

George Martin's Last Will

In the name of God Amen I George Martin of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee being in advanced age and laboring under great bodily infirmity in view of the approaching dissolution do make, publish and declare my last will and testament as follows (wills)

First I give and bequeath to my two sons the George Martin and William J. H. Martin and their heirs and assigns my tract of land on which I live at this time in said Lincoln County, supposed to contain one hundred and forty eight acres, value at twenty hundred and seventy five dollars being eight hundred and eighty eight dollars to each one

Second I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha J. A. Martin during her life and at her death to her children the heirs of her body my negro boy Jacob valued at seven hundred dollars

Third I give and bequeath to my daughter Belia Ann Martin my negro boy named Henry valued at ten hundred and fifty dollars

Fourth I give and bequeath to my grand children Ann Eliza, Mary, Catharine, Francis, Virginia and two infants twins in all five the children of my son C. H. V. Martin recently deceased my two negro boys named Titus and Lewis valued at five hundred and fifty dollars

Fifth I give and bequeath to my son Robert Martin my negroes Dick, Lydia, James, Benjamin and Anthony valued at eight hundred and fifty dollars

In order to make the legacy to each of my children above named equal, it is my will and desire that my son St. George pay over to Martha J. A. Martin fifty four dollars and thirty three cents and to my daughter Belia Ann Martin twenty nine dollars and thirty three cents and that my son William J. H. Martin pay over to the children of my son C. H. V. Martin above named one hundred and thirty three dollars and sixty six cents and that my son Robert Martin pay over to my daughter Belia Ann Martin twenty five dollars also that my son Robert Martin pay over to the children of my son C. H. V. Martin before designated seventy dollars and twenty six cents

I have therefore given to my daughter Mary V. Houston and to my daughter Elizabeth M. L. Prouty each property which I consider equal in value to the property herein bequeathed to my other children respectively

I constitute and appoint my sons St. George Martin and William J. H. Martin Executors of this my last will and testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 11th day of November 1840

Geo. Martin

George Martin, signed, sealed, published and declared the above as foregoing to be his last will and testament and also acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained all of which was done by the said George Martin in our presence the day the same bears date

Geo. W. Jones

Samuel Rice

Proven at the March Term 1841 of the Lincoln County Court

Thomas Storro's Last will

I Thomas Storro of the State of Tennessee and County of Lincoln being weak of body but of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament I give unto my son John Storro the tract of land on which I live containing forty acres my reason for giving my land to my son John to the exclusion of my other children is because he has always lived with me and is not calculated to make a living in the world as my other children and I therefore appoint my friend George Rinegar to be guardian for my son John and he is hereby empowered to rent or sell said land or use it as he in his judgment may think best for the benefit of John I give unto my wife Nancy all the balance of my property of every description after my debts and funeral expenses are paid and I hereby appoint my friend Emma Wilson to be my Executor to see that this will is carried into effect

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of this 12th day of May 1841

John D. Whitaker
Emma Wilson
George Rinegar

myself his
Thomas Storro
witness