

WILL OF
JOHN COWANS
COWAN

In the Name of God Amen--- I John Cowans of Abbeville County in the State of South Carolina being Sick of Body but of sound and perfect mind & Memory praise be therefore given unto Almighty God I do hereby make my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following--

First & principally I commend my Soul unto Almighty God hoping through the Merits of my Blessed Savior Jesus Christ to have freed Full pardon of all my Sins and to Inherit Everlasting Life-- And my Body I commend to the Earth to be decently Buried & the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named-- And as touching what Worldly Estate which it has pleased Almighty God to Bless me with or bestow upon me I dispose of as follows--- First It is my Will and desire that all my just debts be paid---

Item I Give unto my well Beloved Son Archy, James & Samuel Cowans all the Land belonging to me including the Tract I now live upon making in the whole Six hundred Acres lying on both sides of the River in South Carolina & Georgia to be sold at the decease of my Well beloved Wife Margaret Cowans, or if she should marry again when she marries and the Amount to be equally divided Amongst them and their assigns For Ever -----

Item I Give unto my well Beloved ^{Daughter} Susan Cowans a Horse or Mare of Ten pounds Sterling Value with a side saddle & Bridle & a Cow & Calf & a two Year Old Heifer-- to her & her assigns For Ever

Item I Give unto my well Beloved Daughter Mary Cowan a Horse or Mare of Ten pounds Ster. Value with a side Saddle & Bridle & a Cow Calf and a two Year old Heifer to her & her Heirs For Ever--

Item I give unto my Daughter Eleanor Cowan a Horse or Mare of Ten pounds Sterling value with a Saddle & Bridle & a Cow Calf & two Year old Heifer to her & her Heirs for Ever---

Item I give a Bequeath unto my son & Daughter Newel & Klenabath Walton the Sum of Three Shillings Ster to them & their Heirs For Ever---

Item I Give Land unto my well Beloved Wife Margaret Cowan my House & Plantation on which I now live and my Negroe Wench Dinah & her Daughter Venus with all the Remainder of my Stock of Horses Cattle & Hogs & all my Household Furniture What so ever during her life except she should Marry again when she

Marries again the Whole of My Lands as aforesaid to be sold &
the Amount to be equally divided amongst my sons John Archy
James & Samuel Cowans and the Stock & Household Furniture to
be sold & equally divided amongst My Four Sons & three Daughters
Susan Mary & Eleanor Cowans --- And whereas the State of South
Carolina is considerably Indebted to me -- If the Money should
be recovered From the public My Will & desire is that my debts
should be paid out of it after which the Remainder of the Money
to be divided equally amongst all My Sons & Daughters except
Isabella Walton should have no Children then and in that Case
I do not give any thing Further to her than I have already done
and provided My debts can be paid without disposing of Dinah
& her Daughter Venie then & in that Case my Will is that they
should be sold at the Death of my well Beloved Wife or if she
should marry when She marries again and Amount to be equally
divided amongst my Three Daughters Susan Mary & Eleanor Cowans
to them and their Heirs For Ever

And I do hereby appoint my well Beloved Wife Margret Cowan
Executrix and my Sons John & Archy Cowans Executors to this
my Last Will & Testament And I do hereby revoke any Former Wills
by me hereto fore made as Witness my hand & Seal this 9th day of
February in the Year of our Lord 1789

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged in
presence of Isaac Herbert

Mary Herbert

John Cowan (Seal)

Isabel Walton

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