

In the name of God Amen.

I Robert Hill of Stokes County and State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make, ordain and establish this my last will and Testament. (That is to say)

First, It is my will and desire that after my funeral expenses and just debts are paid, my beloved wife Martha shall have, hold & enjoy and have the use of all my estate both real & personal during her natural life.

Secondly, It is my will & desire that after the death of my beloved wife Martha my estate be distributed as follows.

To my son Robert Hill I give & bequeath one negro boy named Samon.

To my son Joel Hill one negro man named Lorenzo.

To my Daughter Martha Haynes one negro man named Thomas.

To my son John Hill all the land or real estate that I may own or possess at the time of my decease, one negro man named Primer, one walnut folding table, one clock, also my Blacksmith tools.

To my grand Daughter Selina Hill one negro girl named Fanny also one pearl filly.

Thirdly,

It is my will & desire that the residue of my estate which is not devised in the foregoing clauses of my will be sold by my executor to be hereinafter named) and the proceeds of said sale to be equally divided among all my children namely, Robert Hill, Sarah Hill, Susanah Samuel, Elizabeth Hill, Francis Davis and John Hill share and share alike.

And lastly, I nominate, constitute, and appoint, my ~~sons~~ sons, Joel Hill and John Hill executors of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I the said Robert Hill have subscribed my name and affixed my seal, this sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said Robert Hill testator, in the presence of us, who were present at the signing & sealing of the same.

Robert Hill *Testator*

Hampton Bynum
Gilbert Phillips

Stokes County September term 1834.

The execution of the last will & testament of Robert Hill Dec^d of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open Court by ^{himself} Hampton Bynum & Gilbert Phillips, the subscribing witnesses thereto, & ordered to be recorded.

Wm. Hill C. C.

In the name of God

I John Freeman of Stokes County N. Carolina being in good health and of sound & perfect mind & memory (blessed be God) do this 13th day of October in the year of our Lord 1834, make & publish this my last will and Testament in manner & form (to wit): It is my will that at my death my body shall be buried in a decent christian like manner & the expense of burial & funeral charges to be paid by my executors. also it is my will that all my just debts be paid out of my estate.

Item 1st I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth during her natural life or widowhood one third part of all my lands, including my dwelling house with all my household & kitchen furniture; also her choice of two negro women, Lucy & Rachel.

Item 2nd The land & other property that I have given my son William Freeman he is to enjoy peaceably.

Item 3rd I give my daughter Julia one hundred Dollars.

Item 4th I give my daughter Agnes one hundred dollars.

Item 5th I give my daughter Mary one hundred dollars.

Item 6th I give my daughter Ellenor one hundred dollars to be paid ~~hereinafter~~ to them by my Executors out of the sale of my property.

Item 7th I give to my son John Freeman all my land & at the death of my wife the part which I have lent her in his property, also one negro boy named Eli.

Item 8th My will is that at my death my property not named in this will shall all be sold by my executor at twelve months credit & my four daughters to receive what I have willed them, then the balance of the amount of sale to be equally divided between all six of my children named in this my will.

Item 9th It is my will that my wife Elizabeth & my son John Freeman be my Executor & Executrix.

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said John Freeman the testator as his last will & testament in the presence of us, who were present at the time of signing & sealing thereof.

Thomas Carr
Rachel Carr
William Pegg

John Freeman *Testator*

September term 1834.

The execution of the last will & Testament of John Freeman Dec^d of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Thomas Carr & Rachel Carr subscribing witnesses thereto, & ordered to be recorded.

Wm. Hill C. C.

In the name of God Amen.

I James Martin of Stokes County & State of North Carolina being sound in body & mind do make ordain & declare this instrument to be my last will, which is written with my own hand & every page thereof subscribed with my name, to be my last will and testament, began this 18th day of May 1827 revoking all others.

