

In the name of God Amen I Stephen Cocke of the County

Stephen Cocke } of Notoway being in a low state of health but of sound mind and memory
Will. { do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills or
Codicils by me heretofore made.

Imprimis. My will & desire is, that the whole of the debts due me, the crops that may be made for the two ensuing years, the crop now on hand, the profits of my black smith for two years & the profits of my one half of the Mill on little Notoway river be by my son Richard Cocke applied to the payment of my debts.

Item I give and bequeath to my loving wife during her natural life, after the expiration of two years aforesaid, my one half of the Mill aforesaid & after her decease I give and bequeath my half of the said Mill to my son Richard Cocke & his heirs forever.

Item My will & desire is that the whole of my Negroes except those hereafter specifically devised to my son Richard Cocke, be equally divided between my wife Anney Cocke & my daughter Mary Ellis, Elizabeth Cocke, Martha Cocke, Sarah L. Cocker, Rebecca Cocke & my two Sons Thomas L. Cocke & Stephen Cocke share and

Share a like, that is to say to my wife during her natural life & to my said Children & their heirs forever. My will & desire farther is that after the exception of the two years aforesaid, my loving wife have the profits of my negroes aforesaid, untill my

years aforesaid, my loving wife have the profits of my negroes aforesaid, untill my children shall respectively come of age or marry, all of which said profits, except her share of the negroes aforesaid, & so much as may be necessary for the maintenance & education of my two sons Thomas I. Cochr & Stephen Cochr, to be given by her to my daughters or such of them as she may think proper to give it to untill they all attain to lawful age or marry, & then to such of my above named seven children as she may think proper.

Item My will & desire is that my wife be entitled to the plantation wherein I now live, with the privilege of working my negroes aforesaid on any part of my land except that hereafter devised to my son Richard Cochr, my desire is that all the negroes aforesaid be worked on the said land by my wife for the purchase aforesaid so long as she shall live, unless my said children who are of age or those who shall hereafter come of age or marry shall wish to draw their proportion, in which case the remaining negroes are to be worked on the land aforesaid.

Item My will & desire is that if any of my said daughters shall marry, ^{within} the expiration of two years, the time mentioned for the profits of my estate aforesaid to be applied to the payment of my debts, that they be entitled to their proportion of the Estate immediately.

Item I give & devise to my loving wife the use of the whole of my stock except

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Item My will & desire is that if any of my said daughters shall marry ^{before} the expiration of two years, the time mentioned for the profits of my estate aforesaid to be applied to the payment of my debts, that they be entitled to their proportion of the Estate immediately.

Item I give & devise to my loving wife the use of the whole of my stock except that hereafter devised to my son Richard Coche, during her natural life, also my household & kitchen furniture, my riding & harness.

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many, in such proportions as she may think proper.

Item I give & bequeath to my three sons Richard Cocke, Thomas J. Cocke &
Stephen Cocke the whole of my lands, to them & their heirs forever, to be
divided between them as equally as to quality as can be by my brothers
John Cocke & Thomas Cocke allotting to my son Rich^d Cocke the upper
part of the tract whereon I now live, to my son Thomas the middle & to my
son Stephen the lower part, the tract of land known by the name of
Leves's to be allotted to the ^{one} that my said brothers thinks it is most
conveniently situated to.

Item I give & devise to my brother John Cocke & his heirs forever a moiety of the
tract of Land I purchased of Anthony Walke, he paying ^{half of} the purchase money,
the lower part to be allotted to him.

Item I give & devise to my son Richard Cocke the following negroes to him &
his heirs forever to wit, Sam, Bob, Fanny & Betty & the future increase of
Fanny, & the child she is now encient with.

Item My will & desire is that if either of my sons Thomas or Stephen should
die before they attain to lawfull age that the lands hereby to them devised,
be equally divided between my other surviving sons or their heirs, & the
negroes to which they would have been entitled had they lived be equally
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Item My will & desire is farther that the negroes hereby devised to my wife, during her life be at her death equally divided between my daughters, or if any should be dead leaving children, then the child or children to take the part the mother would have been entitled to had she been living.

Item My desire also is that if either of my daughters die before they come of age or marry that the estate hereby devised to them be equally divided among the surviving daughters, or if any should be dead leaving children, the child or children to take the part to which the mother would have been entitled had she been living.

Item I give & bequeath to my son Richard Locke the Stock of all kinds now in his possession.

Item I devise to my living wife all my plantation utensils &c

Item I devise to my brother Thomas Locke & his heirs for ever fifty acres of Land, being so much by me formerly sold to him, & surveyed by Aaron Hudgins but for which no conveyance have been made.

Item I constitute & appoint my son Richard Locke guardian of all of my children who not of Age & my will and is that my two sons Thomas & Stephen have such an education as he may think proper to have them.

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Lastly, I constitute & appoint my son Richard Locke & my brother John Locke
Executors of this my last will & testament. In Witness whereof I have

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herewith set my hand & affixed my seal this nineteenth day of December
in the year of our Lord 1792

Step: Cooke (decd)

Signed, sealed & published to be the last will & Testament of Stephen Cooke in the presence of
Sm: John

J. S. Githam -

Alex^r. Bisset

William McKie

Daniel Dodson

Thomas Corner

At a Court held for Wolkaway County the 7th day of February 1793 -
This last Will and Testament of Stephen Cooke dec^d was exhibited in to
Court and proved by the Oath of Thomas Corner one of the Witnesses
thereto and Ordered to be Certified. And at another Court held for the
said County April the 4th 1793 the said last Will & Testament of
Stephen Cooke dec^d was further proved by the Oath of Alexander Bisset
another Witness thereto and Ordered to be Recorded