

Will of William Cobane of Dunmisk, 1876

Transcript prepared by Roger McDonald in the Public Record Office in Belfast

In the name of God - Amen

I William Cobane of Dunmisk, Parish of Termonmaguirke, County of Tyrone make this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time made. It is my wish that during my dear wife's lifetime no change should take place here. My son Samuel is to hold the land as at present so long as his mother survives me. At her death my son Joseph is to get the half of the land on paying to my son Samuel Five pounds. On my death Joseph is to get the Press in the upper end of the House. I nominate + appoint my two sons Joseph and Samuel Cobane as Trustees and Executors of this my Last Will & Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name this first day of May One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Six.

William Cobane X (his Mark)

Signed by the Testator William Cobane as his Will in our presence, present at the same time who in his presence and in the presence of each other have at his request set our names as witnesses

Samuel Alexander Clk

James McKelvey Servt

7 January 1884 - Memorandum by Rev Alexander

Read Wm Cobane's Will to his son Saml. Joseph to get half of the land paying £5 to Saml. Saml is dissatisfied as he has been left alone to meet the following expenses,

Sending Wm & Jane Crawford to America about 11 years ago £20:0:0

Mary A Crawford afterwards 5:0:0

Paid his father's burial expenses 7:5:0

Paid his mother's Do 4:6:6

He claims the half of £36:11:6 besides the £5 under his father's Will

Half of 36:11:6 = 18:5:9

Under the Will 5:0:0

Claimed by Saml £23:5:9

11 February 1884 - Memorandum by Rev Alexander

Read Joseph Cobane his father's Will.

Joseph is dissatisfied for following reasons. He lived 2½ Years with his father after he married. During this time his father & family had the benefit of his work & on going to his own house he had but a 6d in pocket. Pd 2 yrs rent by work to Mr M. Page. Pd 4:12: to McGlone then living with his father, he admits that these payments & work were for the benefit of the whole family himself & wife included.

Joseph says that Charles Crawford's farm was sold to his father for 20£ under its value in order that this balance shd go to the expense of sending his Children to America besides Wm & Jane had sent money to pay Mary's passage and that these Crawfords gave their service in his father's house when in Ireland. His mother had a cow in her own name towards her funeral expenses and that cow is in Saml's possession now - Joseph got nothing of the proceeds of sale of his father's Horse & cows - nor furniture only one old chair.