

The above writing I do acknowledge to be my last will & test: whereunto I have set my hand & seal this 22^d day of Febr. 1802.

In execution whereof I do appoint George Cowan  my two brothers James & Daniel Cowan.

Signed, sealed, & delivered in the presence of
James Cowan, David Cowan.

State of N. Carolina Rowan County, May 7th 1801.

Know all men by these presents that I ~~James~~ Cowan of the State & County aforesaid being in a low & weak state of body but sound in memory calling to mind my mortality do order & direct, that my worldly affairs be disposed of in the following manner: viz I will & desire that my old mare shall be put in order & sold & the price to go to the use of buying practical books & divided amongst all my children. My young bay mare I give to my two daughters Sally & Rachel to be disposed of as they may think fit also my cattle & sheep I give to my daughters above mentioned, & all my household furniture to be at their disposal, I will & desire that all my hogs shall go for the use of the family with all the grain in the barn & field. My plough & gears I give to my son Samuel Cowan. My cloathy I also give to my two daughters as above mentioned. My old mares yearling colt I give to my son George & the one now suckling to my son Samuel. The above writing I do acknowledge to be my last will & test: whereunto I have set my hand & seal. In execution whereof I do appoint my sons ^{his} George & Samuel Cowan, signed in presence of  David Cowan John Andrew.

In the name of God Amen! I Jacob Croft of the State of N. Carolina, Rowan County being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory Thanks be to God; calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make & ordain this my last will & test: that is to say; principally & first of all. I give & recommend my soul to God who gave it, & my body I commit to the earth, to be buried in a decent christian burial at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it had pleased God to bless me in this life, I give devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form. First I give & bequeath to Eve my beloved wife all & singular property belonging to me untill the youngest child is of age & in case that she don't marry again then she shall have the plantation & after the youngest child is of age then to be divided to every one share a like, and she shall have her possession on the plantation as long as she lives. I say that she shall have for her share out of the fruit that is got on the plantation the fourth part every year & the fourth of all the fodder that is made on the plantation & more over she shall have every year fifteen bushels of wheat & fifty bushels of corn & her equal share like the rest & every one is to help to pay the corn & wheat.

Also I give to my beloved son Frederick two parts to one of the others which will be double to one of the rest, whom I likewise constitute, make & ordain the said executor of this

my last will & test: all & singular messuages & test: by him & all the rest freely to be possessed & enjoyed. And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke & disannull all & every other former test: wills, legacies, bequests & executors, by me in any way before named, willed & bequeathed, ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & test: In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty seventh Day of Decr: A.D: 1800.

Signed, sealed, published, in the presence of us, & in each others presence
David ^{his} Smith Daniel Garwood:

Jacob Crotts (Seal)

In the name of God Amen I Henry Cowan of Rowen County in the State of N: Carolina being advanced in years, but of a sound mind & judgment thanks to God for the same calling to mind my mortality knowing all men are once to die, being desirous to settle my worldly affairs as equitable as possible I do make & ordain this my last will & test: in the following manner (Viz) First I give & bequeath to my loving wife Lean Cowan my big bay mare her saddle & bridle one plough & two pair of gears, four head of milk cattle all my sheeps & hogs, all the crop in the barn & in the field for the use of the family while they may live together Also I give my negro wench to my wife during her natural life, & at her death the wench is to be sold & equally divided between my Daughters Sarah & Rachel. Also one hundred & fifty acres of land including the improvement whereon I now live during her

widowhood & at her marriage or death the land is to be the property of my son Aaron Cowan forever, & if Aaron willeth the land he is to have the use of the wench to rise the crops while she live together further I give to my wife one third of my household furniture to be at her own disposal.

Item I give & bequeath to my son by law Will: Ervin & Daughter Elizabeth Ervin his wife, five shillings.

Item I give & bequeath to my son George Cowan one hundred & nineteen acres of land on the end of my place near fourth creek for ever, for which land he the said George is to pay the sum of twenty nine pounds in one year after my decease for the use of the estate.

Item I give & bequeath to my son James Cowan one hundred & fifty acres of land including his improvement for ever for which land the said James is to pay the sum of twenty pounds, five pounds of said sum to be paid in one year after my decease, for the use of the estate & fifteen pounds of said sum to be paid to my son Samuel Cowan in two years after my decease.

Item I give & bequeath to my son David Cowan one hundred & twenty two acres of land on the north end of my tract including his improvement, to be his forever, for which land he the said David is to pay twenty pounds, five pounds of said sum to be paid in one year after my decease for the use of the estate, & fifteen pounds of said sum to be paid to my son Samuel Cowan in two years after my decease.

Item I give & bequeath to my son Robert Cowan five shillings one year after my decease.