

Will  
Saml Cowan  
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In the Name of God amen I Saml Cowan Citizen of  
Rockbridge County State of Virginia do Make ordain & declare this  
Instrument of writing subscribed with my name to be my last  
Will & Testament revoking all others I give & bequeath  
all my land & all my  
debts I allow to be punctually and speedily paid Item I give & be-  
queath to my trusty & well beloved wife Mary Cowan the Dwelling  
house wherein I now reside during the term of her Natural life for  
maintenance of the land which I am possessed of also the household  
& kitchen furniture Except such parts as is hereafter named to my  
Sons & Andrew & David I give & bequeath the whole of my Lands to  
be Equally divided between them also a horse & saddle to each of them  
my stock Viz Horses Cattle Sheep & Hogs I give to be Equally divided  
between my Wife & five Daughters Viz Mary Isabella Sarah  
& Margaret Elizabeth & Henry and to the aforesaid Daughters I give to  
each a bed & furniture to my Daughter Rebecca Mary Cowan I now

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between my Wife & five Daughters viz Mary Isabella Sarah  
& Margaret Elizabeth & Henry and to the said daughter I give to  
each a bed & furniture to my Daughter Rebekah Manson I give  
one dollar In case that either of my Sons dies before they are mar-  
ried I allow the land to be wholly the others & to myself I bequeath  
my Farming implements also my Wagon & my nephew James  
At Night & my Son Andrew Cowan I appoint the Executors of the  
my last will & hereby nominated them for that purpose as though  
my hand & seal this twelfth day of October 1844

James Manson

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Witnesses present  
James M Knight ✓  
William B Donald ✓  
John Donald  
James Ritchey ✓  
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At Rockbridge Court February the 5<sup>th</sup> 1805

A writing purporting the last will & Testament of Samuel  
Gorman deceased produced in court by James M Knight & Andrew Cowan  
the Executors therein named & proved by the oath of three of the subscribers  
Witness thereto and Ordered to be recorded - The said James M Knight in  
open Court having refused to take upon himself the burden of the Execution  
of the said will on the motion of Andrew Cowan the other Executor who  
made oath according to Law Probate thereof is granted him in due form  
and he together with J<sup>r</sup> Ritchey & James M Knight his securities ~~hereunto~~  
entered into & acknowledged bond in the penalty of \$2000 conditioned  
according to law

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