

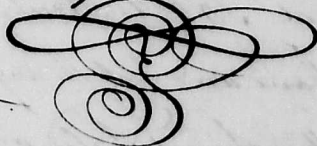
2125 I Benjamin Cowden being of sound mind and
Memory do ordain this my last Will and Testament
in the manner and form following. Inprimis To
my two Sisters Elizabeth & Rebekah I have all that
I at present possess to be equally divided between
them allowing the same to be sold at public Auction
as John Montgomery and James Adams whom
I do hereby appoint and ordain to be my
Executors shall think fit. In witness whereof I
have hereunto set my hand and Affixed my
Seal the 21st day of June 1780 In the presence

I John Mc-Mullen

Alex. Reed

John Morrison

Benjamin Cowden



In the name of God Amen. I John Reed of the
County of Rowan & State of North Carolina being of
Health of Body and of sound mind and memory
thanks be given unto God calling unto mind the
Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is ap-
pointed for all men once to die do make and
ordain this my last Will and Testament

That is to say, principally and first of all I
give and recommend my soul into the Hand
of Almighty God that gave it and my body I
recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent
Christian Burial at the discretion of my Execu-
tors - nothing doubting but at the general Resurrec-
tion I shall receive the same again by the mighty
Power of God and as touching such worldly estate
wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life
I give demise and dispose of the same in the follo-
wing manner and form. First I will that all my
lawfull debts be carefully discharged. Second. I give
and bequeath to Mary my dearly beloved wife one bay
Mare called Phoenix and sorrel Mare, three Milk Cows
One Heifer and two Hares taking her choice, all the
Sheep and Hogs together with all my Household Goods
& Plantation Utensils, & the third of the plantation which
she lives unmarried allowing her to keep the Children
and school them, having them taught to read right &
Cypher if possible, but if sh. Marries, I will the Children
to be put to Trade, such as they may choose under good
Christian Masters & Mistresses, the boys to serve until
Eighteen and no longer, and the girls until fifteen
Years of age and no longer

214) and her right to the plantation then to be void and of
none effect, and only one third of the Ship, Hogs House
Ind Goods and plantation themselves to be her property
with her saddle and Bridle, the other two parts to be di-
vided amongst the Children. Sales will to her a sixth
part of my books all the loom & Tackling to be her
property for ever — Also I give to my well
beloved Son Archibald my lot of Books in
the Grammar School and the sixth part of my
other Books together with this Chace of the
Spring, cotts & that entry of land where comes
Cathy Mc lives with all my clothes a rifle
Gun and the new saddle & bridle when finished
and One hundred pounds of lawfull money of this
State to carry him on his learning, & One State. Also I
give to my Well Beloved Son John & Sumich my lot
of Books in fourth Creek new Library with this equal
part of the other Books and the plantation on which
I dwell to be divided equally betwixt them if it cannot
be divided into two places, in that case three honest men
are to be chosen to value said land at the time it falls
in their hands and John must pay Sumich half of the
Value and take all the land for his part; but if any
of the boys dies before this estate falls in their hands, their
share shall be equally divided amongst the surviving

Brothers, I give the smooth Rod to John and my ⁽²¹⁵⁾
Sword to Sumich and a Shive of Bow to each of them
and I give my Sundial to ~~myself~~ John. Also I
give to my well beloved Daughters Margaret & Mary
the other two eighth part of my Books together with one
Hundred pounds each, lawfull money of this State
to be raised and lived out of my Estate, Also I will
that the Horse creatures and neat Cattle not herein
bequeath to be sold and that sum thence arising
with my other debts to defray the sum of money
herein mentioned and the remainder equally divided
amongst all my children. Likewise constitute make
and ordain Mary my dearly beloved Wife, Patrick &
Archibald Houn, Executors of this my last
Will and Testament, and I do hereby utterly disavow
Trove and Quasnull all and every other former
Testaments, Wills legacies and Requests, and Execu-
tors by me made in any wise before named written
and bequeathed, ratifying and Confirming this &
no other to be my last Will & Testament. In wit-
ness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this seventh day of August in the year four (1700)
One thousand seven hundred and twenty three
N.B. Whatever Tools of any kind I have I allow
to be divided among the three boys. I kept for the

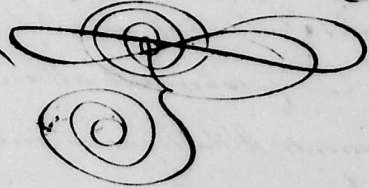
For the use of the family untill some of the boys come
of age and wants this part excepting the Farm &
Stock I give to Mary my beloved wife for ever
I also allow my watch and what Gold and silver I have
to be sold at public sale and divided among the Chil-
dren, whatever kind of grain they may or I have
for the support of the family stock and none to be sold
unless my Wife see fit so to do. Signed seal. Pub-
lished pronounced and declared by the said John
Coburn as his last Will and Testament in the pre-
sence of us who in his presence, and in the presence
of each other have hereunto subscribed our names

Walter Sharp

Joseph Sharp

John Coburn

John Coburn



In the name of God Amen. I John
Coburn of the Province of North Carolina and County of
Rowan being weak in Body but of perfect mind &
memory calling to mind the mortality of the body &
that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do commit
my soul to God that gave it me and my body to the
earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial

at the discretion of my Executors, and as touching
such worldly ~~affairs~~ Estate wherewith it has pleased
God to bless me in this life I give & give and dispose
of the same in the following manner and form
First I give and bequeath to my Wife Anna Philbinna
Coburn my whole Estate enduring her natural life
and after her death my son Jacob Coburn shall have forty
shillings and my land that I now possess to be divided
between my two youngest sons namely Peter Coburn
and Adam Coburn to have the land equally divided
and the rest of my Estate to be sold at public vendue
and the money equally to be divided between my own
Children namely Jacob & Isadora Coburn & Mary
and Catharina & July Peter and Adam Coburn whom
I likewise constitute make and ordain Peter
Winlow and my loving Wife Anna Philbinna Coburn
the sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament
And I do hereby utterly disallow and revoke all former
Testaments Wills legacies Executors Ratifying Con-
firming this and no other to be my last Will and Tes-
tament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this fifth day of March In the Year of
our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty
signed seal published ^{pronounced} & declared by said John