

descend to my son John or. own & his wife & any of the above legatees should die without issue
I give that then their part return to be Equally Divided
among the survivors of them signed with my hand
sealed with my seal published & declared to be my last
will and Testament this twenty six day of Octo: 1779
In presence of Nathaniel N. McCarron (Seal)
mark.
Wm Hill.
Aug: 7th Blackburn.

Surry County February Court 1780.

William Hill one of the Subscribing Witnesses
to the last Will and Testament of Nathaniel N. Carron
made oath that he saw the said Nathaniel N. Carron
declare & sign and publish the same to be his last will
Testament, that he was of a sound disposing mind and
Memory, and on motion it was ordered to be
Recorded.

Recorded accordingly

Wm Hill

In the Name of God amen, I Robert
book of Surry County and State of North Carolina
being sick and weak but of sound mind & memory
thank be to the Almighty God, calling to mind the
Mortality of my Body knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to die do make and Ordain this my
last will and Testament, that is to say first of all
I give and recommend my soul into the hands of
almighty God that gave it my Body I recommend
to the Earth to be Buried in a decent manner at the

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the Decroffion of my Ex: & Nothing Doubting but at the General
resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power
of God, and Touching such worldly Estate where with it hath
pleased God to bless me with, I give Dennis and despose of the
same in the following manor first of all I desire that all
my Lawfull Debts be paid I also leave unto my beloved wife
Mary the Plantation wherowon I now live with 100 Acre
of land there unto belonging, also all my Stockes except
one Black mare & colt and two Cows together with all my
Household Goods, Except ones Bed & furniture During her Natural
Life and after her Decease to be Equally Divided among
my Children which now lives with me to it John Cooks.

I also Book William Cook Mary Blackburn & Thomas
Cook, as I have yet no more Children I also leave each
of them five pounds to it under Trust and Elizabeth Cook
&c. I also give to my son John Cook 1 Bed & furniture, I also
give to my son in law Richard Beaslee my black Mare
also give to my son in law Samuel Taylor my black Horse
both, I also give to my grand Daughter Dower Cook one Cow
I also gave to my grand Daughter Farmer Cook one Cow,
I likewise Constituted make and Ordain my Friends Anto:
Blackburn and Thomas Davis Executors to this my last
Will and Testament, and I do thereby Revoke & revoke
Desire all and Every Other former Settlement Will
Lapaces bequeath and Premitors by me in my wife before
Named Will and Bequeathd Ratifying and confirming
This to be my last Will and Testament, in witness Where
of I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this first Day
of Jan: in the year of our Lord One thousand seven
hundred and eighty and in the fifth year of American
Independancy sign'd Seald and Pronounced by the said
Robert Cook as his last will and Testament in the presence
of us who in the presence of each other hath hereunto set
our Names

Hardy Reddicks

Robert G Cook ^{his} Seal
mark

I am in the following manner first of all I desire that all
my Lawfull Debts be paid. I also leave unto my beloved wife
Mary the Plantation whereon I now live with 16 Acre
of Land there unto belonging, also all my Stockes except
one Black mare & colt, and two Cows together with all my
Houes Goods, Except ones Bed & furniture During her Natural
Life and after her Decease to be Equally Divided among
my Children which now live with me to it John Cook.
I bid Cook William Cook Mary Blackburn & Thomas
Cook, as I have yet too more Children I also leave each
of them five pounds, soit unto Bunn and Elizabeth Cook
&c. I also give to my son John Cook 1 Bed & furniture, I also
give to my son in law Richard Beaslee my black Mare
also give to my son in law Samuel Taylor my black Horse
both. I also give to my grand Daughter Dossen Cook one Cow
I also gave to my grand Daughter Fannie Cook one Cow,
Likewise Constituted made and Ordain my Friends Amelia
Blackburn and Thomas Evans Executors to this my last
Will and Testament, and I do thereby Desirous youe & others
Desire all and Every Other former Testament Will
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Harriet Biddicks
Thomas Collins
Ann ^{her} Collins

Robert G Cook ^{Seal}
mark

130 County of February Court, 1780.

Hardy Kidder & Thomas Collins being two of
the Subscribing Witnesses to the Last Will and
Testament of Robert Cook Dec^d, made oath that they
saw the said Robert Cook declare assign and publish
the same to be his last will & testament, and on Motion
to the Court it was Ordered to be Recorded

