

In the name of God Amen Nov^r 9th 1791 I Thomas
Cook in the County of Fredell State of North Carolina you may
being wake in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be to God for
I calling to mind the mortality of my Body that it is appointed for
all men once to die do make & ordain this my last will & testament that
is to say principally I first of all I give & recommend my soul into the
hands of God that gave it & for my body I recommend to the earth to be buried
in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting
but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the
mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate as it hath
pleased God to bless me with in this life I Give & Dispose of in the following
manner & form. INSTRUMENTS it is my will & I do order it that all my Just
debts & funeral Charges be paid, I satisfied.

Item I do leave & bequeath to my eldest Son J^r Cook five Shillings & to my
four daughters Viz. Margaret McKnight, Jean McConel, Mary Hughes
& Elizabeth Nelson, Each of them five Shillings it is my Will & I do order it
that my son Alex^r Cook have my Grapscut Saw. It is my will & I do order it
that my son W^m Cook keep & hold the negr boy that he has received from me
called Pat & all other things he has received from me besides I do further or-
der that my S^r Son W^m Cook have a fifth part of the household furniture or
the value thereof & also the fifth part of the hogs & Sheep & like more two cows
& Calves, Item it is my will & I do order it that my son Thomas Cook get cow
Pounds, or the value thereof. Item it is my will & I do order that it that my well beloved
wife Margaret Cook get a negr Bench called Kate, & a negr boy called Pat & the half
of all movables exclusive of what is left to my son W^m thereof I also to have a 4th part
of what grain is raised on the plantation & the Chase or Chace of any room in the house for
use during her life or widowhood & to be at her disposal at her death.

Item it is my will & I order it that my youngest Son Joseph Cook do have 1/3 of the
plantation I now live upon & to have a negr man called Jack & another negr boy
called Caesar & the other half of the remaining movables, I have hold & furniture.

I do nominate constitute & appoint my two sons Viz W^m & Joseph Cook sole Ex-
ors of this my last will & testament in writing bearing date as aforesaid & seal.

The day & year above written, Signed sealed published & declared by The S^r Tho^s Cook as his last will & testament in the presence of us the Subscribers

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Alexander Hughes

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Thomas Cook

In the name of God Amen Margaret Cooke Jun^r of Fredell County State of North Carolina being of Sound mind & memory (thanks be to God for all his mercies both spiritual & common)

Do this 8th day of October in the year of our Lord 1802 make & publish this my last will & testament in manner following 1st I commit my Soul to God who made & I trust who has redeemed the same, & then I will that my body be entered in a decent & becoming manner at the discretion of the persons appointed to execute this my last will & testament.

I also declare that it is my will that all my Just & lawful debts be honourably & honestly discharged out of my estate and as for the remaining part of that property where with God in his providence has enriched me I dispose of in the following manner, I do by this my last will order it to be so disposed of 1st I Bequeath unto my daughter Jean M Connell, my

Negr Woman Kate 2nd I to my Daughter Elizabeth Nelson one Negro 3rd I to my Daughter Mary Hughes, my bed & side saddle & my

Wearing Cloths to be equally divided between these ^{three} my daughters & with respect to the residue of my property it is my Will that an equal division of the same be made among my Children

Thos Knight, Jas Cooper, Alexander Cooke, Thomas Cooke, Joseph Cooke, John M Connell, Henry Hughes, Joshua Nelson each to have an equal dividend of the same. I thereby make & ordain my worthy friends

Hughes, M Knight & Henry Hughes Executors of this my last will & testament In Witness where of I the S^r Margaret Cooke Jun^r have to this my last will & testament In Witness where of set my