WILL OF ROBERT MARTIN

In the Name of God Amen,

I Robert Martin Senr of Fairfield District and State of South Carolina being Infirm and weak in body but of Sound Mind & memory As Can be Expected at my advanced Stage of life, Blessed be God for all his Mercies to me, do this day that is the Seventeenth of September in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and ten, make & publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following Viz. I leave to my beloved wife Marey Martin One Hundred Acres of Land where I now live with the appurtenances thereunto bellonging. One Negroe fellow Named Frank three Cows & Calves One Gerlding Named Deck One third part of my Hogs & Sheep One bed Stand bed & Clothing two Crocks One pair of tongs for her Sole use & Support During her Natural life or Marriage, then to be Disposed of as is hereafter Directed, my Said wife paying yearly to Said Negro Frank thirty Dollars in Suitable Clothing at a Just price, or in Cash

I further leave to my wife the bed Stead, bed & Clothing She brought me & Any other Articles of a like Nature. Allso two chairs One fine table the Crockrey ware & her untensiels One Small Cuppbard One New trunk, One wheell Reel and Kitchen furniture for cooking, Allso So much of my plantation tools as may be thought Nefsecary for her use by my Executors those Articles in the latter Clause She may Dispose of at or before her Decase as she may think proper –

I leave to my Son Edward Martin and to his heirs for Ever One hundred Acres of land where he Now lives which Land I bought of a MeLetham of Charleston - - I leave to my Son David Martin & to his heirs for Ever One hundred Acres of Land where he now lives, being the S. E. part of a track of Land of 450 Acres Granted to me in 1771 allso to his Daughter Named Jean Muse I leave One heifer - - - I leave to my Daughter Ellizabeth McVea & to her heirs for Ever One hundred acres of Land where She & her Husband John McVea now lives Situate on Reedy branch, being part of Said mentioned tract above Mintioned ----- also to Robt Martin McVea Son of John McVea I leave One Cow & Calf.

Robt Martin (his mark)

No. 2 I leave to my Son Robert Martin One Dollar, this together with One hundred & fifty acres of Land which I made titles to him for Situate where he now lives. I considder a full Equivelant with my other children - - - I leave to my Soninlaw Allexander pedin all my Wearing Apperal or Such of them as he may accept, the Residue if Any may be givin to my Negroes, at the Discretion of my Executors - - I Give to my Daughter Nancey Gladdney and to her heirs One Negro fellow Named Sam. She or they paying him yearly & Every year Thirty Dollars in Clothing at a Just price or in Cash where with he may purchase Clothing. Alsso She or They are to pay to my Daughter Rebeca pedin or her heirs the Sum of One hundred & forty five Dollars her part of Sd Negro - - - -

at the Death or Marriage of my wife I further leave to my Daughter Ellizabeth McVea & her heirs the Negro fellow Named frank She or they paying to my Daughter Rebeca pedin or her heirs the Sum of One hundred & forty five Dollars, for her part of Sd Negro and Allso to the Said Negro frank yearly & Every year the Sum of thirty Dollars in Suitable Clothing or Cash, where with he may purchase the same -- The Land & other thing to Revert to my Estate at the Death or Marriage of my wife are to be Sold or Divided Equally Amongst my Daughtors, Nancy Gladney Rebeca pedin & Elizabeth MVea. I also leave unto them my pewter war --

I leave to my Granddaughter Rebecca McVea my Corner Cupboard & Maghogney table - - I leave to marey McNeil wife of Arthur McNeil a Cow & Calf, She being a Relation of my wife - -

It is also my Will & Desire that all thou of my Grand Chilldren that Can Read the New testament at my Decease, be provided with a pocket Bible by my Executors & paid for out of my Estate - - -

All other of my property of what Ever kind Not mentioned in this my last will, Shall be Sold by my Executors on a Credit to twelve Months, & after paying of Aney Debts & funeral Charges the Residue if any to be Equally Divided amongst my Daughters above Mentioned - - And I do hereby Nominate & appoint my Son Edward Martin My Soninlaw Allexander pedin & friend Robert Strong Martin My Soninlaw Allexander pedin & friend Robert Strong Executors of this my last will & Testament. I do hereby Revoke all other wills heretofore made by me. Witness my hand & Seal the day & year above written.

Robert Martin (his mark)

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Signed Sealed & published by the Said Robert Martin in presence of us H. Milling
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