**Drucilla Vawter4, (Samuel3, Edward2, Barth1)**

Drucilla Vawter was the daughter of Samuel Vawter and Agnes Richardson. Samuel’s inven. of estate is found in Cumberland Co., VA, 1789. Drucilla was b. 15 Jul 1778, Cumberland Co., VA d. 5 Nov 1856 Weakley Co., TN. She was m. ca 1796 to Thomas Martin b. 10 May 1776 Buckingham Co., VA d. 24 Nov 1854, Weakley Co., TN. (Note: this information provided by Rose Monroe, PO Box 23447 Anchorage, KY 40223 to the VVV Association)

1850 Census Weakley Co., TN Dist. 7 #72

T. Martin age 74 b. VA value $350

Drucilla age 72 b. VA

Will of Thomas Martin, Weakley Co., TN Will Bk B page 170-171, dated 1854

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Martin, planter of the county of Weakley and state of Tennessee being of sound disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my to my last will and testament.

First- I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Drewcilla Martin during her life the following property viz. negro woman Eded and her three children and increase also the residence on which I now reside with as much ground as she may want for her farming purposes also household and kitchen furniture stock farming tools &c.

Second -After the foregoing bequest my will and desire is that all my lands nigros money and proceeds of parishable property be equally divided between my wife Drewcilla, Elizabeth Farmer William Marten, Mary C. Williams, Caroline Nowlin, Martha Higgs, Susan Adams & Malinda Glass.

Third-As to the negroes which each one of my daughters my draw in the above mentioned division. I bequeath each ones portun to her end the heirs of her body during her life free from the control of her husband.

Fourth-have made advances to all of my above named children when they married some in land others negroes and money my desire in order to make an equal distribution is that at the division each child shall make out an inventory of the property (p. 353) received when received how much, and value when received except a small negro girl named Jenny which I gave to Martha Williams daughter of Mary C. Williams said negro shall not be accounted for by said Mary.

Fifth-At the death of my beloved wife Drewzilla my will is that all of her property shall be equally divided between my above named children viz Elizabeth William Mary C Caroline Martha Susan and Malinda.

Sixth-I ordain and appoint my son Williams Martin and my son in law James Adams as my Executors of this my last will and testament they shall receive for their trouble fifty dollars each and no commissions.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and publish and declare this my last will and testament in the presence of …This 22 day of November A. D. 1854. Thomas Marten (his mark), December Tern 1854, State of Tennessee, Weakley County. Witness E. J. Looney Clerk of said County court at office in Dresden this the first Monday in Decbr. 1854.

 Weakley County Cemeteries, pub. James Buckley, Chapter NSDAR, vol. I, 1980.

Old Martin Cemetery Area 6 #12

Martin, Wm. Herbert, November 8, 1877 – April 6, 1892, son of M. P. and C. B. Martin

Martin, Marshall Presley, July 11, 1847 – July 22, 1896

Martin, Cora Belle, July 3, 1852 – September 10, 1878, wife of M.P. Martin

Martin, William H., August 25, 1850- September 4, 1878

Vaughan, Prince Albert DeWitt, died October 17, 1853, son of John R. and Mary A. E. Vaughan age 11m 11d

Martin, William, January 30, 1806 – January 17, 1859 (Founder of Martin, TN)

Stovall, Nancy T., September 5, 1830 – July 9, 1852, wife of H. D. Stovall, married November 25, 1847

Glass, Dabney, son of Thos. and Malinda Glass

Glass, Sallie A. E., daughter of Thos. and Malinda Glass

Martin, John R., June 12, 1837 – May 18, 1862

Martin, Andrew J., March 1, 1842 – September 19, 1845, son of Wm. And Sarah Martin

Martin, Thomas, May 10, 1776 – November 24, 1854, son of Wm. And Elizabeth Martin, born in Buckingham county, Virginia

Martin, Drucilla, July 15, 1778 - November 4, 1856, born in Cumberland county, Virginia, wife of Thomas Martin

