

Martin Flynt by Carolyn Flint

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Last week I received my copy of Vol. IV. No. 1, "News & Echoes." As usual I enjoyed every word. I try to match information in "News & Echoes" with the record I already have on our **Flynt** ancestors.

While reading the **last will and testament of Thomas Flynt**, pages 10-11, I noticed he bequeathed to his **stepson Haston Flynt's lawful heirs, viz; Martin, Sally, and Susanna** one Negro boy by the name of Phill. I checked a copy of a **will I have on a Martin Flynt** which also names a Negro boy Phillip. According to this will, it appears that **Sally Flynt**, mentioned above, was **Martin Flynt's wife and not his sister as it would seem in the will of Thomas Flynt**. I hope this will help to verify the children of **Haston Flynt** for our **Flynt** cousins.

Nelson County, Kentucky Will Book E, Pages 284 May 9, 1825

I, Martin Flynt of the County of Nelson and State of Kentucky make this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

Item: First I do will and bequeath to my loving **wife Sally Flynt** all my estate both real and personal during her natural life or widowhood, and in case my wife should marry again, I then desire that two thirds of my property both real and personal should be given to my **son Haston Flynt** and after the death of my wife I desire that all my estate of all descriptions should be given to my **son Haston Flynt**.

Item: I will that **Phillip a Negro man** belonging to my **sister Susanna Flynt** and myself should remain in the hands of my **wife Sally Flynt** until my **sister Susanna Flynt** shall become of age or marry.

Item: As soon as my sister shall become of age, I then authorize my executors to sell to my **sister Susan Flynt** on purchase from her the interest that either party may have in the above named Negro man Phillip.

Item: I also will that my executors should make sale of any part of my personal property that they in their judgement should think advisable to do.

Item: I leave my **wife Sally Flynt** and Elias Kincheocias Executrix and Executor to my whole estate.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this **4th day of March 1825**.

S/Martin Flynt SEAL

Attest: David Wade Francis Termill

At a County Court held for Nelson County at the Courthouse in Bairds Town on the **9th day of May 1825**.

The above last will and testament of Martin Flynt decd. was exhibited in Court and proved by the oaths of David Wade and Francis Termill the subscribing witnesses thereto be recorded. And on the motion of Elias Kinchelo and **Sally Flynt the executors** therein named they having given bond. Joseph McClaskey and Thos. Huston their securities in the sum of \$1,000. Conditioned as prescribed by law in such case directs it was ordered that this certificate of probate of said will be granted them.

Teste, Ben Grayson

Editors Comments:

That **Thomas Flynt died in early 1825** is based upon the fact that **Richard Flynt, one of his executors and son**, lived in far-away Tennessee and settlement of his father's will could not have begun promptly after his death. In North Carolina from 1777 (end of Colonial Government) until 1868 (when the Government was reorganized after Civil War) the county courts exercised probate authority and the process of settling an estate generally began in the county court at the first quarterly term to sit after the decedent's death. See bond, News & Echoes, Vol II, No. 2, pages 10-11, relating to the appointment of **Richard Flynt, Joseph M. Flynt and Elisha Plummer (husband of Daughter Nancy)** as fiduciaries of **Thomas Flynt's will**. The bond is dated 15th day of December A.D. 1825. Apparently **young Martin who died at age 25 and his grandfather Thomas died about the same time in 1825. Martin's father Haston Flynt (1777-1804) died at age 27**; perhaps they had a similar health problem.

When **Thomas made his will July the 17th A.D. 1817**, the orphan children of Haston were young minors – **Martin was about 12 years of age, Sally a couple of years or so younger, and Susanna born about the time her father passed away** since she was not of age to own property in 1825 when young Martin made his will.

Inasmuch as Martin did not name his sister Sally's interest in Phillip the Negro man, she may have died sometime between September 1815 when James McDonald of Giles County, Tennessee, was named guardian and March 1825, when Martin made his will; or she may have married and Martin had bought her interest.

Young Martin was born in North Carolina, lived in Tennessee, and had moved to Kentucky where he lived with his wife Sally.

In tracing this family, we must not confuse records with young Martin's second cousin once removed. *Martin Flynt and his wife Mary (Polly) also lived in Kentucky. He was the grandson of John and Eleanor Flynt of Culpeper County, Virginia, and one of the eleven children of Richard (1753-1791/2) and Dorothy Flynt of Rockbridge County, Virginia. Their children were John, Martin, William, Lucy, Richard, Samuel, Stephen, Robert, James, Thomas and Polly. Martin Flynt died in Lincoln County, Kentucky in 1829