

In the name of God, Amen, I Joseph Cotton of Kent County  
of the state of Maryland, being weak in body but of sound  
and disposing mind, memory and understanding, considering  
the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof,  
and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, and thereby be  
the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please  
god to call me hence, do therefore make and publish  
this my last will and testament, in manner and form follow-  
=ing; that is to say

First and principally, I commit my soul into the hands of  
Almighty God, and my body to the earth to be decently bur-  
=ied at the discretion of my executor here in after to be men-  
=tioned, and after my funeral charges are paid, I give and  
bequeath as follows

My Farm on which I live, and all the lands I own, I give and  
devise to my affectionate wife, for and during her natural life,  
but, should my said wife find, or think it necessary for her support,  
=ment, I hereby grant her full power, to sell all, or any part of said  
farm or lands, and expressly empowering her to convey said  
lands or farm by deed in fee simple, in as full and ample  
a manner, as I could do, were I a live and there present,  
authorizing her to use the money principle and interest, or as much  
as she thinks necessary for her support, I also give and bequeath  
to my said wife, all the rest and residue of estate real pers-  
onal and mixed, for her support, use, and benefit,

But should my wife not sell or dispose of the said lands and



Other property during her life, my will and desire is ~~that~~ ~~that~~  
At such an age as she shall attain, that Hugh Wallace of  
take out letters of administration on my estate, and distribute the  
same as follows.

I give and bequeath to Sarah Ann Cotton, daughter of Rachel Cotton  
my, and Grand niece of my wife, five dollars for each and every year —  
untill she arrives to the age of sixteen years.

I give one fourth of the remainder of my estate to my brother Isaac  
Cotton for and during his natural life, then to go to his three daughters  
herein named to wit Eliza Ann Cotton Elizabeth Jones, wife of Thomas  
Jones, & Sarah Cotton, share and share a like, as tenants in  
common

I give and bequeath to my brother Daniel Cotton another one fourth  
of my estate to him his heirs and assigns forever

I give and bequeath to my sister Elizabeth Smith wife of Perry Smith  
another one fourth of my estate for and during her natural life  
after her death, the same to go back to my estate, and be divided as  
follows. one half to my brother Daniel his heirs and assigns forever  
the other half to the above mentioned daughters of my brother Isaac  
to them, their heirs and assigns forever, as tenants in com-  
mon and share alike

The other & last one fourth of my estate I give and bequeath to —  
Rebecca Gutter wife of Edward <sup>"Gutter"</sup> for and during her natural life  
and at her death to revert back to my estate, and to be distri-  
buted and divided, one half to my brother Daniel and to his heirs  
and assigns forever, the other half to the before named daughters of  
my brother Isaac Cotton share and share a like, as tenants in  
common



and I hereby constitute and appoint Hugh Wallace Esq. to be sole executor to this my last will and testament, revoking and annulling all former wills, ratifying and conforming this and none other to be my last will and testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Eighth ----- day of April ----- in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty three

Joseph Cotton

Seal

Signed, sealed, published and declared, by Joseph Cotton the above named Testator, as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

"The word "Gutter" in the bequest to Rebecca Gutter first inserted

Peregrine North  
Joseph Reed  
Benj<sup>m</sup>. F. Howland

Manly  
Kent County  $\frac{3}{4}$  In this 15 May 1849 personally appeared Joseph Reed one of the subscribing witnesses to the within will before



me and made out on the day, George of Albany has  
that the ~~proposed~~ for fish Boston the within number to take  
origin and read this will and that he have him put into his  
manners and declare the same as one for his last will and test  
ment and at the time of his so doing he testified herein to  
help a sound disposing mind memory and understanding  
and that he together with Benjamin Smith and Benjamin  
J. Houston signed this will as witnesses at the request of  
the testator in his presence and in the presence of each  
other

Given before  
Edmund Welch Register

1849

Jos. Cottons Will

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Recorded by E. Welch

per me

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Jos. Cottons

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