

197 In the name of god I Ann & John Cowan of
Jefferson County being old & infirm but of sound
Mind & memory calling to mind the uncertain-
ty of life and the certainty of Death come to
make this to be my last will & Testament First I
and Live my wife during her natural life
acres of the Tract of Land whereon I reside
thirty acres in the western & thirty in the eastern
half each to be laid off in such form manner
& place as she may choose to include the dwelling
houses on each half I also give to her a Negro
man and two Negro women all of whom she
may select from my whole number of negroes
as she thinks proper I also devise to her during
her natural life Negro Boys & Doctor & Jack
I also devise to her two horses & gears & plough
cows of her choice from my stock & callen
sheep hogs & all my household and kitchen
furniture I give devise & bequeath to my
Sons William L. Cowan & Henry Cowan
the tract of Land whereon I now live to be
Equally divided between them by a line run-
ning north South John William I give de-
vise negroes Frank Adam & Lewis and at the
death of my wife he is to have Negro boy Jack
John & Henry I give and devise negroes
John & Willis and at the death of my wife he
is to have negro Boy Doctor. To my sons
& Henry I give & bequeath all my stock of
horses cattle and hogs as the same is now 28th
day of May 1819 divided between them subject
however to the foregoing provisions in favor of my
wife To my daughter Betty I give and devise
two hundred acres of Land in Jefferson County
adjoining Reynolds and Greenup now
now Taylor To my daughters Sally and

98 Mary I give & devise all the land owned by
me in Jefferson County which lies within the
following bounds to wit bounded by Ledford's
line on one side by Jones on the opposite side
by Senant's line on one side and by a line to
the run from Jones most Northern corner to in-
tersect Ledford's line at right angles on the other
my said Daughters to have all the Land in-
cluded in the above bound devise to be equally
divided between them the remainder of my land
in Jefferson County not included in the fore-
going devise to my Daughters I give and devise
to my sons William and Henry to be equal-
ly divided between them I give devise and
confirm to my son John Cowan all the land
and property which I have heretofore given him
with negroes Sam and Jane but I do not hereby
release my said Son from the claims which I
have against him for monies which I have
paid for him but those claims shall remain
good against him if I do not in my lifetime
release him from the same all my claims against
him are not for money but some of them are
for articles of property and for negro hire To my
son James I give and devise all my right title and
claim to one Thousand Acres of Land on Big Creek
the patent for which I have delivered to him
So my son David Cowan I have here to fore
given what I consider his share of my Estate
So son William I give and devise my negro woman
Eve my said Son paying to my wife during her
life a moderate hire for said Eve To my son Henry
I give and devise my negro man Baker my said
Son paying to my wife during her natural life a
moderate hire for said Baker. It is my will
and Desire that my old negro woman Eliza

shall be employed in working for my wife Son
William or Son Henry as my wife shall choose to direct
My wife having signified her intention to choose
as one of the negro women in this will attested to
it is my will and desire that the increase which
Shelly now has or my hereafter have shall be subject
to the disposal of my wife as herein after directed
except negro Boy Sack who is disposed of in this
will all my Estate real or personal which or my
possessed of and not here disposed of I give and
grant to my wife during her natural life here by
giving my wife full power and authority to dispose of
the same to such child or children as he may think
proper either in her lifetime or at her death in such
manner & upon such terms as she may direct
I hereby charge my sons William & Henry with the
payment of the debts which I may owe at the time
of my death to be paid by each of my said sons
in the proportion that my said sons stand indebted
to me at this time 28th day of May 1819
It is my will & desire that each of my negroes
shall have at my death a new suit of clothes to
be furnished by my Executors & paid for out of
my Estate not specially divided away I hereby
constitute and appoint my sons William & Henry
and Henry J. Cowan Executors of this my Last
will & Testament & testifying whereof I have here-
unto subscribed my name and affixed my Seal
the twenty eight day of May 1819

Test
David G. Cowan
Samuel Baird
Elizabeth Cowan
Sarah Cowan

John Cowan

I, ~~David G. Cowan~~ do make & publish this will
as a codicil to my Will which bears date 25th

day of May 1819 Wherein I have in my
said Will devised to my sons William & Henry
the remainder of a tract of land in Jefferson
County after certain uses to my Daughters & I
have now as certainee that there is not as much
lands when laid off & divided as mentioned in
my will as I intended for my Daughters
Shelly & Mary now therefore I do hereby revoke
the said Devise to my sons William & Henry of the
Remainder of the Lands aforesaid and do give
Devise the same to my said Daughters Shelly &
Mary to be equally divided between them in ad-
dition to what I have given them in my will
aforesaid Given under my hand and seal this
twenty seventh day of July Eighteen hun-
dred and nineteen

Exam^d

First

David G. Cowan

John Cowan

Mercer County May Court 1823

This Last will and Testament was proven
by the oath of David G. Cowan & Sarah Cowan
two subscribing witnesses thereto and the
codicil was proven by David G. Cowan a subscri-
bing witness and the hand writing of the Decedent was
proven by Samuel Baird and thereupon the said
will & codicil was ordered to be recorded.

Attest: Thos. Allen, Clerk