John Cooke and his wife, Elizabeth Burch were born in the State of Maryland about the year 1720. To this union was born Robert Cooke, father of Richard Fielding Cooke.

Robert Cooke was born March 28, 1752 Susannah Watson, his wife, was born May 8, 1760 Both citizens of St. Mary's County and State of Maryland, and emigrated to Culpeper County and State of Virginia in 1787, and in 1791 removed to the State of South Carolina and Greenville District and north fork of Saluda River, and resided there 25 years and in 1816 removed to the State of Tennessee and County of White, eight miles West of the town of Sparta, at a place known as Green Bottom, where they are both burried and encloded in a rock tomb.

Robert Cooke departed this life November 12th, 1841, and Susannah Cooke departed this life May 12th, 1823. To this union was born:-

Mary Cooke, September 3, 1778. James Watson Cooke, October 24th, 1779. Sarah Cooke, March 17th, 1781. James Oliver Cooke, May 25th, 1782. William Henry Cooke, May 15th, 1784. Hezekiah Gardner Cooke, August 1st, 1785. Richard Fielding Cooke, July 8th, 1787. Margaret Cooke, June 6th, 1789. Alexander Cooke, May 19th, 1791. Elias Green Cooke, June 6th, 1793. Elizabeth Cooke, .....7th, 1795. Nancy Cooke, February 9th, 1797

Susannah Cooke, December 15th, 1799 Richard Fielding Cooke born in Culpeper County, Virginia, July 8th, 1787. Margaret Cox, his wife, born in Edgefield District, Couth Carolina March 28, 1791. The were married March 31, 1813, by the Reverend Zion Blythe. They removed to White County, Tennessee with his father and m mother, Robert and Susannah Cooke, it 1816. They later settled near a large spring 10 miles West of Cookeville, at a place then known as Big Woods where they were both burried. The place burried is now known as Cooke Cemetery, and is situated about a mile East of Baxter. At the time, or prior to the time Putnam County was established, Richard F. Cooke was a member of the Tennessee Legislature representing White County and to honor his name the county site of the newly established county was called Cookeville. Richard Fielding Cooke departed this life Margaret Cooke departed this life December 14th, 1849.

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To Richard F. and Margaret Cooke nine children were born:-

Attaline Cooke, January 5th, 1814. Minerva Cooke, January 4th, 1816. Watson McSwain Cooke, September 23, 1817. Louisa Cooke, September 28, 1819. Dorinda Cooke, April 21, 1821. Zenira Cooke, (Lindsey) April 23, 1823. Calvin Whitley Cooke, March 18th, 1825. Bolivar Houston Cooke, March 18th, 1827 Harriett Cooke, January 25th, 1831.

The foregoing is a transcript from the Family Bible of Richard F. Cooke.

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