

Cotman's
Will

In the name of God amen the Twenty second
day of August in the Year of our Lord One thousand
Seven hundred eighty and Nine Benedictus Cotman of Halifax
County being sick and weak of body but Perfect mind and
Memory Thanks be to God therefore calling to mind the
Mortality of my body and knowing that it appointed for all
Men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will &
Testament in manner and form following that is to say
Principally & first of all I give my soul to God who gave it
me trusting through the merits & merits of Jesus Christ
my Blessed Saviour to Receive full pardon of all my Sins
to be committed & Received into Eternal Bliss and my body
I give to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and
Decent Manner at the Discretion of my Executors
hereafter mentioned and as to touching such worldly Estate
wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I give and dispose
of in the following manner and form. Imprimis I give
& Bequeath unto David Hunter son of John Hunter &
John Cotman son of Benedictus Cotman Junr. all that
Tract & parcel of Land whereon I now live to be Equally
Between them Divided Containing One hundred and seven
ty five Acres of the said David Hunter to have the plantation
upon the D. tract whereon I now live and Mary Cotman
my Dear & loving wife to have her living upon the D.
Land as long as she likes without any Interruption
Item I give & Bequeath unto my wife Mary Cotman all
my movable Effects to be fully & entirely by her enjoyed
immediately after my Decease Except my working Tools
that is the Smiths tools which I give unto my Nephew
Benedictus Cotman Immediately after my Decease
Also I give to my wife Mary Cotman all my cattle that is
a bundle of ^{with a pair of} ~~which~~ I purchased of Nathl. Robinson

Also Bunde Cow & calf here at my Plantation Except a
 Red Cow & calf mark with a crop & two hite in the left ear
 & a half crop in the right which I give unto my Niece Mary
 and Hunter. I also Give unto the S^r David Hunter A Bay
 Mare Branded on the Near buttock & shoulder H I like
 give unto my said wife A Gray Mare branded on the Ne
 buttock B I do likewise appoint my said Wife Mary & son
 & W^m Lawson Executors of this my said Will & Testament
 Revoking all other wills before made by me & saying
 and no other to be my last will and Testament In Witne
 hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and ye
 afore mentioned Benedictus Cottman Esq. signed sealed &
 Delivered in presence of
 witnesses before signed
 At a Court held for Halifax
 County the 21 day of June 1770
 The last will and Testament

William Lowell
 John ^{his} Hunter
 Charles ^{his} O Neal
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of Benedictus Cottman Deceased was exhibited in
 Court by William Lawson Executor there in appoin
 who made oath there to as the law Directs and the same
 was proved by the oaths of the subscribing Witnesses as
 ordered to be Recorded and the said Executor having with
 Thomas Standfield his security entered Bond for the same
 and acknowledged the same Certificate was granted
 for obtaining a probate of the Will in due form
 Test Robt Mansfield Clk

Truly yours Test Robt Mansfield Clk

Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of Benedictus Cohen second. Vg.

Some the Better Tools &c	2 19 0
apartment of old Iron	0 16 0
1 Good with Turnspike & Key	0 7 3
2 pair Spoon Molds &c and 2 old Saddles	0 18 9
1 Grand Stone 1 Bell Mallet &c 1 Iron do	0 8 0
1 pair small Mill and	0 7 6
2 Skimmer and Flesh fork	0 5 0
7 Plates 2 Dishes 2 Basins & 1 Quaker Quirt	0 19 0
1 day Spoon	0 3 6
3 knives & Forks	0 2 0
Tea Pot & Coffee Pot & Tea Ware	0 5 0
1 large Wheel & Flax Wheel	0 12 6
apartment of Books	0 3 0
4 Chairs	0 7 6
Virginia Leather Coat & Sunday skin Cloak	1 16 0
1 Chest and 2 Tables	0 5 0
2 Beds and 1 Trunk	0 3 0
Quilt & Lugg	3 0 0
1 Bed of Feather	0 5 0
1 pair money Poles	0 2 0
1 Horse with Harness	0 3 9
Frying Pan &c	0 2 6
1 Shovel of Tin 2 Bags	3 0 0
15 Birds Com & Calf with Bell on	2 10 0
1 Red Cow and Calf	1 10 0
1 Saddle Horse	3 10 0
1 Grey Man	25 5 3
2 Sows of Pigg	1 10 0

At a Court held for Halifax County the 18th Day of April 1771
The Importancy of Appraisement was returned & ordered to be
recorded. Truly recorded Test Robt. Warrington &c
Jes. M. Warrington &c

An Account of the Sale of the Estate of Benedictus

Cohen and his	
D. John Hunter 1 Grand Stone	0 15 7
D. Charles Malters 1 Grey Man	5 1 0
D. Jonathan Gibson 1 pair money Poles	0 5 6
D. John Hunter 1 small Mill and	1 10 0
D. John Hunter 1 small Mill and 2 Iron Wrege &c	1 8 11

Dr. Job Jones 1 Ass.	0.5.6
Dr. John Hunter 1 Hen 2. 10 new as 4. 1/2.	0.6.1
Dr. Archd. Blanton 1 Foot 2. 1/2.	0.3.0
Dr. William Smith Junr. 1 Mattow	0.5.0
Dr. Benedictus Chman 3 thick of Spin	0.3.0
Dr. Mary Chman 1 Cor & 1/2 year old	3.0.0
Dr. Morgant Hunter 1 Cor & 1/2 year old	2.0.0
Dr. Job Jones 1 old Colt	0.1.1
Dr. Benedictus Chman 1 young	0.3.0
Dr. John Hunter for one Saylor	0.5.1
Dr. William Smith Junr 1 Saw	0.1.9
Dr. Isaac Austill 1 Mock Duck	0.2.6
Dr. William Lawson Saddle	0.1.6
Dr. Benedictus Chman 4 Cart Boxes	0.3.0
Ditto Smiths Tools	3.0.1
Dr. Mary Chman Bed	6.0.0
Virgin's Cloth Coat & Sunday other Cloths	1.16.0
2 Sows & Pigg	1.0.0
W. M. Mason Esq	29.5.5

At a Court held for Halifax County the 18th Day of April 1774. This Account of Sales was returned for record to be recorded

Test Truly recorded Robt. Mansfield Clerk
Jost Pullum Esq

Echo will

In the Name of God Amen April the 8th one thousand seven hundred & seventy one William Echols of Halifax County being in perfect mind and memory but calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing it is appointed for all men to die do make and beain this my last will of Testament that in first of all at my decease I recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it and also my Body to the Earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named nothing doubting but the general resurrection I shall receive my own or such Body as it shall please God to give me and as touching my worldly Estate which with it hath pleased God to give me I give & devise