

In the name of God Amen. I John Cowan of the town
 of Wilmington, do make and publish this instrument of
 writing my last Will and Testament -
 First. I do hereby authorize and empower my Executor
 herein after named to sell any part or the whole of my real
 estate, for the payment of my debts, upon such terms as he
 may think best -
 Lastly. I do hereby, nominate, constitute and appoint my
 beloved father, Thomas Cowan Executor, to this my last Will
 and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me
 heretofore made - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and seal this eighth day of August 1827 -
 Signed, sealed and delivered } John Cowan. (Seal)
 in presence of }
 Gabl Holmes Jr,
 W H Halsey

New Hanover, County } County Court Sept, Term 1827,

The within last Will and Testament of
 John Cowan was exhibited in open court and sworn to by Gabl
 Holmes Jr, one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be filed
 at the same time Thomas Cowan qualified as Executor -
 Witness } Tho: H Davis. Ck -

The Last Will and Testament of John Brews -

In the name of God Amen. I John Brews publish
 and declare the following instrument of writing as and for
 my last Will and Testament -
 I give and devise unto my wife Mary, her heirs and assigns
 forever, two negroes Daniel and Freed, and all the rest and
 residue of my estate of every kind and description whatso-
 ever, of which I may be possessed or entitled to; in trust and
 confidence to and for the sole and separate use of the said
 Mary during her natural life; this my last Will & Testament
 hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made. In witness
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eleventh
 day of September in the year of our Lord 1828. his
 John x Brews (Seal)
 Mary

New Hanover County, } County Court, December Term

The execution of the within Will duly proved by Frederick Gamm one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be filed

Witness

Thos H Davis. Clerk

In the name of God Amen. I Jesse Collins of the State of North Carolina, New Hanover County, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blest be God, do this the fourth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, make and publish this my last Will and Testament in the manner following.

First. I direct that my body be decently interred in the grave and as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to intrust me with, I desire and direct the same as follows.

First. I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible, out of the first monies that shall come into the hands of my Executor from any portion of my estate.

Secondly. I direct that all my goods and effects real and personal, be sold by my Executor, except one bed and furniture which I desire to be left for my beloved wife; and after satisfying my debts, it is my wish, that my Executor retain all the rest of the monies, after paying my debts in his hands for the purpose of supporting my beloved wife; I further wish that my Executor support my beloved wife decently and comfortably out of the same during her natural life; and at her decease should there be any left, I wish it equally divided between my three children Washington, Martha and Mary, except forty dollars, which I direct my Executor to give to George White, as soon as he comes to the age of twenty one years.

I also wish Charles B. Miller, to be my Executor to this my last Will and Testament, wherein I have set my hand and seal this day and date above written.

Signed, sealed, published and delivered, by the said Jesse Collins the testator, as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof

W R. Rothwell }
Robt Miller } Witness

Jesse A Collins. Seal
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