1781 Will of George Cooper

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Note: George Cooper's will is dated October 14th, but the year was omitted. The will was filed before the Surry County Court on 26 March 1782, so presumably, he wrote the previous October, which would have been 1781. However, this is not entirely clear.

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In the Name of God Amen. I ***George Cooper*** *of Surry County being weak in Body but of a sound mind do this fourteenth Day of October make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.*

Item. I lend to my beloved Wife ***Mary Cooper*** *all my Cattle & Hogs and my Filly, also two Dishes two Basons* [basins] *and two Plates, likewise my Crop, One feather Bed and furniture, one Pot the largest but one, one Box Iron, one Spining* [sic] *Wheel and one pair Cards.*

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter ***Emelia Collier*** *Two Slays and Harness namely 400 & 800.*

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter ***Jane Cooper*** *her Feather Bed and furniture, also the Filly at her Mothers death, & one Dish and Plate. I give her also the side Saddle, the remainder of the Slays and Harness and one Trunk.*

Item. I give and bequeath to my Son ***Frederick Cooper*** *all the remainder of my Estate and what was lent to my Wife at her discease* [decease] *except what is before mentioned, maintaining my Daughter* ***Agnes Cooper*** *during her life. I desire the Wool that belongs to me should be made use of to Clothe Beds and other necessary uses for the family. I leave my Wife* ***Mary Cooper*** *& my Son* ***Frederick Cooper*** *Executors of this my last Will and Testament.*

[signed] ***George Cooper***

Sealed & delivered in presence of

Ira Ellis, Martha Sebrell, Thomas Howard

At a Court held for Surry County March the 26th 1782. The afore written last Will and Testament of ***George Cooper*** *deceased was presented in Court by* ***Frederick Cooper*** *one of the Executors therein named who made oath thereto according to Law, the same was proved by the oaths of* ***Martha Sebrell*** *and* ***Thomas Howard*** *two of the Witnesses thereto and by the Court ordered to be Recorded. And on the Motion of the said* ***Frederick*** *who together with approved Security entered into and acknowledged a Bond Conditioned as the Law directs Certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form And liberty is reserved the other Executor to join therein when She shall think fit.*

[signed] ***J. Faulcon****, C.S.Curt.*

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