1756 Will of William Cooper

Surry County VA Wills, Etc. Book 10 (1754–1768), pp. 215–216

In the name of God Amen. I ***William Cooper*** *of Surry County being very Sick and weak in Body but of Perfect mind and memory Thanks be Given unto God. Therefore and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament That is to principally and first of all I give and Recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that gave it And as touching Such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me with in this Life I give and Devise and dispose of the same in the following manner & form that is to say.*

Item. Desire my Body to be desently Buried at the expense of my Estate.

Item. I Give and Bequeath to my Son ***John Cooper*** *the Land that he formerly Liv'd on also The Plantation whereon my Son* ***Wm Cooper*** *Lived on formerly as far as the Branch by the said Plantation Containing one Hundred & Twenty five Acres to him and his Heirs forever.*

Item. I Give and Bequeath to my Son ***William Cooper*** *all the Land Between the to Branches Next to* ***George Coopers*** *Land so up the said Branch to Rockeses God pen from thence to* ***John Nicholsons*** *Line Containing one and twenty Acres to him and his Heirs for ever.*

Item. I Give and Bequeath to my Son ***George Cooper*** *the Plantation whereon he now Lives to a new Line Containing one Hundred & thirty Acres to him and his Heirs forever.*

Item. I give and Bequeath to my Daughter ***Elizabeth Barker*** *the use of the Plantation where I now live on during her Natural Life Containing one Hundred Acres and after her decease I give and Bequeath the said Land to her Son* ***Howell Barker*** *to him and his Heirs Heirs* [sic] *Forever. But if he Should die before he comes of Age I Give the said Hundred Acres of Land to my Grandson* ***Jesse Jurden*** *to him and his Heirs forever. Also I Give to my Daughter* ***Elizabeth Barker*** *one Spice morter and Pestle one Driping pan one Table one Great Bible to her and her Heirs forever.*

Item. I Give and Bequeath to my Grandaughter ***Jane Jurden*** *one Feather Bed & furniture to her and her Heirs forever.*

Item. I also desire the Remainder part of my Estate Equally Divided Between my Seven Children (to wit) ***William Mary John George Hannah Sarah & Elizabeth*** *after my Debts is paid I also Desire that my Estate may not be Appraised But be divided by three men I also appoint my Son* ***William Cooper*** *my hole & Sole Executor of my Last Will & Testament Revoking all other ones. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand & Affixed my Seal this fourth Day of April 1756.*

John Justiss ***William Cooper*** [his mark]
Robert Rae
Joanna Justiss

At a Court held for Surry County November the 26th 1759.

The afore written last Will and Testament of ***William Cooper*** *deceas'd was presented in Court by* ***William Cooper*** *the Executor therein named who made Oath thereto according to Law and the Same being proved by the Oaths of* ***John Justiss*** *and* ***Joanna Justiss*** *two of the Witnesses thereto and by the Court Ordered to be Recorded And on the Motion of the said Executor Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining a probate thereof in due form.*

[signed] ***Wm Nelson****, Cl. Cur.*

♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