

Her Black Clerk

Pro^r Cooked In the Name of God Amen the fourth Day of
Wig Decem ber in the Year of our Lord God one Thousand seven hundred
and forty seven Robert Cooke of the Parish of Saint Andrews in the
County of Brunswick planter being very sick and weak in body
but of perfect mind and Memory thanks be given unto God
therefore calling into mind the Mortality of my body knowing that
it is appointed for all Men once to die and after Death to Judgment;
do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say
Principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into
the hands of God that I aver and for my body I recommend to the Earth
to be buried in a Christian like form and decent manner at the
Discretion of my Ex^{ors} nothing Doubting but I shall receive the same
again at the General resurrection by the mighty Power of God and as
touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless
me in this Life I give devise and Dispose in the following manner &
form I my said give and bequeath unto my son Robert Cooke

one shilling sterling to the intent he may have no more Right to any other
of my Estate. Item I give to my son William Cooke one shilling
sterling to the intent he may have no more Right to any other of my Estate.
Item I give unto my son John Cooke one shilling sterling to the
intent he may have no more Right to any other of my Estate. Item
I give to my Daughter Martha Hawkins one shilling sterling to the
intent she may have no more Right to any other of my Estate. Item
I give to my Daughter Sarah Blanton one shilling sterling to the
intent she may have no more Right to any other of my Estate.
Item I give to my Daughter Rebecca Knook one shilling
sterling to the intent she may have no more Right to any other of
my Estate. Item I leave unto my son Rubin Cooke five pounds
in cash for to secure the Land in Louisiana. Item I give and
Bequeath all the Rest of my Estate to my four Sons Rubin Cooke
Richard Cooke Frederick Cooke and Maryann Cooke for to be
Equally Divided and also the Land for to be Equally Divided
Between these four last mentioned Children. And I do appoint
my son Rubin Cooke and my Brother Rubin Cooke to be my
whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament Persuading

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whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament Respecting
all for Will by me made *Robert Cooke* whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal the Day and Year above Written
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Randall Bracey

William Hoggins

Martha ^{her} Althine
martha

Robert Cooke *Robert Cooke*

At a Court held for Brunswick County April the 7th 1718
this Will was presented in Court and made oath to by *Robert Cooke*
one of the Executors therein named and was proved by the oaths of
William Hoggins and Martha Althine two of the witnesses thereto &
ordered to be Recorded And Certificate granted the said Executors for
obtaining a probat thereof in due form he having given security
According to Law Preserving liberty William Nicolls to join in the
Execution hereof if he should fit

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Wm Blackbloss