In the name of God amen

I John Martin of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina being of sound & perfect mind & memory Blessed be God for the same do this 10th day of May 1825 make & publish this my last will & testament in manner following that is to say of all the worldly goods it has pleas God to bless me with do give & bequeath as herein mentioned I lend unto Nancy my wife during her natural life four Negroes Bill Ben Frank & Sarah also all the land adjoining together with all appertaining west of the road & to the creek up the creek to the old still house branch up the same to the south extremity of my land that is to say all adjoining land both on the Little Yadkin &c to her in like manner &c Ten cows & calves and as many hogs as she shall chose out of my stock & such house hold furniture & she shall chose & four head of horses such as she shall chose the wagon & gears all plantation tools &c &c 2 I give to my Daughter Polly C Bynum & the lawful heirs of her body the negro Girl Luse & issue and that the 1500 $ Thompson Bynum owes me by bond &c to be given up to him & his board the children to the amount of more than the interest of sd bonds amounts to the ballance to be made up &c. 3 I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Harris & the heirs of her body one negro Girl named Mary during the natural life of her sd Elizabeth & at her decease be her & issue of said Mary to be devided equally among the the children of her Elizabeth

I give to my son James the land he now lives on as laid out between him & John also two Negroes he has in possession Sam & Peter.

I give to my son Joseph Martin the part of the tract I bought on Pilot creek that he has tended & used for several years that is to say Below south of the creek & the mouth of the branch that runs by Jonas Cobbin also the land adjoining Benj Boomer Ben Beagly & others a 76 acre tract adjoining the tract that Daniel Boomer sold to William Bird &c & the 2 Negroes he has in possession Moses & Bill

I give to my son John Martin the ballance of the tract of land that he & James lives on as laid out & now is between them & a tract of Hundred acres adjoining Anthony Smith &c & 2 Negroes Antony Seal with these condition that Seal has four children alive the youngest one year old my son James to have one of them ordering the first choice of John should chose to pay James the full value of the one that shall fall to James by said lot &c

I give to my son Samuell the one half in value of the 600 acres of land in Jackson County on line bout State of Tennessee Two Negroes Bob & Nancy one horse of the value of $100 three cows & calves bed & furniture &c

I give to my son George the other half of the tract of land on Pine creek Jackson co State of Tennessee three Negroes Brice Little Will & one horse of the value one hundred dollars & a saddle worth 15 dollars & three cows & calves bed & furniture

I give to my son Thomas Martin the lands beginning at the southern extremity of my land I now live on up the old still house branch the same to the creek down the creek to mouth of Gold spring branch up the same to the head of the chinkapin patch then Northwardly as the road runs to the Quaker meeting house all that adjoining East & North of said road creek & branch & all so my other parcels or tracts on the big creek adjoining Timothy Peark Jacob Pace Elizabeth Vaugh & others also one other parcel or tract lying near Springfield meeting house known by the name of Warrants No Tracts &c and the following Negroes Negroes Weston & at his Mothers decease or deposition of Middlewood Cory & issue only Bet excepted & Ben one horse of the value of one hundred dollars saddle of the value fifteen dollars one bed & furniture three cows & calves —

I give to my son William Pilham Martin all the ballance of the lands I now live on that I have lent to his Mother during natural life & lying west & south of the land given to Thomas that the house joins both on the waters of the double creek & Little Yadkin & a tract lying above Lindsel Rawark of Two Hundred acres & such negroes as herein mentioned that is to say Warden & at his his Mothers Death or deposition of Middlewood Frank & Sarah & her Issue one horse of the value of one hundred dollars saddle of the value of fifteen dollars three cows & calves bed & furniture &c

& Now be this be taken as my special desire & will that my three Grand children John Martin Cloud Maryann Cloud & Susanna Cloud be raised & taken care of at the direction & care of my son James Martin & that the two Girls be educated as to read & Right & Martin as heirs of mentioned in this will I also will that John Martin Cloud have at the age of Twenty one years which I now will & bequeath to him a female Negro boy by the name of Sandy also one horse & saddle worth twenty five dollars and be educated so as to write read & Write the english tattin & Greek languages & after this for learn to be good & the study of the law if capacity will allow of it I also give to my Grand daughter Maryann Cloud one Negro Girl by the name of Jin & Lib wife to my Grand daughter Susanna Cloud [illegible] Girls by the names of Bet [illegible]