Williams, Mary C. December 11, 1804 – January 27, 1875, wife of Francis T. Williams

Palmer, Martha E., February 20, 1842 – October 23, 1862, wife of W. R. Palmer

Vaughan, Mary Anne Nowlain, April 4, 1830 – October 3, 1869, wife of J. R. Vaughan

Travis, Cyril, October 17, 1902 - January 1, 1903, son of R. J. and V. L. Travis

Norman, David P. October 20, 1915 – July 7, 1917

Farmer, B. A., died November 6, 1861, son of F. and E. Farmer, age 29 y

Glass, Malinda R. June 24, 1823 – June 3, 1884, wife of Thomas Glass

Glass, Thomas, April 5, 1804 – January 6, 1888, husband of M. R. Glass

Farmer, Malley L. died December 5, 1865, daughter of R. P. Farmer and M. A. E. Farmer, age 2y 6m

Farmer, M.A. E., January 16, 1837- July 12, 1886, wife of R. P. Farmer

Farmer, Rick P., August 30, 1830 – Mary 17, 1912

Farmer, W. J., March 11, 1861 – March 18, 1890, son of R. P. Farmer

Farmer, Rick P., August 30, 1830- Mary 17, 1912

Farmer, W. J., March 11, 1861 – March 18, 1890, son of R. P. and Elizabeth Farmer

Farmer, Leewood, May 27, 1901 – June 19, 1903

Farmer, E. L., July 29, 1870 – March 2, 1893

Farmer, Marvin Dean, October 20, 1922 – August 4, 1924

Farmer, Albert Marshall, February 22, 1915 – July 10, 1916

Farmer, J. B., Ausut 31, 1828 – October 15, 1908

Farmer, W. E., November 14, 1880 – November 24, 1924

Farmer, Elizabeth E. Martin, December 22, 1802 – July 12, 1871, wife of John F. Farmer

Farmer, Martha A. E., July 22, 1815 – August 10, 1862

Penn, Martha F. December 25, 1832 – October 28, 1879, daughter of D. K. and C. A. Nowlin

Nowlin, Caroline, May 1, 1808 – April 20, 1885

Nowlin, David, August 20, 1878 – February 4, 1880, son of P. E. and Anna Nowlin

Nowlin, David K., April 25, 1809 – November 20, 1873

The following family records stating no tombstones but known burials in Martin Cemetery.

Adams, Allen David, August 22, 1837 – September 28, 1923, Private, Company H, 7th Tennessee Cavalry, CSA

Adams, Elizabeth, July 2, 1840 – July 5, 1898, wife of A. D. Adams, daughter of James and Susan Martin Adams

Adams, James, Jr., April 18, 1805 – June 8, 1859, born in Halifax Co., VA

Adams, Susan, April 28, 1813 – December 4, 1872, wife of James Adams, Jr. daughter of Thomas and Drucilla Vawter Martin. Married December 15, 1832 in Halifax Co., VA

Newspaper: Weakley County Press Martin, Tennessee Centennial Edition, Thursday, June 28, 1973. An article on the founder and cemetery of Martin, TN. McClain’s chapel; final resting place of Martins’s Founders. Some of the Tombs of the Original Martin family that played the vital in the founding of the community can be seen at the Family Cemetery at the present site of McClain’s Chapel. Some of those included Capt. Billy Martin, b. Jan. 30, 1806 d. Jan 17, 1857, age 52 years, 11 months and 18 days; Sarah, b. July 26, 1810 d. July 29, 1953 age 43 years, 3 days; Thomas Martin (father of Capt. Billy and the son of William and Elizabeth Martin) b. Rockingham County, Virginia, May 10, 1776 d. November 24, 1854, age 78 years, 6 months and 14 days. Capt. Billy’s mother, Drucilla, b. Cumberland County, Virginia on July 15, 1778. Further information on Drucilla was unavailable due to a broken marker on her grave.

Children of Thomas & Drucilla (Vawter) Martin, most information comes from family members research: Note birth and death dates taken from the tombstones in Old Martin Cemetery, Weakley Co., TN.

