

part of, and that the above writing contains a true and correct statement of what she requested us to witness as her last Will and Testament, and moreover that she came before & was in her perfect senses and of sound mind at the time of executing the said Will. Given under our hands the day and year above written.

Sam^l ^{his} ^{mark} ^{made} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{presence} ^{of} ^{us} ^{the} ^{undersigned} ^{Justices} ^{of} ^{the} ^{Peace} ^{for} ^{the} ^{County} ^{of} ^{Southampton} ^{Virginia}

Southampton Co. Va. to wit:

This day personally appeared before me ^{Re: J. H. Hargrave} Justice of the Peace for the County of said Southampton, Mackay Swann, and Martin Newson, and have acknowledged their signatures to the within Certificate. Given under my hand this 20th day of March 1835. Re: J. H. Hargrave J. P.

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 20th day of April 1835
I Mackay Swann Justice of the Peace for the County of said Southampton do hereby certify that Joseph A. Haller a person interested in said estate appeared & acknowledged due notice of the within and thereupon the said Writing was proved by the oath of said Swann and Mackay Swann one of the witnesses thereto & ordered to be Recorded. Admonitions were then issued directed to Joseph A. Haller who made oath and together with Robert S. Hargrave and John Edwards his co-actors entered into and acknowledged a bond in the sum of Three Thousand dollars according to law.

Teste James Rochelle C. C.

In before me John Cooper a Justice of the Peace for the County of Southampton in said State, being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

First: I leave to my beloved Wife Jane, as and for her dowry, for and during her natural life, one negro woman named Fannie and one third part of one of my plantations (her choice) and after her death I desire the same may be equally divided among my three children John, James & Emeline Cooper to them and their heirs forever.

Second: I give and bequeath unto my two sons John Cooper and James Cooper all the lands and appointments with which I may be seized and possess to be equally divided between them, and to their heirs and assigns forever -

Third: I give to my son John Cooper, one negro boy named Sam, one blue shirt, one new pair of trousers and one pair of shoes, and his heirs, and assigns forever.

Fourth: I give to my son James Cooper one negro boy named Mark, to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Fifth: I give to my daughter Emeline Cooper one negro boy named Jibbs one bed and furniture, and one trunk, to her and to her heirs and assigns forever.

Sixth: All the residue of my estate of what nature or kind soever not herein before particularly disposed of I give to my three children John, James & Emeline to be equally divided among them, and to their heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly: I hereby constitute and appoint my friend John Taylor Esq. of the County of Southampton in the State of Virginia the executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other former Wills or Testaments by me heretofore made - In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four. Signed Sealed and declared upon for the last Will and Testament of the deceased John Cooper

In presence of
James S. Hargrave
Robert S. Hargrave
Anthony Cloughan

John ^{his} ^{mark} ^{made} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{presence} ^{of} ^{us} ^{the} ^{undersigned} ^{Justices} ^{of} ^{the} ^{Peace} ^{for} ^{the} ^{County} ^{of} ^{Southampton} ^{Virginia}

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