

25 5th I give bequeath unto my beloved wife Anna Corbin
as much of my household furniture as she may
choose for her own use

6th I do hereby appoint my friend John Butner my
executor to thomy last will & Testament

7th All my property not mentioned above I do hereby
empower my Executor to sell at public sale and the
money arising from that sale as well as that
from the land after paying my just debts shall
be left together on interest and my beloved wife is hereby
empowered to take to her own use in case she stand
in need from time to time as much
thereof as she may need to her support If any
money & property of her should be left after her
death then it shall be divided in equal shares
amongst my three Children

8th My executor is hereby empowered to pay all
my just debts and also to collect all my out-
standing debts.

And I hereby make and Ordain my worthy
friend John Butner Executor of this my last will
& Testament In Witness Whereof I the said Henry
Shan have to this my last will & Testament
set my hand & Seal this third day of August
in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight
Hundred & Twelve Signed Sealed Published & Declared
by the said Henry Shan the testator at his last
will & Testament in the presence of us who
were present at the signing & sealing thereof
Henry Shanks
Samuel H. Krou
mark

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The execution of the last will & Testament
of Henry Shanks dec'd of which the foregoing
is a true Copy was duly proven in open
Court by the oath of Henry Shanks &
Samuel H. Krou & ordered to be recorded
Done accordingly

Robt Williams Esq.
J. Tho. J. Armstrong Esq.

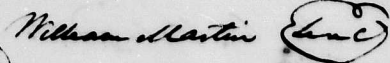
In the name of God Amen!

I William Martin of the County of
Stokes in the State of North Carolina being a
person of sound & perfect mind & memory
altho afflicted with bodily infirmities But feeling
into mind the mortality of my body & knowing that
it is appointed for all the human race once to
die do this sixth day of November in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred & Ten
make & publish this my last will & Testament
that is to say principally first of all I recommend
my soul into the hands of Almighty God and
my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian
Burial at the discretion of my executors & attaching
such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God
to bless me with in this life I give devise & bequeath
of the same in the manner following
First I give & bequeath unto my dear wife Ellen
one negron girl named Lora for & during
my wifes natural life then said negron

136 her increase if she should have any to be
equally divided according to Valuation between
my four Children viz to John Martin William
Martin Lewis Martin & Mary Reddick.
and the remainder of my Slaves it is
my will and desire that they be equally
divided among & between my four Children
aforesaid according to Valuation excepting that
my old Negro woman Franky is not
to be valued to any of them but shall
be at liberty to choose for herself which
of my Children she will live with who
shall have her without price. further
I will and desire that my wife Eleanor shall
have my black Man & two beds & furniture
And I give unto my son Lewis my Bonefelly
one bed and furniture and one Cow &
Calf and that my wife have one Cow
& Calf also. & the balance of my estate both
real and personal not devised as above it
is my will & desire that it be equally divided
than & than alike after paying my just debts
between my wife Eleanor & four Children
aforesaid excepting that my son Lewis shall
have & receive Twenty five Dollars more in
his share than any one of the others.
Further it is my will & desire that none of
my heirs shall be called to account for any
thing I have hitherto given them excepting
that if my son in law David Reddick

should raise an account against my estate
then and in that case he shall be called to
account for an amount which I have against
him & not otherwise.

And I make & ordain my wife Eleanor
my son John Martin & Charles Banner any
two of them Executors of this my last will and
testaments In Witness whereof I the said William
Martin have to this my last will & testament set
my hand & seal the day & year first above written

Signed sealed published &  William Martin
declared by the said William
Martin the testator as & for his
last will & testament in presence
of us who were present at the
beginning & making thereof

Charles Banner
Sarah Martin
Betsy ^{his} Blackstone
marks

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The execution of the last will & Testament
of William Martin dec^d was duly proven in
open Court by the oaths of Charles Banner
& Sarah Martin & ordered to be recorded
Dore accordingly.

Robt. Williams C^l
& Thomas T. Armstrong C^l.