1. Elizabeth E. Martin 1802-1871 m. John F. Farmer, submitted by G. Robert Farmer, Sr. grfarmer@ix.netcom.com

John Flavil Farmer. Born in 1801 in Halifax County, Virginia. John Flavil died in Weakley County, Tennessee in Mar 1881; he was 80. Buried in Old Martin Family Cemetery. Occupation: farmer.

On 17 Dec 1823 when John Flavil Farmer was 22, he married Elizabeth E. Martin, daughter of Thomas Martin (1776-1854) & Drucilla Vawter (1778-1856), in Halifax County, Virginia. Born on 22 Dec 1802 in Halifax County, Virginia. Elizabeth E. died in Weakley County, Tennessee on 12 Jul 1871; she was 68. Buried in Old Martin Family Cemetery. Occupation: Housewife.

They had the following children:

1. John B. Farmer Born on 31 Aug 1828 in Virginia. John B. died in Weakley County, Tennessee on 15 Oct 1908; he was 80. Buried in Old Martin Family Cemetery. Occupation: farmer. He served as a Private in Company H, 7th Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, and the Confederate States of America.
2. Richard (Rick) P. Farmer (1830-1912)
3. Beverly "Bell" A. Farmer Born in 1832 in Halifax County, Virginia. Beverly "Bell" A. died in Weakley County, Tennessee on 6 Nov 1861; he was 29. Occupation: farmer.
4. Thomas Martin Farmer (1837-1870)
5. Albert M. Farmer Born on 2 Nov 1839 in Weakley County, Tennessee. Albert M. died in Weakley County, Tennessee on 12 Aug 1862; he was 22. Buried in Old Martin Family Cemetery. Occupation: farmer.
6. William "Will" Henry Farmer (1842-1884)
7. Martha E. Farmer Born abt 1845 in Weakley County, Tennessee. Buried in Old Martin Family Cemetery.

2. William Martin b. 1805 Halifax Co., VA d. 1859 Martin, Weakley, TN m. 30 Sep 1828 Cumberland Co., VA to Sarah Glass dau. of Dudley Glass

1850 Census Weakley Co., TN Dist. 3 #46

1. Martin age 45 b. VA value $6000

Sarah age 40 b. VA

Sarah age 17, Thomas age 15, John age 13, Washington age 11, Virginia age 7 and Marshall age 4 all born in TN

Found in Vol. 8 *VVV Association Newsletter* pub. 1983 “The founding of Martin, TN”.

Reprinted from the publication *The Martin Centennial 1873-1973.*

Martin is located at the intersection of Louisville and Nashville and the Illinois Central Railroads in NW Weakley County, TN. The founding can be traced to two sources, the coming of Captain William Martin to Weakley County in 1832 from Halifax Co., VA and the expansion of the railroad westward.

The parents of Capt. Martin were Thomas & Drucilla (Vawter) Martin. Drucilla was born in Cumberland County 15 Jul 1778. After her father Samuel died ca 1788, her mother, Agnes (Richardson) Vawter and family moved to Charlotte Co., VA. Capt. Martin was born in Halifax Co., VA in 1806 and married Sarah Glass 30 Sep 1828. She is a sister to Lemuel, Ludwell, Patsy and others.

(GJNote: These children Lemuel, Ludwell, Patsy,etc. are the children of Thomas Vawter not Samuel)

During 1838, Capt. Martin purchased 2500 acres of land ½ mile from Martin’s present business district. It was situated between two forks of the navigable Obion River which empties into the Mississippi. He worked diligently prior to the Civil War to secure a rail route through his land. The Nashville & Northwestern Railway when building their line between Nashville and Kentucky decided to pass through Weakley County and the Martin Estate. The line was not competed until after the death of Capt. Martin in 1859 and after the start of the Civil War in 1861.

