

In the name of GOD AMEN I W<sup>m</sup> Cooke of Fredricks  
County State of North Carolina being of Sound & perfect mind & memory  
(Praised be GOD for all his mercies) do this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of August on the year of our  
Lord 1802 make & publish this my last Will & Testament in manner following  
that is to say. I<sup>st</sup> I Commit my soul to GOD who made & I trust who redeemed  
the same & then I will that my body lie entored in a decent & becoming ma-  
nner 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 honorably & honestly discharged out of my estate & as for the remaining part  
of that property where with GOD in his providence has endowed me with I dispose of  
in the following manners I do by this my last will order it to be so disposed of & I order  
all my perishable property to be immediately exposed to sale & the amount of the  
same to be equally divided between my wife Semmy & my daughter Mary & I  
Will that the land be rented to the best advantage & the profits arising there-  
from to be equally divided between my wife & my daughter. & when my daughter  
comes to a state of maturity or of age when I will that the land be exposed to sale  
& the amount of the same to be equally divided between my Wife Semmy & my  
daughter Mary And again I will that if GOD in his providence removes the said  
before it comes to age the years of maturity that its division of the estate be  
given to my Wife Semmy.

And I hereby make & ordain my worthy friend Thomas Cooke Sen. & W<sup>m</sup> McKnight  
Just Executors of this my last will & Testament In witness whereof I the W<sup>m</sup>  
Cooke have to this my last will & Testament set my hand & seal this 25<sup>th</sup>  
Day of August above mentioned.

Joseph Cooke Junr  
Jas McKnight Junr

read William Cooke Clerk