

In the name of God Amen

I Mary Martin of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina being at present weak in body but of sound mind & memory thank be given for the same, do this twenty third day of September one thousand eight hundred & forty six make & publish this my last will & Testament — First of all, I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, & my body to the dust from whence it came, to be buried in a Christian like manner. And as regards such worldly estate as heretofore it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life. It is my will, that all of my just debts shall be paid & that my Executor sell so much of my real or personal property or such portion of either or both of them as he in his judgment may think most proper for that purpose, either at publick or private sale, but it is my request of him that he reserve that part of my Land & Store on my dwelling & other necessary houses are situated and that he let my two brothers Philip & Joseph Banner have a home of the same while they live or either of them & he is also requested to let any portion of my property remain with them during their lives that he may not find occasion to sell for the purpose of paying my debts.

I will that my Brother Benjamin Banner have my Land or such part of it as may not be sold for the purpose of paying my debts, & a slave named Cda & such other slaves of mine, viz: Old Jimmy, Harriet, Mariah that may remain unsold it is my will that my Brothers Philip & Joseph Banner keep them together with any other property of mine not otherwise devised, after my debts are paid to be equally divided between them.

I hereby nominate, constitute & appoint my Brother Benjamin Banner my Executor of this my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal, the day & year above written.

Signed, sealed & acknowledged in the

Presence of John Clayton Senr.

Shadr Payer

Wilson C. Banner

Mary Martin (Read)
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December Term 1846

The Execution of the last will & Testament of Mary Martin and (of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open Court by the oath of John Clayton Senr. & Shadr Payer two of the subscribing witnesses to the same, & ordered to be recorded.

Wm. Hill, ckr

Thomas Crews of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina. being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say.

First — That my Executors (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all funeral expences, together with my just debts, whosoever and to whom soever owing, out of the monies that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

2 I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary Crews all my house hold and kitchen furniture or so much thereof as

we shall say also that they shall have and to hold during

and and premises be sold property not covered by or all my debts and expences shall be loaned out and from I have support during her

to my beloved wife Mary unt burial expences are paid monies then left, the surplus all my Children in equal and each of them their share absolutely, forever

and appoint my trusty sons my lawful executors to all intents my last will and testament, and meaning of the same and hereby revoking ^{and} ~~utterly~~ void all ^{and} ~~me~~ heretofore made. I also

power of attorney to sell my land of, I the said Thomas Crews do seal, This 20th day of September eight hundred & forty six.

Thomas Crews (Read)
 mark

on the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses there to — Leonard G. Hayman

The Execution of the last will & Testament of Thomas Crews (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Leonard G. Hayman one of the subscribing witnesses to the same, & ordered to be recorded. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal, the day & year above written. Wm. Hill, ckr