and personal as well the slave or slaves
that I may have given or but to any of my Children as
those that is none shall be inventoried immediately after
my decease, except those that are bequeathed as above
mentioned particularly to my wife & her sons aforesaid,
and also my goods & chattels to be inventoried likewise
& valued as soon as may be by three reputable freeholders
to be chosen by my executors for that purpose and to allot
to each of my Children viz: William Martin Robert
Martin Malinda Martin Aba Martin widow Mary
Tollis Ruth Ann & Martha Solijack and my grand
Children which my late daughter Sally Bannor de^d had
by Ephraim Bannor their respective shares to be divided
share and share alike, my aforesaid daughter
Sally Bannors de^d Children to have one share, to be
divided among them and it is to be understood that
my wife Sally shall have and receive one ninth part
of the cattle hogs & sheep household furniture & plantation
tools which is equal to one Childs part exclusion of
what is bequeathed particularly to her and it is
further my will and desire that my granddaughter
Sally Bannors shall have and receive one small
negro slave equal to the value of two hundred
Dollars to her own use forever out of my estate
& to be deducted out of the share that may fall to &
be allotted to my daughter Sally Bannors de^d Children
aforesaid.

And I further devise that the land which I
have devised & bequeathed to my wife as aforesaid that
after her death the same shall be valued as my
other estate aforesaid & equally divided between my

even Children and my daughter Sally Banner
du? Children as above mentioned.

I make for said my son William Martin
my friend Anna Banner Charles Banner executors
of this my last Will & Testament at the same time
making void & revoking all former Wills & Testaments
by me heretofore made

In Witness whereof I the aforesaid Abraham
Martin Senr. hath humbly set my hand and
affixed my seal to this my last Will & Testament
this eighteenth day of March in the year of our
Lord one Thousand eight Hundred & Eleven.

Abraham Martin

We the subscribing Witnesses being present & saw
each other subscribe our names to the same
& heard the aforesaid Testator A^m Martin Senr
acknowledge the above to be his last will &
testament & subscribed his name to the same

Charles Banner
Sally Martin
Franky Merrit

Notary County ~~of~~ ^{Durham} ~~North~~ ^{Carolina} Feb 1815

The execution of the last Will & Testament
of Abraham Martin Senr. du? of which the
foregoing is a true Copy, was duly proven in
open Court by Charles Banner Sally Martin
& Franky Merrit & ordered to be recorded

Robt. Williams cc

In the 2^d Court

In the name of God Amen I Jonas Lawson of the County of
Stoke, State of North Carolina being sick but of disposing mind
& Memory thanks to the Almighty for his mercies do make this
my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows
I Recommend my soul to God my Creator & Redeemer by whose
merits alone I hope to be saved and have forgiveness of my
sins And as for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried
in a Christianlike and decent manner at the discretion of
my executors hereafter mentioned. As Touching such worldly
Estate as I hath pleased God to bless me with in this life
I give dispose of & bequeath in manner and form as follows
It is my will that all my just debts be discharged by my
executors then I give to my five Daughters viz. Mary
Clouse, Anna Lawson, Martha Allen, Sarah Lawson,
Ten shillings each to them and their heirs and assigns
forever Also Nancy Wood & her heirs forever.

Item I lend to my beloved Wife Milly Lawson
all my estate herein not given or bequeathed all my
land that I now own Stock of all kinds House and
Household furniture to remain in her hands during
her natural life or widowhood to raise the Children
and after her death to be equally divided amongst
my last Children that is then living viz. William
Lawson James Lawson Samuel Lawson Adam Lawson
James Lawson Robert Lawson to them & their heirs
forever & forever.

I humbly make and ordain my worthy
wife Milly Lawson & my son William Lawson executors
to this my last will & Testament In Witness whereof
I the said Jonas Lawson have to this my last will
& Testament set my hand & seal the 13th Feb^y
Eight hundred & fifteen.
Jonas Lawson (Seal)
Mark