In 1871, George W. Martin, son of Capt. Martin, convinced the Mississippi Central Railroad to build its north-south line through his land thus fulfilling his father’s dream of a railroad junction on Martin land. The line was completed in 1873 and at the junction of the two railroads Martin, TN was formed with George Martin one of the commissioners and his brother, Marshall, the treasurer.

George Martin built the Martin House, a hotel and his brother, Marshall, opened a dry goods store. Early in 1874 the Martin Academy was established and in 1890 McFerrin College was built by the First Methodist Church on land donated by George Martin. Through the efforts of George Martin the nearest bank, 30 miles away, at Trenton was moved to Martin with George becoming its president.

3. Mary C. Martin b. 1804-1875 VA m. Francis T. Williams. Mary buried Old Martin Cemetery, Weakley Co., TN

1850 Census Weakley Co., TN Dist. 7 #50

F. T. Williams age 36 b. NC value $2000

Mary age 44 b. VA

Martha age 8, Thomas age 7, John age 5, all b. TN

1860 Census Weakley Co., TN Dresdon Dist.

F. T. Williams age 46

Mary C. Williams age 50 b VA

Martha Williams 18

John Williams 16

4. Caroline Martin b. 1 May 1808 (poss. Halifax Co., VA) d. 20 Apr 1885 Weakley, TN m. 5 Jun to David K. Nowlin b. Pittsylvania Co., VA d. 20 Nov 1873 Weakley, TN. Marriage bond in Pittsylvania Co. with a note to the clerk at Halifax Co., signed by her father and attested by bro. William. David’s father, Rev. David Nowlin, was a Baptist minister, presiding at the old Shockoe church in Pittsylvania co., VA for some 15 years and was said to be a forcible speaker.

1860 Census Weakley Co., TN dist 7

David Nowlin age 51, Caroline Nowlin age 51

William Nowlin age 21, George Nowlin age 23, Byron Nowlin age 21, John Nowlin age 19, James Nowlin age 17, Wade Nowlin age 15, Susan Nowlin age 13, Robert Nowlin age 11, Benjamin Nowlin age 8, Martha Ayres age 27 (indenture servant) and Robert Tribble age 25 (overseer)

5. Susan Martin b.1813 d. 1872 m. 1832 to James Adams, Jr. likely deceased bet. 1856-1860

1850 Census Weakley Co., TN Dist #14

T. Adams age 45 b. VA Value $400

Susan age 37 b. VA

Mary age 12, Elizabeth age 10, William age 8, Malinda age 6, Amanda age 4, Susan age 2 and James age 1, all b. in TN. Also living with the family is Thomas Adams age 14 b. VA. This would indicate that Susan was the second wife of James Adams.

1860 Census Weakley Co., TN dist 7

Susan D. Adams age 35 head of household

Thomas M. Adams age 22, William Adams age 18, Malinda Adams age 15, Amanda Adams age 13, Susan Adams age 11, James Adams age 10, John Adams age 8, Columbus Adams age 7, and James Adams age 4.

6. Martha B. Martin m. Mr. Higgs

1850 Census Weakley Co., TN Dist. 3, Family #45 (next door to W. Martin)

M.B. Higs 25 F 2400 VA

John 10 M TN Mary 8 F TN James 7 M TN Thomas 6 M TN Martha 4 F TN

1860 Census Weakley Co., TN Dist 3

M. B. Higgs age 47

John age 18, Mary age 17, James age 16, Thomas age 15, Martha age 13

7. Malinda Martin 1823-1884 m. Thomas Glass b. ca 1804 VA

1850 Census Weakley Co., TN Dist. 8 family # 18

T. Glass 46 M 3000 VA

Malinda 26 F VA

Mary 8 F TN John 6 M TN Andrew 4 M TN Nancy 3 F TN Martha 1 F TN

1860 Census Weakley Co., TN Dist 7

Thos Glass age 54, Malinda Glass age 34, Thom D. Glass age 20, Mary D. Glass age 15, John M. Glass age 14, Nancy Glass age 11, Susan Glass age 9, James Glass age 8, William Glass age 7, Turner Glass age 3 months