

Joshua Martin's Will

(Will Book C) pages 247-248, Edgefield County, S. C.
Original will in Box 18 Pkg. 655)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN!

I Joshua Martin of Edgefield District and State of South Carolina, being some what afflicted by an advanced age but sound mind and memory, and knowing that it is decreed that all men must die, and wishing to arrange my worldly concerns and recommend my soul to God that gave it to me, do make ordain and constitute this my last will and Testament in manner and form following:

First, I wish all my just debts to be paid by selling the following property, say my two negro men both by the name of Isaac, Hanner, a negro woman and her two children, and Harriet, negro girl, and all my stock of every discription that can be spaird and if that is not enough to cover my debts I wish a negro girl called Hanner and a boy called George sold to pay my debts.

Secondly, I wish my wife to have Grace and Silvey, Sindy and Caroline, and all the lands that are now in my possession .at this time, also one small negro girl called Elline. Also the household furniture as much as she wishes to keep and the balance sold, and after the death of my wife I wish my land divided into three parts if not divided before, one-third to my son John and one-third to Lucy Matthews and the other third to Nancy Smith Martin. I have given my daughter Elizabeth Chapman one hundred acres of land that I a t five hundred dollars. I have given to my daughter Cealey Corly one hundred and thirteen acres of land that I valued at five hundred dollars. I have given to my son David Martin one hundred and eighty acres of land that value to him at five hundred dollars, and the lands that I leave with my wife I value to the three children that has not had any land at the death of my wife at Five Hundred Dollars each. As to my son Samuel Martin I have given in paying his debts and cash more than \$500, but at his mothers death he may come in with the other children for the balance if any that are not otherwise disposed of. At the death of my wife I wish my daughter Nancy Smith Martin to have one negro that may be able to work for her, a girl. This negro girl I give to my daughter over and above her equal share with the rest of my children.--And I do nomernate and appoint my son David Martin, Zackerah S. Brooks and Sampson Pope my soul Executors of this my last will and testament., revoking all other wills at other times made by me, whereof I here unto set my hand and seal this twenty-fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty-seven. .

Joshua Martin (SEAL)

Signed, Sealed in the presence of us

John Inlow Josiah Ethridge Josiah A. Mathews

Proved by the oath of Josiah A. Mathews, witness to the within the 6th day of November'
1827. Same time qualified David Martin, Executor.

John Simkin~~.O.E.D.