

That all my Just debts be paid & -
I do desire my poor dear Son as it is to my beloved
wife & children during his widowhood & I Henry & Catharine, hope
& thus includes - I will that my dear, black boy & her
Child shall have his maintenance & the plantation
during his single life & her Bidden equal to my other two
daughters - I will that my wife have the house & furniture
during her natural life -

I do bequeath to my son James Cathcart one Dollar

I do bequeath to my son John Cathcart one Dollar

I do bequeath to my daughter Sally Cathcart one Dollar

I do bequeath to my daughter Polly Cathcart one Dollar

I do bequeath that at the Expiration of my wife or her widow
hood or natural life be sold & divided between my three young
est boys William & Jacob & Gordon & hereunto I set my hand &
seal this 10th day of April 1811

Test I do say my wife to be my Executor and my son James
Cathcart to be my other Executor

William Berryhite 9

John Cathcart 9

John Berryhite 5

82 In the Name of God Amen, I John Caldwell Cathcart of the County of
Mecklenburg & State of Virginia an African man of body but sound
of mind, do this 15th day of September in the year of our Lord 1811
make & publish this my last Will & Testament in manner fol-
lowing that is to say of the my several charges and my Just
debts to be paid -

Item I give & bequeath to my loving wife my lastings & all during
her widowhood the use of the land & the plantation that I in-
volve on beginning on the North east side of the creek, & the creek
& any land of the creek & the land my negro, Elizabeth & her
family to help to make bread till my son John comes of age
then I will that the family be as divided in manner here
mentioned between my wife & the said son of the said John

I now live on with the use of all the furniture during her widowhood
if the Solicitors of my Estate will admit of it.

I Give & bequeath to my five sons John Cathy & his four brothers
all of the plantations wherein I now live including both sides
of the Creek to be equally divided amongst my said five sons
Quantity & quality when my son John comes of age -

I Give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary Cathy the following negro
girl named Charlotte & her other negro girl between the age of one
& eight years of age with a horse & saddle if the Solicitors of
my Estate will admit of her getting a horse & saddle, the above
named two negroes are in the place of the land that her brother
Oliver

It is further my will & desire that the following negroes should
be hired out prime, but will & keep with that part of my plan-
tations that lies South of the Creek all to be hired & rented out
till my son John comes of age, then all my negroes not
already bequeathed are to be equally divided between my
wife Mary Cathy my five sons & my Daughter Mary
Cathy each share and share alike - Also it is further my will
that my wife retain farming tools & gear & every thing of
that kind that may be necessary, in the carrying on of a farm
during the above time -

And for the true performance & Execution of this my last will &
Testament I appoint my truly friends Patrick Johnston &
James Conner Executors of this my last will & Testament in
Testimony whereof I the said Archibald Cathy hath hereunto
set my hand & affixed my seal the day & year above written
Signed & sealed & published in the
presence of us who were present
at the signing of the same.

William Calderwood

Archibald Cathy

Andrew Calderwood

Be it remembered that this document is to be considered
as part of my

Quantity & quality when my son John comes of age -

And I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary Cathy the following negro girl named Charlotte & one other negro girl between the age of one & eight years of age with a horse & saddle if the situation of my Estate will admit of her getting a horse & saddle, the above named two negroes are in the place of the land that her brother Oliver owns

And further my will & desire that the following negroes should be hired out for hire, but with & keep with that part of my plantation that lies South of the Creek all to be hired & rented out till my son John comes of age, then all my negroes not already bequeathed are to be equally divided between my wife Mary Cathy my five sons & my Daughter Mary Cathy each share and share alike - And also my will that my wife retain farming tools & gear & every thing of that kind that may be necessary, in the carrying on of a farm during the widow time -

And for the true performance & Execution of this my last will & Testament I appoint my trusty friends Patrick Johnston & James Connor Executors of this my last will & Testament in Testimony whereof I the said Charlotte Cathy hath hereunto set my hand & signed my seal the day & year above written signed & sealed & published in the presence of us who were present at the signing of the same.

William Caldwell

Charlotte Cathy

Andrew Caldwell



And I do hereby certify that this document is to be considered as part of my last will & Testament - And it is my will & desire that all of the lands of Thomas & Catherine that part of it that might be coming to me in right of my wife should that it should go to the benefit of the said Thomas & Catherine children then in hand, Mary, Hannah, and all it is for the my will and desire that are the remain

of my Estate of every kind not already willed or bequeathed
by me that it should all be sold by my Executors and the
Monies arising from said sales to be applied to the benefit
of my wife & Children in the manner hereupon directed
William Caldwell }
Archibald Cathey }

In the name of God Amen. I John Cowan of Mecklenburg
County & Province of N. Carolina, being at present tho' weak of
body yet of perfect mind & memory, do constitute ordain & appoint
this my last will & Testament in manner & form following.
That is to say First & principally I recommend my soul into the
hands of Almighty God who gave it, hoping thro' the merits death
& passion of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to obtain remission of all
my sins & to live everlastingly in glory, and as to my body I leave it to
the earth from whence it came to be decently buried at the
direction of my Executors hereafter named, and as touching
the disposition of all such worldly goods & estate as I have
pleased God to bless me with, I have given & bequeathed in the
manner & form following - First I will that all my just debts
& unpaid charges be fully & duly paid and cleared up -
I have also my younger son if he is a woman all my land
including Plantation and his heirs, forever -
I leave & bequeath unto my lawful loving wife Margaret
Cowan the Bay horse called Dick & all the other horses in
her maintenance out of the plantation in which she is kept
the Shanty Mary also I leave & bequeath unto my
Daughter Susannah the Roan mare which is commonly
called hess & her spinning wheel, also I leave & bequeath unto
my son Joseph Cowan that black horse - also I leave & bequeath
unto my eldest son John Cowan the young Stallion colt which
came of the mare named Liberty & which I bought of
Henderson with Robert Galit to be my whole & entire share of this
my last will & Testament. I have also given & bequeathed
unto my son John Caldwell all the land which I have bought of
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