

WILL OF

WILLIAM JAMES COOPER

In the Name of God Amen. I William James Cooper being weak in Body and considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound and perfect memory, Blessed be the Almighty God for the same do make and Publish this my Last will and Testament in manner and form following (thats to say) I give and bequeath unto my Beloved Wife Jane Cooper as her right of dower my dwelling house with all the out houses and one third of my lands in whatever direction she may choose to have her dower laid of I also give and bequeath unto her one Negro woman named Rose and her two Children named Befs & Pheby likewise two beds & Furniture to be at her choice out of my Beds & Furniture likewise all my Beaufat Furniture also one Riding Chair say new also one Horse to be at her choice out of my stock of Horses also one third of my Household & Kitchen Furniture that is not hereafter willed-----I also give and bequeath to my Beloved daughter Mary Cooper one negro girl named Belinda one Boy named Peter also one Bed and Furniture- I also give and bequeath to my Beloved son George Cooper one negro Boy named Lannon & one Girl named Hester also one Bed & Furniture- I also give and Bequeath to my Beloved daughter Nancy McCottry Cooper one negro Boy named Jack and one Girl named Sally also one Bed & Furniture - I also give and Bequeath to my child unborn that my Beloved wife is now pregnant with two negro Girls named Lucy and Betty also one Bed & Furniture- It is further my will and desire that if any of the above Bequeathed negroes should die or otherwise be rendered useless before the legates come of age or receive their part that the deficiency be made up (out of my remaining stock of Negroes not willed)

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times & in such proportion as my Exor^{tr} & Exec^{tr} may think proper I give and bequeath my Sulky to the Estate of Robert McCottry and as to all the rest residue & remainder of my personal Estate goods & Chattle of what kind and nature so ever I give & Bequeath to my Beloved Wife & Four Children including the one that my wife is now pregnant with to be divided amongst them share and share alike and if either of the Four Children should die before they receive their part It is my will and desire that their part shall be equally divided amongst the surviving Heirs Further it is my will and desire that my Real Estate be equally divided amongst my Four Children Viz. Mary, George, Nancy McCottry Cooper & Child unborn. lastly I hereby appoint my Beloved wife Jane Cooper Executrix my Brother George Cooper Hugh McCutchen & Josphe McCottry Executors of my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the third day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight-----

Signed sealed published & declared by the
~~above William James Cooper~~ to be his last will
 and Testament in the presence of us who have
 hereunto Subscribed our names as witnesses in the
 presence of the Testator

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line from the top before signed

Wm James Cooper (SEAL)

David Gordon

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Thomas McCutchen