State of Texas
~~County of Bastrop~~ } This is to certify by me William Dunbar Clerk of the County Court of said County, that Eli T Merriman was appointed administrator of the estate of James Martin dec'd by the Court of Probates of said County on the 5th day of April A D 1845 and that said Merriman is still administrator of said Estate, as appears from the Records in my office. And as further appears from the Records of my office the said James Martin departed this life a citizen of the State of Texas ~~in the County of Bastrop~~ on the 25 day of March 1845 as a citizen thereof —

In testimony whereof I do hereto set my hand and affix the Seal of the County Court of said County at office this first day of June A D 1852. —

William Dunbar
Clerk Co. B.C