Benjamin Cooke's Will

In the Name of God Amen I Benjamin Cooke of Northampton County being of sound & perfect mind & memory do this the 20th day of September in the year of our Lord 1805 make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following, that is to say

Item I lend unto my beloved Wife Abiah Cooke during her life or widowhood the following articles to Wit Two Cows and Calves, One Yearling Mare, Two Ewes and lambs one Sow and Pigs, one Feather Bed & Furniture, one black Walnut Cupboard one Chest, one Iron Pot and Dutch Oven, one Iron Tea Kettle, and Not Exceeding a Message. I give the above mentioned articles to my Son Isaiah, and Daniel, to be equally divided between them and their Heirs

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Polly Cooke one Feather Bed & Furniture, Some Cow & Calf to her and her Heirs

Item I give unto my daughter Mason Cooke one Feather Bed & Furniture, one Cow & Calf, to her & her Heirs, also I give unto my Daughter Mason Twenty Dollars;

Item I give unto my Son Thomas Cooke Twenty Pounds Virginia money, Lastly my Will and Desire is that all my Estate both Land & Personal Property not herein before mentioned be Equally divided between my Two Boys Isaiah Cooke & Daniel Cooke to them and their Heirs forever, Letting my first & Second Child which they have do & have not mentioned My Son Willey & Son John having Land they having been previous to the Writing of this provided for. The Cows & Calves that my Daughters Polly Cooke, Betsy Smith, & Sibby Tarver hold already had & received of me.

Item I give unto them and their Heirs

Item Lastly My Will is that my Wife have one thirds of the Land to live on during her life or Widowhood and I hereby make and ordain my Sons Isaiah Cooke & Daniel Cooke Executors of this my last Will & Testament in Witness whereof I the said Benjamin Cooke have to this my last Will & Testament set my hand & seal the Day and Year above Written

Signed Sealed published & declared by the said Benjamin Cooke the Testator as his last Will & Testament in the presence of us

Willey Cooke
John Cooke
John M Benford

Benjamin his X mark Cooke (Seal)

Northampton County March Court 1806

This Will was proved by the oath of John Cooke and the affirmation of John M Benford whereupon Isaiah Cooke one of the Executors therein named was duly qualified according to the Certificate thereon

Witness

Will Vincent Clk

Polly Jones Will

In the Name of God Amen I Polly Jones of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being at present weak in body but in perfect sound mind and memory calling to mind the Mortality of my body do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows (Viz)

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Isaac Jones all my Land and Plantation whereon I live also one Feather Bed and Furniture; also three Hogs to him & his Heirs forever

Item I give unto my Daughter Rebekah Jones one Feather Bed and Furniture also one Chest and Two Year old Heifer, one pair of Flat Irons to her & her Heirs forever

Item I lend unto my Daughter Polly Jones one Two Year old Heifer one Spinning Wheel one Pewter Dish during her Natural Life, but if she Dies without Heirs I give the above articles to my Son Isaac Jones & Rebekah Jones but if she leaves an Heir I give the same to Them and their Heirs forever

Item I do nominate and and appoint my Son Isaac Jones my Whole and Sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament revoking and making void all other Wills heretofore made by me in Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 1st August 1805

Signed Sealed & acknowledged in presence of —

John Wade
Rebekah Wade

Polly her X mark Jones (Seal)

Northampton County March Court 1806

This Will was proved by the Oath of John Wade whereupon Isaac Jones the Executor therein named was duly qualified according to Law

Witness

Will Vincent Clk