

WILL OF .

WILLIAM MARTIN

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. The twenty second Day of October in the year ~~of our~~ Lord 1787. I William Martin in the County of Chester, Planter, being very sick and weak in Body, but of perfect Mind and Memory, thanks be given unto God, therefore calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it ~~is~~ appointed for all men once to Die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament That is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that gave it and for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christain like and decent manner at the Discretion of my Executors; not doubting but at the general refurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to blefs me in this ^{Life} / I give, devifes and dispose of the same in the following Manner and form-----
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4. I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my beloved Daughter one Gown to be given her by the Direction of her Mother.
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Lastly. I give bequeath and ordain my plantation to my three
sons, James, Archibald, and Alexander to be equally divid

between them and in case any one of them should choofe to leave the plantation and go to work for himself Then I order and ordain that they choofe two difinterefted Mento value the Land and that whoever stays upon the Land shall as soon as maybe after the one that departs is come to the Age of Twenty one, pay unto him the one third of what the plantation is valued at by the said men And also I constitute make and ordain Hugh Stewart and Mary my beloved Wifeto be my only sole and whole Executors of this my Laft will and Teftemant.

and I do hereby utterly difallow, revoke and disannul all & every other former Teftaments will and Legacies bequefts & Executors by me in any wise before this time mentioned willed and bequeathed, Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my laft Will and Teftamant -----

In Witnefs wherefo, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day and Year above written----

Wilum Martin (Seal)

Signed sealed pronounced and declared by the said William Martin to be his Laft Will and Teftament

In the Presence of
his

John X Service

mark

Arch. McQuiston

Alexander Penney

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