Recorded accordingly,

J. Williams, C.C.

Inventories of the Estate of Robert Cook Dec^d,
36 head of cattle 29 head of swine 4 head of sheep 10 goats
3 Peds, & furniture 2 Bedsteads 4 Boards 1 Table 2 Chairs
4 Iron pott. 11 hooks 3 frying pans 3 Meat sifters 2
Iron P. Racks 2 Pewter Dishes 12 plates 1 Case w^t 4 fourths 1
Nutten Barons 3 payles 2 was. 9 Tubbs 1 flesh fork & saddle
8 hoes 3 Iron wedges 3 Axes 2 plows 1 plow hoe 2 flax
wheels 1 Cotton d^r 3 hogheads 1 Stylar d^r 3 Barrels 18⁰⁰
Compasses 1 Shovel 2 grubbing hoes 6⁰⁰ Cotton 30⁰⁰ flax
1 Box Iron 2 heaters 1 foot adde 1 Drawing knife 1 Carving
knife 11 Jugs 44 Bottles 2 Iron Soap scuttle 1 Pewter Morter
3 wheat sifters or Kedles 3 ff Cotton Board 2 Saddles 2 Sets
Hunting Irons 10⁰⁰ Cast Iron Thread 1ff Shears 2 Scissors 1ff Sheep
Shears 2 ff Iron Traces 1 Snaffle Bridle 1 leathering of 1ff
1 Pepper Box 1 dooms 2 Slays 3 Harness 1 half Saddle 2
sides of Leather 1 padlock 1 grind Stone 3 keep hooks 3
Stone scuttle 11 New Cotton Sheets 2 Iron Kettles 15⁰⁰ Bay Iron
4 New pillow Cases 3 Meal Baggs 21 Pewter Spoones 1
Deger 1 Young, 2 Gimblets 1 Cart 2 wheels 4 Iron 1 shovel 3
3 hundred Acre land 70 Barrels Corn 18 Bush Mats 5 Bars
wheat 1 Barrel of Rye 17 bushels 3 Hhds in Earth, &c.

Harold Reddicks and Thomas Cook being executors of
the Subscribing Witness to the Last Will and
Testament of Robert Cook Dec^d, made oath that they
and the said Robert Cook declare assign and publish
the same to be his last will & Testament, and on Motion
to the Court it was Ordered to be Recorded

Recorded accordingly,

J. Williams, Esq.

Inventories of the Estate of Robert Cook Dec^d,
36 head of cattle 29 head of Swine 11 head of Sheep 11 Chests
3 Bed, & furniture 2 Bedsteads 8 Boards 1 Table 2 Chairs,
14 Iron pott. 11 hooks 3 frying pans 3 Meat sifters 2.
Iron p Pails 2 Pewter Dishes 12 plates 1 Case h 8 forks 1
Pewter Barons 3 payles 2 was. 9 Tables 1 flesh fork & Ladle
8 hoes 3 Iron wedges 3 Ax's 2 plows 1 plow hoe 2 Flax
wheels 1 Cotton dr. 3 Hogsheds 1 Styling 3 Barrels 18^d.
Compasses 1 Should 2 Grabing hoes 6. Cotten 30^d. Flax
1 Box Iron & heaters 1 foot adde 1 Drawing knife 1 Curv^d
knife 4 Jugs & 4 Bottles 2 Iron Soap pott. 1 Spice Morter
3 wheat sifters or Riddles 3 fl. Cotton Board 2 Saddle 2 Sets
Sheep Iron 40, Cestax Thread 1ff Shears 2 Scissors 1ff Sheep
Shears 2 ff Iron Tongs 1 Snaffle Bridle 1 Leather g 1ff 3
1 Pepper Box 1 dooms 2 Slays 3 harnesses 1 beef hide 2
sides of leather 1 pad lock 1 grind Stone 3 Sheep hooks 3
Stone pott. 1 New Cotton Sheets 2 Iron Kettles 15. 0^d Iron
4 New pillow Cases 3 Meal Baggs 21 Pewter Spoon 1
Deger 1 Gong, 2 Gimblats 1 Cart 2 wheels Iron 1 hornet 3
3 handw^d Acre land 70 Boards Corn 18 Bush oats 5 Bush
wheat 4 Bush of Ry 17 bush 3 Shill. in Cash, &c.

Certified by

Amb^d Blackburne

Thos^d Evans

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The within Inventory of Robert Cook Dec^d. was returned to
Court by Ambrose Blackburn and Thomas Davis certified
by John Williams Esq^r.

In the Name of God Amen. I Benjamin Bowles
of Hanover County Virginia being weak in Body but of a
Perfect Memory do make and constitute this my last Will
and Testament in manner and form following (to wit)
I give my Body to the ground from whence it came my
Soul to the god that gave it As to what worldly Estate,
the Lord has Pleit me with I Despose as follows Item,
I give and bequeath to my Brother Thomas Bowles five
hundred Acres of Land lying in Kentucky to him his Heirs
and Assigns forever, Item, I give to my Brother John
Bowles one thousand Acres of Land lying in Kentucky
also a Negro Fellow Named Lewis to him his Heirs and
Assigns forever, Item, I give to my Sister Mary Ford five
hundred Acres of Land lying in Kentucky also a negro
Boy Named John, to her and her Heirs and Assigns forever
Item, I give to my Sister Fanny Baynard one Negro wench
Named Silla to her and her Heirs and Assigns forever,
I also give my Brother John Bowles One hundred and
Twenty five acres land lying in Hanover County Virginia
in Blackshaw and Mare and Saddle to him his Heirs and
Assigns forever I also constitute and appoint John Bowles
and Pebbin Ford Executors of this my last Will and
Testament. In Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand
and Seal this 30th Day of April in One thousand seven
hundred and eighty,

Signed Sealed and acknowledged

in presence of us

Benjamin Bowles