

James G. Cooper

State of Georgia
Rockdale County

In the name of God amen

I, James G. Cooper of said State and County being of advanced age but of sound and disposing mind and memory. Knowing that I must shortly depart this life deem it right and proper both as respects my family and my self 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 hereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore by me made

First

I desire and direct that my Body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my Circumstances and Condition in life my Soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it us I hop for salvation through the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus (Christ)

Secondly

I desire and direct that all my Just debts be paid without delay by my Executors hereinafter named and appointed

Thirdly

I give bequeath and demand to my beloved wife Elizabeth A. C. all my Real Estate. Originally fourth District in Watton now Rockdale County containing Two hundred and fifty eight Acres more or less with all the Right Members and Appertinances to said land in anywise belonging from all Charges and limitations whatever to her own proper use and for the use and benefit of her present Children with full

Power to dispose of the same as she may deem proper for her benefit and for the benefit of her present Children - I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife in the same undeserved manner the farming utensils used and belonging to the farm on said lands. And my waggons and two Mules all my Cattle Sheep and Hogs also all my household and kitchen furniture also all my money notes and accounts all without limitation or reserve

All of which I give and bequeath to my beloved wife during her life or widowhood. I Case she Marry I give her the right of Dower and the remainder to be equally divided among her present Children and at her death the dower to be equally divided among her present Children

Forw. truly

I hereby Constitute and appoint my beloved wife Executrix of this my last will and Testament

This February the 12th 1876

James S. Cooper

Signed Sealed declared and Published by James S. Cooper as his last will and Testament in the presence of us the undersigned who subscribed our name here to in the presence of said Testator at his special instance and request and in the presence of each other
This February the 12th 1876

H. Farmer
P. M. Harralson
A. J. Black
W. L. P.

Rockdale County of ordinary
At Chambers March 7th 1876

Personally Came into
of Court of Ordinary of Said County
W. A. Canon one of the subscribing
witnesses to this will who being duly sworn
deposed and said that he saw James G.
Cooper sign and Publish the within and
forgoing as his last will and testament
while of sound and disposing mind and
memory that deponent signed the same
as a witness in presence of Testator and at
his Special request and instance and that
he saw R. W. Farmer J. M. Haralson and
A. P. Black do the same and that the
same was Executed freely and voluntarily
by Testator on the 12th day of February 1876

Sworn to & Subscribed

before me the 7th day of March 1876 W. A. Canon
Ordinary

I do Solemnly Swear that this
writing contains the True last will and
Testament of the within named James
G. Cooper so far as I know or believe
and that I will Execute the same will
and truly in accordance with the
laws of this so help me God

Sworn to & Subscribed
before me July 3rd 1876

Ordinary

Elizabeth A. T. Cooper
Executrix