

State of Georgia
Newton County

I, David C. Cook of said State and County, being of sound and disposing mind & memory, now thinking that I must soon depart this life desire to settle & proper as respects my family and myself that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me I do therefore make this my last will and Testament.

Item 1st I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid with out delay by my executor hereinafter named and appointed.

Item 2nd I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife and children to wit Margaret A. Lockwell, Carrie C. Cook, Mary J. Cook, Nancy C. Cook, Robert T. Cook, James T. Cook, David W. Cook, Matthew L. Cook, Myrtle M. Cook, Francis C. Cook, Thomas A. Cook all that tract of land on which I live known as part of lot (816) or three hundred & sixteen in Ninth district of Originally Henry but now Newton County, containing (180) one eighty acres more or less, and also (100) forty acres of lot number (825) Three hundred & twenty nine in the North East corner of said lot with all the rights, franchises and appurtenances to said land in anywise belonging free from all charge and limitation whatever I make this provision that if my wife should marry at any time before my youngest child becoms of age I want my children to hold my land until the youngest one becoms of age and then sold and divided among them all except Mattie Lee Cook as she is somewhat deformed if she should outgrow or get well by the time she is of age then

To the legal effect the rest of and to have
 a double share in my share and I hereby
 direct that in case my wife should not
 marry she is to hold the above described
 land during her lifetime and if she
 should die before the youngest child
 becomes of age I desire that Robert H. Cook
 should take charge of my land and raise
 and support and school the children in
 the best manner he can after the
 youngest becomes of age the said land to
 be sold and divided as above described
 I give and bequeath to my beloved
 wife Mary Cook all of my household
 and kitchen furniture all of my
 Cook & Calves plantation tools my own
 buggy. All of my money notes accounts
 and all other property which I may
 possess at the time of death
 In my special request that my property
 be used economically for the support of
 my family I hereby appoint my
 beloved wife Mary Cook my executor
 to this my last will & testament
 I direct that in case my wife should
 marry at any time that she shall be
 entitled no longer after said marriage
 but shall have a child's part in her
 of dower but the children shall
 have the land as before described
 all of the estate going back that may
 be on hand at the time of her
 marriage

I do appoint my son Robert H. Cook
 executor to this my last will & testament
 in case of my wife's marriage

David C. Cook (S)

Signed sealed declared and published
 by David C. Cook as his last will

and testament in the presence of us the undersigned
 signed before us and in the presence of us the undersigned
 presence of David C. Cook at his special instance
 and signed and in the presence of each other
 this December 2nd 1854

James Cook
 J. M. Cook
 S. E. W. Hyatt

Georgia
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We James Cook and S. E. W. Hyatt
 do declare that we saw the within
 named David C. Cook sign and
 publish the within paper as his last will
 and testament that we subscribed the
 same as witnesses thereto at the special
 instance and request of the said David
 C. Cook and in his presence as well also
 each other that the said David C. Cook
 signed the same freely and voluntarily
 and that at the time of such signing of
 said and disposing mind & memory
 known to & subscribed before
 us this 2nd day of February
 1854

C. F. Edwards
 Ordinary

James Cook
 S. E. W. Hyatt

Georgia
 Newton County

I Mary Cook do solemnly swear
 that the within contains the true
 last will of the within named
 David C. Cook deceased so far as I
 know or believe and that I will well
 and truly execute the same in
 accordance with the laws of this State
 to help me God

Known to & Subscribed
 before us February 2nd 1854
 C. F. Edwards
 Ordinary

Mary Cook

Examiner Common Form of Law and admitted
to Record February Term 1885 of the Court
of Ordinary Atchinson County Georgia
E. H. Edwards
Ordinary

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20th February 5th 1885.
E. H. Edwards
Ordinary