

In the name of God Amen I John Cooper of the
parish and county of Elizabeth City being sick
and weak do make and ordain this my last will
and testament in manners and form following.
I give my soul to God who gives it me & my
body I commit to the earth & desire to be interred
and as for my worldly estate I give and bequeath
as followeth.

I give unto my son Joseph Cooper my plan-
tation whereon I now live and bounded as
follows the beginning on m^e John Stokes line
on the river side and so along the river to
a single Pine standing by a little branch from
a red to a Malbary stump near the house
thence a straight course to a hollow
stream by the woods side together with all
the wood land belonging to me to him and to
his heirs forever
I give unto my son John Cooper the
remaining part of my land binding on my
plantation John Cooper to the bounds aforesaid as
also privilege of wood & timber for his plantation
of the land given to my aforesaid son
John Joseph to him and his heirs forever
It is my will that my loving wife Susanna
Cooper have the use of all my lands and slaves
during her widowhood for and toward her own
support and the bringing up & maintaining
my children and in case my wife should
marry again that then my slaves be equally

Divided betwixt my To wife and Children
I leave ~~off~~ the use of all my other estate
of what kind soever to my loving wife on the
terms aforesd the paying all my Just debts
~~in witness whereof I~~ I do constitute and
appoint my loving wife & my Cousin John
Cooper Executors of this my last will and
testament hereby revoking all other wills
by me made as witnesses my hand ^{& seal} this third
day of December 1748

it is also my will that my Estate be not
appraised

Signed sealed & published John Cooper
in presence of
John Storer

John Cooper
Charles Cooper

17/12/48
Wm. Foster
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It is my further will and desire that if my wife shall
marry again that then in such case ~~she~~ she shall
enjoy her thirds of our land only and an equal share
of personal estate with my children share & share alike

It is my desire is that if my wife shall happen to die
before my Children come of age that then I appoint
my loving Cousin John Cooper Guardian to my To Children
and of their estates I do appoint this to be a part of my
will as witness my hand & seal this 20th day of December
1748

Joseph Barister John Storer
John Storer

John Cooper