

In the Name of God Amen
I Thomas Cowen of the State of Georgia and to
of Richmond being weak, and diseased in Body, b...
ugh the Mercies of God) of sound mind, and in the tru
perfect use & Exercise of Natural reason, and Me
Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body, that it,
pointed for all men once to die; and considering
time, and uncertainty of Life do hereby Make an
in, this my Last Will & Testament, in manner
form following Viz. Principally and first of all
recommennd and commit my Soul in to the hands
mighty God, who gave it, in the hope of forgiveness
acceptance, through the Merits & Satisfaction of h
only Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and m
Body to the Earth, to be Interred in Decent Christian
ial, at the Discretion of my Friends & Execut
nothing doubting at the General Resurrection,

...and the payment of as follows: I give and sell
that all my lawful and just Debts together with my
small expences be fully paid and discharged, and the
residue and bequeath to my loving wife Margaret Cowen
his apparel, his Saddle & Bridle all my Household
furniture and Kitchen ware, also all my Books, & the
Tract of Land on which I now live with two work crea-
tures, & all the Implements of Husbandry, Two milch
cows, with their increase after my Decease; as also all
lawful Debts Due to me together with the Crop now grow-
ing, to be all and singular at his absolute and proper use
& disposal during his Widowhood, or while she may
use to remain in a family Capacity; my part of the
same and his name only excepted, and in case of his Marri-
age all the sd articles (except apparel used and furniture
viz. Saddle and one Milch Cow one pot and the printer
& wooden Kitchen ware, which shall be at his intire and
disposal) shall be sold to the highest bidder and
equally divided between my three Daughters Sarah
Ann and Elizabeth, and in case she may chuse to retire
from a family Capacity (she remaining in a state of
lawhood) I do will and Ordain that the sd articles as
above, viz. his apparel used furniture Saddle & Bridle
& pot & pewter & one Cow which she may chuse, together
with the Books and one Horse creature, which she shall
use be and remain, at his use and disposal during his
life the sd Tract of Land on which I live, to be let to Rent,
& the profits thence arising to be at his disposal for his
support during his life, or pleasure, & at his Decease
his movables as may be then in his possession, to be
sold to the highest bidder and the profits thence aris-
ing to be equally divided amongst my former three
daughters the sd described Land also to be sold in like
manner and the profits thence arising to be divided as
before.

Wishes to smother of his children as she
wishes to live and who shall have the care of
his life, in case she become decrepid or helpless,
children will that they receive one half the price of
Land, and the remaining half be Equally Divided be
the other two children: & in case of his decease with or
Reduced to a state of decrepidness or helplessness, the
whole price to be Equally divided my forced three Da
3rd I do give and bequeath to my Loving son samuel 1st
my part of wagon and harness. 4th I do Will & ordain th
the decease of my wife my Books be Equally divided
ong my three Daughters. 5th I do Will & ordain, that m
Wife Abigail do furnish to Benjamin Murray (no
Living with me as an orphan) when he shall arrive
the age of Twenty years, Reasonable and decent ou
Out going) cloths besides his common wearing app
a Saddock, Ax & a weeding Hoe, and Give him One Month
ooling each winter until he arive at the age of Tw
years, upon Condition he live with, labour for, and o
fully under the Command and Direction of my sd
Abigail. 6th I will and Ordain that all my Other pro
both Real and personal be as soon as my Executors m
judge prudent after my Decease Exposed to Sale
Appraised by two or more judicious Men Sworn for
purpose, which they shall agree upon and be Equale
divided amongst my Wife and three Daughters, to
such as is above mentioned, and bequeathed not
standing any surplus Legacies to my wife above
to have an equal portion in all the prop
particularly bequeathed hereing, with each of my
Daughters. 7th I do Will and ordain that in all Divide
among my children as aforesaid that Respect be h
amount made of the value of thirty six pounds (in
Received by or

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Cowen late of the County of Essex? Place
And being duly sworn according to Law say
he was personally present and did see the Testator
publish, pronounce and Declare the said
his Last Will and Testament; and that he was of a
Disposing Mind and Memory according to the best
his knowledge & belief, & that he did sign his Name
as a Witness to the said will, at the Request and in
presence of the Testator, and in the presence of
or Subscribing Witness; and that John Smith with
his hand and Subscribe his Name as the other due
Evidence.

Sworn to this 15 Day of \ . J. J. O. Nissen
February in the year 1785 }

Lewis Gardner B. B.

At the twenty second day of February, 1785
Abigail Cowen and Samuel Blair Names
Executrix and Executor Qualified
as such before me

Lewis Gardner B. B.
Richmond Co., GA Will Book A (1777-1798)
LWT Thomas Cowen