

John Cox Will

In the name of God Amen

I John Cox of Washington District in the State of Maryland being weak in body and sick in health and calling to mind that it is appointed by almighty God for all men once to die I therefore will and bequeath my soul to almighty God and my body to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner and my funeral Charges to the first paid And as touching such worldly estate as hath been pleased God to bless me with I do will and bequeath as follows to wit I give & bequeath unto my well beloved sons Abraham & William two Negro Men Slaves named Peter and Frank also the whole of my land where on I now live and else where that I shall be more full I give & bequeath unto my well beloved daughter Lane 500 pounds Virginia Money or in Cash I give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter Agnes that Negro Man I have named Charles I give and bequeath unto my two and well beloved daughters Lane & Agnes all my Stock and Moveable estate to be equally divided between them I give and bequeath unto my dear and well beloved sons and daughters that when as my dear and well beloved Father shall will and bequeath unto me some Negro Slaves and as I have never yet obtained or recovered the said Slaves or any part thereof but in case the said Slaves should ever be recovered that the same may be equally divided between the whole of my sons and daughter and I do hereby appoint Bechain and Constable my truly and well beloved friends Abraham Cox and William Cox and John Sever to be my true and lawful executioners and I do hereby disavow and renounce all former gifts or

close where that I shall be May 1st 1779. Then I give & bequeath unto my well
beloved daughter Jane fifty pounds Virginia Money or in Cash. Then I give
and bequeath unto my well beloved Mary the Negro Girl that Negro Man & Servant
Charley. Then I give and bequeath unto my two and well beloved daughters Jane &
Agnes all my Stock and Moveable estate to be equally divided between them
Then I give and bequeath unto my issue and well beloved sons and daughters
that when as my dear and well beloved Father shall will and bequeath unto me
some Negro Slaves and as I have never yet obtained or recovered the said Slaves or
any part thereof but in case the said Slaves should ever be recovered that the
same may be equally divided between the whole of my sons and daughters And
I do hereby appoint & constitute my trusty and well beloved friends
Abraham Cox and William Cox and John Sever to be my true and lawful
executors and I do hereby disavow and renounce all former gifts or
bequests made or left by any former wills by made. In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 19th day of
October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
twenty seven 1777

John ^{his} X Coates (Seal)
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Signed Sealed and
delivered in the presence of
John Carter
Christopher Cunningham
Emmanuel Carter