Impress, I desire all my just debts to be paid (which are a good many) as are of my beloved wife Martha who I appoint my Executrix & my beloved son James Martin Jr. & my beloved step son, Hamilton Jones who I appoint & nominate my Executors can raise enough out of my estate to pay them & to satisfy my wife when she may stand in need as they in their discretion may think fit to carry this my will into effect. — Item, I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Martha

all her lower negroes that fell to her by a legal division with their increase from her former husband's estate which are named Rose & her two children Joel & Harriet & two negro girls named Liza & Charity & a negro man named Ted and these to dispose of as she may think proper. — Item, I give a bequest to my beloved wife Martha the plantation wherein I live containing one hundred & forty acres of land together with my chief Mansion house lying & being on Snow creek, the courses & distances which the old deed will show & also 320 acres

more or less on Mill creek & 420 acres adjoining on the East side of my home tract & tract on North side of William Moore's tract to belong to my home plantation altogether containing 1380 acres for her use as long as she may live & remain my widow & after her decease to be equally divided between my two sons Edward & John Martin & John Julius Martin to be equally divided in quantity as well as quantity & that my son John Julius Martin be educated out of my estate free of charge with college education. —

Item, I give & bequeath to my beloved wife all my negroes & perhaps both old and young as long as she may live & remain my widow viz: Buff, Thomas, Jack, Aaron & Jack the blacksmith, Brown, Francis & the negro woman Rachel & her children & Mary Elly, Sally, Thiriff & the negro woman Grace & her children, Melia, Jane, Lucretia & Grace & her children, Virgil & Kite & Ende & her children John & Anthony with all their increase and all the old negroes, Janey & old Betty to be taken care of during her life & it shall be optional with her to give to any of these our children as they may marry or have her any of these my negroes she may see proper & it is my desire that my beloved wife shall in her discretion divide the above named negroes to any of these our children as she may think best previous to her death.

Item, I give & bequeath to my beloved wife all the other out houses, with all the growing articles & all the live stock both horses & cattle of every description & all the household furniture, Bed & Bed clothes, Wagon & carriage & on cart & all the smith tools & also to dispose of all my lands of bounty claim & eight hundred acres lying in Lenoir between the Holston & Holston river, being part of a location of 6000 acres divided between old Col. James Hunter, Major Pleasant Henderson, old Thomas Henderson deceased & myself, also she & my Executors may sell or dispose 200 acres land lying on Rockingham on head of Beaver Island adjoining the Stokes County line when an opportunity offers.

Item, I give & bequeath to my son Henry G. Martin all my part of my bounty claim of lands to support the Iron works reserving the one half of the grist mill for the use of my wife & family when built & also I give him one half of the forge that has been lately repaired by Hugh Martin & his son William they having had the use of it for about twenty years without paying me any rent for it which I think ought to satisfy them for repairing it.

Item, As to the legacies I gave to my first children to wit, Sally Henderson, Hugh Martin, Anna Leary, Polly Rogers & Aba Martin since dead & James Hunter & James Martin I think I have given them more than these my last children will have & that they may be satisfied with it & by a reference to a former will made on the 15th day of April 1825 will satisfy them what I did them, the item in my former will that I gave my son James Martin my negro man Jack the shoemaker is become so old & infirm that I consider him not worth a gift. —

Item, And having so good an opinion of my beloved wife's honesty discretion & economy & good management I sent with her to make any inventory of my estate that she may not be put to as little trouble as possible on that account.

In witness whereof I the said James Martin have to this set my hand & seal furnished this 18th day of October 1827 revoking all others.

Witness present

J. Martin Senr.

Codical. of the my last will & testament this 22^d day of September 1833. — Whereas it is apparent that my son Henry Martin is become very dissipated & ungrateful to myself, I therefore revoke & disannul all the legacies that I bequeathed to him said Henry that in my former will I gave the horse & saddle that he now rides & if at any time my son Henry shall become reformed & likely to continue so I leave it optional with my wife to give him the said bounty lands & other land mentioned in this my will, which is the one half of it belonging to me.

In witness whereof I have set my hand & seal this 22^d day of Sept. 1833.

J. Martin Senr. (Seal)

Stokes County December Term 1834

The Execution of the last will & testament with the Codical annexed of James Martin dec'd of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open court by Andrew Bowman, Charles Banner & Jeremiah Gibson who proved that the signature & every part of the same was in the proper hand writing of the said James Martin & was further proved that the said will & codical were found among the valuable papers & effects of said dec'd. Whereupon on motion it was ordered to be recorded.

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