

In the name of God amen the 14th day of August on the year of our Lord
1789 I William Cowan of Salem County in the State of Dela-
ware being old & infirm in my constitution & knowing it is ex-
painted for me to die do make this my last will & testament & prin-
cipally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of
God that gave it hoping through the death merits & in trespassion of my
Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ to have a full & free pardon & forgiveness
of all my sins & to inherit everlasting life & my body I commend
the earth to be buried in a decent & Christian burial at the discretion
of my Executors hereafter named nothing doubting but to receive the
same again by the mighty powers of God & trusting such words shall be
worth it has pleased God to bless me with in this life & in my last will
I dispose of in the following manner & for my Executors it is my will & I leave
that all those just debts & duties as they owe to any manner of person or
persons whom shown before of all debts & truly satisfied & paid by my exe-
cutors hereafter named in some convenient time after my decease then
I give & bequeath to my loving daughter Mary Blair the sum of
fifty pounds current money of the State of Del. & to her heirs & assigns forever
I then give & bequeath to my loving daughter Susanah Blair the sum of twenty
pounds current money of the State of Del. & to her heirs & assigns forever
I then give & bequeath to my loving daughter Jane by the sum of thirty
pounds current money of the State of Del. to her heirs & assigns forever
I then give and Bequeath to my beloved Grandson
William Cowan the sum of fifty pounds current money
of the State of Del. & to his heirs and assigns
forever

I then give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Sarah
Cowan my one hundred pounds bond on George Black
of Lancaster County in the State of Pennsylvania which
will become due and payable May 1790 and my Negro
Wench called Chery. his father Bids. and the furniture there-
unto belonging all the Laquipage and fustler, two Iron
Stove a Dutch Oven, Walnut Table a Looking Glass a silver
Saddle and my Ship Maw and her living and a decent
maintenance on my plantation and part of my Mutton
house until she continues her married and to her heirs
and assigns for ever also my Negro Wench called Peg
and my little negro called Venus to her use and be-
hoof during my said Daughter Sarah's natural life
and at her death the said two Negro Wench and the one
half of her issue if any to be equally divided amongst
all the rest of my sons & Daughters or their lawful Repre-
sentatives and that Peg have liberty to choose which of
my sons or Daughters she shall live with, and that
one to purchase her and pay to the best their value
of her value, and the Negroes to work on the plantation
as usual about ten days &c. &c. I then give and
Bequeath to my beloved son Isaac Cowan my Negro
John called Luke and to his heirs and assigns
for ever. I then give and bequeath to my three
sons William and Benjamin my three

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Doys called Minny, Chick and eggs to be divided
amongst them as they may see cause to agree and
to their heirs and assigns for ever. And I give Righteously
and devise to my four sons Isaac, George, William and
Benjamin my plantation whereon I now live together
with all and singular the fixtures and Remainder
of my Estate both Real and personal to be equally divided
amongst them, they performing and fulfilling from
time to time as occasion may require, that is bequeathed
to my loving Daughter Sarah aforesaid in Respect of
her decent maintenance on my plantation and ~~house~~
as aforesaid and to their heirs and assigns for ever
Then it is my will and pleasure that my slave aforesaid
swallowy Jack or caust to be taught the Negro Doys
to keep bequeathed as above to his, and that the said
Negroes be not sold out to strangers, or carried out of this
State except they be fully willing for that purpose

Lastly I name, ordain, constitute and appoint
my three beloved sons, William Benjamin and Isaac
Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby
Resolving and commanding, all parties and all bills
Testaments Legacies Bequests devises and Executors
by me in any manner of ways before this time made
written or appointed, testifying

and Confirming this and no other to be my last
Will and Testament. Signed Sealed, Published
pronounced and Declared by the said William
Cowan as his last Will and Testament in
Presence of us the subscribing witnesses

Joseph Foster Jr.
Thomas Jones
Samuel Young

William Cowan

In the name of God amen I William Cowan of the County of Rowan State
of Carolina being weak in body yet in perfect mind & memory Do hereby
testify & appear Thus as my last will & Testament first I recommend my soul unto
God that give ^{me} my body unto the dust to be buried in a Christian manner at
the discretion of my Executors and as to what worldly goods I now possess I wish to
dispose of them in the following manner it is my will for all my just dues
to be paid, I give & bequeath to my daughter Sarah all my wearing clothes ex-
cept one hat & one white sack which I give & bequeath to my son John this
my will that the remainder of my goods & chattels to be sold & the money arising
from the sale to be equally divided between my daughter Sarah & my son John
It is my will that my son John shall be bound to pay to his wife Sarah
if aged that the said Sarah shall be under an obligation to pay him good and honest
and for the performance of this my last Will & Testament I do name
and appoint ~~them~~ ^{these} the sole Executors of this my last Will
signed sealed & pronounced the 1st day of August 1799
in the presence of us
John Linell }
E. Cowan + W. Cowan