

The Will of John J. Cooper

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Know all men by their presence that I, J.J. Cooper of Waterloo, Pulaski County State of Kentucky, being in ill health but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my will and testament.

First my will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate by my executors herein after named as soon after my decease as they shall find convenient.

Next I give and bequeath to my wife, May A. Cooper all the rest of my estate, real and personal and mixed to which I shall be entitled to at my decease, which she is to have and to hold for her own special use, this devise or bequeath includes the homestead on which we now live all north of the conditional line between myself and Howard M. Cooper, to have and to hold with all the improvements so long as her natural life shall last. But if I find at any time that she does not want a home at this homestead, the executors there in power may sell this homestead for her special benefit having power to deed it as if it were there own, warranting the deed forever, letting Mary [ajour?] in making the deed.

My executors may sell any other property, take care of money not needed, loan it out with approved security 'til needed, advise her and see after her necessities all the way through, 'til her demise, then pay her funeral expenses and if the old homestead has not been sold, my executors or those who may be acting at the time according to the provisions of this will herein named further on shall as soon as convenient sell the homestead, and the executors being remunerated, then the executors shall divide the remainder of my estate equally between my heirs making Nancy Marian, my step-daughter, equal with the other heirs. My wife having the privilege at any time to make any donation she may deem proper and right for [unreadable] purposes and furthermore, it is my will that the said executors shall suitably mark each of the following graves with slabs or gravestones: Sarah Frances Cooper with her little ones which can only be [unreadable], J. J. Cooper, Mary Ann Cooper, Roena Frances Cooper, David William Cooper, Jack Porter Cooper.

Lastly I do nominate and appoint my said sons, Levi Cooper, Howard M. Cooper, and Rutherford R. Cooper, to be my executors and if for any reason they should all fail to suit then May A. Cooper and my two oldest sons then living may appoint another one or two as they please to fill the place of those that I have appointed giving the same authority as though I had appointed. This being my last will and testament I, John J. Cooper, do hereunto subscribe my name and affix my seal this the 11th day of July in year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seven.

John J. Cooper

In the presence of these my witnesses and [unreadable] the presence of each other subscribe out names as witnesses: L. F. Cooper, Howard Malcolm Cooper, Rando R. Cooper

Attested John M. Floyd, D.C., and Ermina Cooper

Some punctuation and paragraphing added for readability.

J. J. Cooper, Will.

Know all men by these presents that I J. J. Cooper of Waterloo
Pulaski County State of Kentucky, being in ill health, but of
sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last
Will and Testament, First, my will is that all my just debts
and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate by my Executors
hereafter named as soon after my decease as they shall find
convenient, Next I give and bequeath to my wife, Mary A Cooper
all the rest of my Estate, real and personal and mixed to which
I shall be entitled to at my decease which she is to have and
to hold for her own special use this demise or bequeath includes
the Homestead on which we now live, all north of the condi-
tional line between myself and Howard M Cooper to have and to
hold with all the ~~Simpson~~ ^{Simpson} ~~land~~ ^{land} as long as her natural life,
shall last, but if she finds at any time that she does not want
a home at this Homestead, the Executors then in power may sell
this Homestead for her special benefit, leaving power to deed it as
if it was their own, warranting the deed given, Letting Mary A
join in making the deed, My executors may sell any other prop-
erty take care of money ~~received~~ ^{received}, ~~lend~~ ^{lend} it out with appro-
priate security till ~~received~~ ^{received} advise her and see after her ~~interest~~
all the way through, till her demise, then pay her fune-
ral expenses, and if the old Homestead has not been sold,
by my executors or those who may be acting at the time accord-
ing to the provisions of this ~~will~~ ^{will} ~~will~~ ^{will} named further on Shall
as soon as convenient sell the Homestead, and the executors being
remunerated, then the executors shall divide the remainder of my ^{estate}
equally between my heirs making Nancy Marion my step daughter
equal with the other heirs, my wife having the privilege at any time
to make any donation she may deem proper and right for relig-
ious purposes, and further more it is my will that the said Executors
shall suitable mark each of the following graves with slabs or grave
stones, Sarah Francis Cooper with two little ones which can only be men-
tioned J. J. Cooper, Mary Ann Cooper, Roena Francis Cooper, David William
Cooper, Isach Porter Cooper And lastly I do nominate and appoint
my said Sons Levi Cooper, Howard M Cooper, and Rutherford C Cooper
to be my Executors, and if for any reason they should all fail to

Since, then May a Cooper and my two eldest sons then living may
appoint another one or two as they please to fill the place, ^{those}
that I have appointed having the same authority as those I have
appointed, This being my Last Will and Testament I, John J Cooper
do hereunto subscribe my name and affix my Seal, this the 11th
day of July in year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Seven.

John J Cooper,

In the presence of three my witnesses, and one in
the presence of each other, subscribe in name as
witnesses.

L J Cooper

Howard Malcolm Cooper.

Rando R Cooper.

Attested John M Floyd, D.C.
Ermina Cooper.

J J Cooper Will, made signed and sealed in my presence and in
the presence of each of the attending witnesses, 1907 July 11th
Attest John M Floyd, D.C.

State of Kentucky
County, Palatka 1st

I David Borden, Clerk Palatka Co Court, certify that the foregoing
Instrument of writing purporting to be the Last will and Testament of
J J Cooper died, was at the Sep Term 1907 of Palatka Co Court, pro-
duced in open Court, and sworn according to Law by the oaths of
L J Cooper, Howard M Cooper and Rando R Cooper the subscribing
witnesses thereto, and the Court being sufficiently advised doth adjudge
the same to be the true Last will & Testament of J J Cooper died
and the said Instrument is now ordered to be admitted to record as
such Last will & Testament of J J Cooper died, and same is now
done accordingly Given under my hand this Sep 17 1907.

Att. David Borden clk.

Lucy Silver, Wife