

Cooke In the name of God amen. I Thomas S. Cooke of the County of Gloucester and
the State of Virginia being of sound and disposing mind do make this to be
my last will and testament as follows; my desire is to be buried with
as little expense as decency will permit, and that my funeral expenses
and all my just debts contracted subsequently to my discharge in
Bankruptcy shall be paid as soon after my decease as conveniently
may be. I give and bequeath to my wife Mary T. Cooke for the sole
benefit of her another children all of my real and personal estate, to
have, hold, and enjoy the free use of the same, together with all proceeds
yield or increase therefrom, for the term of her natural life, or so long
as she may remain my widow, should she marry again, I desire
that all of my personal property shall be equally divided between my
children, William Henry Cooke, Mary Lou Cooke and Edward Thomas Cooke
or in case an equal division cannot be effected then my desire is, and
I do hereby direct, that all of my said personal property shall be sold for
a division, and the proceeds thereof divided equally between my said
children, as to my real estate should my wife Mary T. Cooke marry
again, my desire is, that she shall have, and I do hereby bequeath to
her one third of my real estate, embracing all buildings, and as much
land as shall be determined by apportionment and a fair appraisement
by Commissioners appointed either by the County Court or by ar-
bitration to be just and equitable. It is my desire that the residue
of my real estate shall be held by my Executor for the sole benefit
of my children William Henry Cooke, Mary Lou Cooke, and Edward
Thomas Cooke and all profits or gain arising therefrom either by
any other means than the sale of my real estate among my said Children

✓ of my real estate shall be held by my Executor for the sole benefit
of my children William Henry Cooke, Mary Lou Cooke, and Edward
Thomas Cooke and all profits or gain arising therefrom either by
rent or otherwise, to be equally apportioned among my said children
and used for their maintenance and support and in such a manner as
the condition and circumstances of each may suggest to be proper and most
beneficial; To have and to hold the said real estate and to be used in
the manner so devised and directed for and during the term of my
wife Mary F. Cooke's natural life. At the death of my wife Mary F.
Cooke, it is my desire and I do hereby direct that all of my real estate
with appurtenances thereto, shall be appraised by Commissioners ap-
pointed by the County Court or selected by arbitration and divided ac-
cordingly, among my children William Henry Cooke, Mary Lou Cooke,
Edward Thomas Cooke and Nannie E. Thift, the latter my daughter
by my first wife Maria F. Cooke, and the wife of James Thift for the sole
benefit and at the disposal of them and their heirs forever. I do hereby
nominate and appoint J. Munson Shackelford, Executor of this my last
will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my
hand and seal this 26th day of March 1877.

Signed sealed and declared by the testator

Thos S. Cooke, as and for his last will
and testament in the presence of us

who in his presence at his request
and in the presence of each other
have hereunto subscribed our names
as witnesses. J M Shackelford

Tho. R. Riley

Thos. S. Cooke 

At a Court begun and held for Gloucester County at the Court-
house on Monday the 6th day of August 1877 this last will and
testament of Thomas S. Cooke deceased was produced in open
Court by the oath of J. M. Shackelford and Thos. R. Riley the witnesses
thereto subscribed and by the Court ordered to be recorded and is
recorded -

Teste Thos. S. Cooke deceased

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Lucy Anne

My will

I have five hundred & sixteen dollars at interest one hundred
of which, I have lent my son Dr. R. Page & four hundred &
sixteen, to my son R. M. Page, which I wish equally divided among
my children, that is to say one hundred dollars to each, which
I wish them to lay out in any thing they prefer, that can be kept
as a memento of my devoted love. The remaining sixteen dollars I
wish used for the necessary expenses at that time. I leave my
son Dr. R. Page my Executor to carry out these my wishes into
effect.

April 27th 1870

Lucy Anne Page

At a court begun and held for Gloucester County
at the Courthouse on Monday the 5th day of November 1877
this paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament
of Lucy Anne Page deceased was produced in Court for proof
and there being no subscribing witness to the same the
Court rejected the same.