

## 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

I John Vickers of Lincoln County and State of Tennessee do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills at any other time made by me First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may be possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my executors

Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy Vickers during her lifetime all my land, all my stock of every description, all my household and kitchen furniture, my plantation tools of every description and all other property whatever of any and every description lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Jacob Kiffin and Uly. Shinnell my Executors In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 1843

Signa sealia and  
acknowledged in the presence  
of us

John<sup>his</sup> Vickers  
mark

Martha Grays  
Aaron Baya

I James Pybas of the State of Tennessee and County of Lincoln being weakly of body but of sound mind and disposing memory do by these presents make and ordain this to be my last will and testament revoking all others, and as touching what worldly estate it hath pleased god to bless me with I give leave and bequeath in the following manner (viz)

First my will and desire is that all my property of every description be left with my wife Sarah J. Pybas during her natural life or widowhood in order for her own maintenance and support and the maintenance and education of my children except as herein after named

Secondly my will and desire is that my Executors collect all the debts that are owing to me and pay all the just debts against me therewith, but if there should not be enough to pay my debts my Executors to sell any property they may see proper and the money there arising to finish paying my debts

Third my will and desire is that at my wife's death all my land and other property to be equally divided between my two sons Henrich M. Pybas & William J. Pybas the land to be equally divided between them the other property to be sold on a credit of twelve months and the money there arising to be equally divided between them both

Fourth my will and desire is that if my wife should alter her way of living by a second marriage in that case my will and desire is that my wife shall have all my household and kitchen furniture

Fifth my will and desire is that at my wife's second marriage all my land shall fall to my two sons immediately and to be equally divided between them when they come of age and all my perishable property except my household and kitchen furniture to be sold and the money there arising to be equally divided between my two sons

Sixth my will and desire is that if my household and kitchen furniture should get destroyed by fire or some other unavoidable accident then in that case my will and desire is that my wife shall have a proportionable part of the perishable property with my two sons

Seventh my will and desire is that if my two sons should die leaving no heirs nor have made no sale of the land my will and desire is that my wife shall have my land during her natural life together with all the perishable property

Eighth and last my will and desire is that if my two sons should die leaving no heirs and have made no sale of the land then in that case my will and desire is that Lucinda Pybas my niece that now lives with me shall have one half of the land at the decease of my wife the other half I leave with my wife to make such disposition of as she may think proper

Ninth I do hereby appoint my trusty friend John Landrum my executor and Sarah J. Pybas my executrix to this my last will and testament believing they will see it properly executed

Signa sealia Published and Pronounced in  
presence of us this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1848  
Wm Cunningham Paly Cunningham  
but more

James Pybas