

In the Name of God Amen I Christopher Cawson of the County
of Norfolk being in Sound Mind and Memory Thanks be to the all mighty
god for the same Do Make and Ordain this to be my Last will and
Testament in Manner Following and first I Recommend my
Soul into the Hands of allmighty God whose Grace it was and my
body to the Earth whence it was Taken to be Decently Buried at the
Discretion of My Executors after named and as for my Personall
Estate that it hath Pleased God to bestow upon me I Dispose of
as follows (Viz):

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Son David Cawson my Negro boy
called Mingo to him and his heirs for ever -

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Abigail Cawson my Negro
girl called Phillis to her and her heirs ^{after her body} for ever and if she should Die
with out ^{after her body} my Negro Girl Phillis to Return to my Daughter Margaret
Cawson and her heirs For ever

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Margaret Cawson my Negro
girl called Lucy to her and her heirs ^{after her body} for ever and if she should Die
with out ^{after her body} to Return to my Daughter Abigail Cawson and her
heirs for ever

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Loving wife Margaret Cawson my Negro
man Argil and my Negro woman called Venus During her Natural Life
and after her Death that my Negro Man Argil to be for my son David
Cawson and his heirs for ever and my Negro woman Venus to be Equal
ly Divided between my Two Daughters Abigail and Margaret Cawson

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my son David Cawson the Manour Place
now I live on to him and his heirs for ever only Reserving that
my Loving wife to have her Life on it - and my said called Phillis to
my son David Cawson and his heirs for ever

Item My will and Meaning is that my wife should have the Use of all my
Stock of all kinds and all my Moveables ~~and that my said wife should~~ the paye all
my Debts out of the My Meaning is that my Debts Due to me being
Received by my Executors be in the Like manner by my said Executors
made Use of by my Executors to pay and Discharge the Just Debts Owed
and I Do Nominate and Appoint my Loving wife and my Brother son
Cawson to be my Executor and Executrix also I Deane to be sold by or
Executors the Land that I agreed with Nathl. Miller of North Carolina and
the said Miller has now Deeds for the same signed by me I leave ~~for~~ my Executors
full power to sell or Dispose of and Acknowledge Deeds to any Person as if my
Self were living and this my Last will and Testament I have made and signed by
me here after made border on me the said Christopher Cawson

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body to the Earth whence it was Taken to be Decently Buried at the
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as followeth (Viz):

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Call'd Mingo to him and Thers Thers for Ever -
- Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Abigail Lawson my Negro
Grl Call'd Phillis to her and her heirs ^{for her body} for Ever and if she should Die
with out ^{her body} Thers ^{her body} my Negro Grl Phillis to Return to my Daughter Margitt
Lawson and her Thers For Ever
- Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Margitt Lawson my Negro
Grl Call'd Lincy to her and her ^{for her body} Thers for Ever and if she should Die
with out ^{her body} Thers ^{her body} to Return to my Daughter Abigail Lawson and Thers
Thers for Ever
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full power to sell or Dispose of and Acknowledge Deds to any Person as if my
self ^{and what Deds the said Miller has now Inds for the Not signed by me} were Living ^{and what Deds the said Miller has now Inds for the Not signed by me}
Self ^{and what Deds the said Miller has now Inds for the Not signed by me} are Living ^{and what Deds the said Miller has now Inds for the Not signed by me} not this my Last will and Testament ^{and what Deds the said Miller has now Inds for the Not signed by me}
me here after made Confirming this to be my Last will and Testament in full
mony where of I have here unto set my hand and seal
- Carried up

Brought Forward

This Eight Day of February One Thousand Seven Hundred and
and Fifty Six

Signed Seal and

Delivered in Presence of the words of her Body
and what was the Land & sells for }
the money to Repair the House & was }
Sum in Irish Land Before signed }

William Portlock

John Ballantine
John Portlock

Christopher Carson