life; but in case the contract with said Lynn for the above tract of land should not be obtained then it is my desire that the sum of twenty two hundred dollars, or a less sum of money at the discretion of my dear wife shall be appropriated or paid out of my estate in order to purchase another tract of land. Item, I leave the remainder of my estate to my Wife for the purpose of raising and schooling my children, and whenever any of them arrive to the age of 21 years or marry it is my wish that a proportion of my estate equal to what I gave Stephen Cook my son in law should be allotted to them out of my estate — And it is my wish that at my wifes death that an equal distribution of all my estate of every kind be made among my children taking into consideration, what each may have received, the value to be estimated at the time of receiving the same. I give to my son William B. Cook one half of my Plantation, Sterling Madey — I do constitute and appoint my dear beloved wife Catharine Cook Executrix to this my last Will and testament and my dear beloved son William B. Cook and Stephen Cook Executors — In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand subscribed my seal this 20th day of March anno Domini 1806

Teste Thos C. Elliott
James Daniel, Jos. Wyatte

Benjamin his + mark Cook (Seal)

At a Court held for Charlotte County the 7th day of April 1806.

This last will and testament of Benjamin Cook deceased was presented in Court by Catharine Cook the Executrix therein named and the same was proved by the oath of Thomas C. Elliotte, James Daniel and Joseph Wyatte the three subscribing witnesses to be acknowledged by the said Benjamin Cook as his last Will and testament in their presence and ordered to be recorded

Teste Thomas Reed Clk.

The foregoing is a true copy of Benjamin Cooks Will as entered of record in the Court of Charlotte and State of Virginia — Given under my hand and seal of office this 8th day of April 1806.

Thomas Reed Clerk.

I William Morton one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the said County of Charlotte and presiding Magistrate of the said Court, do hereby certify, that Thomas Reed whose name appears to the foregoing attestation is Clerk of the said Court of Charlotte and that all due faith and credit may and ought to be given to the same — Given under my hand this 8th day of April 1806

Wm Morton