

A court held for the county of Southampton the 12 day
of August 1762.

This account of the administration of the estate of Edward
Matthews deceased was reported by William Taylor & Charles
Cosby, the persons this day appointed to settle the same
and on the motion of the Administrator the said account and
report were ordered to be recorded.

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J. Wells &
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In the Name of God Amen I William Cosby of the
County of Southampton and parish of Norton being at this
time of sound mind and memory and calling to mind the
mortality of my Body do make and ordain this to be my last
Will and Testament in manner and form following.

Cooper
Mills
Will

I do recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God
 who first gave it mine nothing doubting but I shall receive it
 again through the merits of my Lord and saviour Jesus Christ
 as to my body I leave it to be buried in a Christian like manner
 and as to my money by estate I give it in the following manner
 and forme.

I give unto my son James Cooper and to his heirs forever
 half of that tract or parcel of land which I bought of Thomas
 Sumnerrell being that half which lieth next the river gutt
 Item I give unto my son Benjamin Cooper and to his heirs forever the
 other half of my said tract or parcel of Land bought of Thomas
 Sumnerrell with the plantation and improvements thereon.

Item I do leave the plantation whereon I now live with the improvements
 thereon unto my loving wife during her life and also the land and
 fishing place bought of Nathaniel Case.

Item I do give unto my son Demsey Cooper and to his heirs forever
 the tract of land which I bought of Nathaniel Case.

the Death of his mother the Plantation a Negro Slave live with
the improvements thereon of my son James Cooper until
die under Age the said manner. Plantation shall fall to my son
John Cooper and his Heirs forever but if my son James Cooper shall
live to come of Age and enjoy the said Land or either of them
James Cooper or John Cooper they shall not have no other part
of my estate but if my son John Cooper shall not enjoy the said
Land I do give him one Negro Girl named Luriah to him and
his Heirs forever.

Item I do give unto my son Benjamin Cooper and his Heirs forever
after the Death of his Mother the Land and fishing place I
bought of Nathaniel Cresset.

Item I do give to my son Jeffe Cooper all that part which lye on
the south side of the Gum Pond of my late Survey of Land
to him and his Heirs forever.

Item I do give unto my son James Cooper all the other part

316 which lute on the east side the said Gum pond of my
own survey of Land to him and his heirs forever.

Item I do leave all my Negroes with their increase both present
and future to my loving wife during her widowhood and
after her Marriage or death which ever shall first happen
I then desire that the whole of them may be set up to sale
among my children and that the highest bidder do pay
a proportionable part to all the rest of my children and
their representatives except to my two sons Demsey Cooper
and my son John Cooper either of them enjoying the maner
plantation.

Item I desire that my Wife may have the use of all my personal
estate during her widowhood and if she should Marry then
it is my desire that the same may be equally divided among
my wife and all my children except my son Demsey or John
Cooper or either of them enjoying the maner plantation.

Cooper or either of them enjoying the manner plantation, but
if she does not marry then she may enjoy the same for
and her use forever.

I desire that my son Demsey Cooper may have as good a living
as can conveniently be get for him and that my estate be
Answerable for the same.

I do appoint and constitute my loving wife Mary Cooper
to be my whole and sole executor of this my last will and
testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this 9th day of march one thousand seven hundred
and sixty two

Signed Sealed & Delivered Wm Cooper Seal

in the presence of

John Hatfield

Matthew Will

Francis Will

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A court held for the County of Southampton the 22 day of August 1762.

This will was presented in court by ^{the} Mary Cooper the Executrix therein named proved by the oaths of John Matfield and Matthew Hills Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said Mary who made oath according to law certificate was granted her for obtaining a probat in due form giving security.

Attest
J. D.

Facult		The inventory and appraisement of the estate of the said	
Name		Persons deceased mar to 19 th 1762.	
5 some barren pigg		13 25 hoggs	16 5
Int 4 some wether pigg			1 10
3 cows & yearlings		14 10 2 buffers	13 10
3 young cattle			2 5
1 feather bed & furniture		1 10 1 10 1 10	13 10
1 Trunk 1 chest 13 6 chairs 12 1		Tables 1 1	1 6 6