

^{1st} In the name of God Amen, I Jesse Cooper of the County of Boone & State of Missouri being weak of body but of good and sound memory, Thanks be to Almighty God, and calling to remembrance the uncertainty of this transitory life & that all flesh must submit and yield to death, when it shall please God to call, do make, constitute, ordain & declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form following, revoking all others, and this to be my last will and Testament, and now for the settling my temporal Estate, and such goods and Chattels & debts as it has pleased God to bless me with, I do ordain give and dispose of the same in the manner following

(Viz)

That all my debts of which there are but few, & none of magnitude are to be punctually paid, and the legacy hereinafter bequeathed are to be discharged as soon as circumstances will permit, & in the manner directed.

Item^{1st} To my Eldest daughter Nancy Paul who resides in the State of Kentucky, I give and bequeath to her the said Nancy, all the property she is now in possession of which I have given to her the said Nancy, here before,

Item 8th To my son Samuel B. Copher I give and bequeath to him the said Land, all the property he is now in possession of; and Also the west half of the South East quarter of section No 7 in township No forty nine in Range fourteen West of the fifth principal meridian line.

Item 9th To my son David N. Copher I give & bequeath the tract of land whereon I now live containing one hundred thirty acres being the ^{East} part of the Southeast quarter of section No Eight in township No forty nine in Range No fourteen West of the fifth principal meridian line. - - -

Item 10th

To my daughter Sarah Dooley I give and bequeath to her the s^d Sarah, all the property she is now in possession of which I have given to her the s^d Sarah heretofore -

Item 11th To my daughter Eleanor Copher I give & bequeath to her the said Eleanor, a certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred and twenty acres be the same more or less, being the west part of the north west quarter of section No ten in township No forty nine Range fourteen west of the fifth principal meridian line, should the said Eleanor get married & leave her mother then it is my Will, that her mother should give her as much stock household furniture &c. as may in her

decease, to 'twit to my youngest daughter
Eleanor and her heirs

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4th Whereas it is my wish and
expectation that my youngest, my affectionate son
David should take charge of his aged mother,
and my dutiful daughter Eleanor, therefore I do
by this will and Testament put him in possession
of my plantation, stock household furniture &c,
and to have the controul of the negroes during
his mothers life, and whereas I consider that should
his sister think proper to reside with him & their
mother I hope he will act the part of a kind
and affectionate brother to her, as well as a duti-
ful son to his aged mother, therefore it is my
wish that if it should be so that the s^d Nelly should
remain with her mother untill her mothers decease,
then it is my will that David should make an equal
divide of all the stock household furniture &c -
with her the said Nelly

5th Lastly - I constitute and appoint & do by these presents
Nominate constitute, ordain and appoint my sons
Thomas, Samuel B. & David N. Copher as my Executors
and my wife Elizabeth Executrix of this foregoing
will & Testament -

6th Codicil Whereas I have a small plantation in the
 State of Kentucky, lying in Clark County, now in
 the possession of James Clark to whom I leased
 the same, which lease will expire on first day of
 January next, it is my wish that the place
 should be sold by my Executors as soon as ^{they} may in
^{their} judgment think most advisable, & to apply the
 proceeds thereof, in discharging the two hundred
 dollars I have before bequeathed to my daughter
 Jemima Kestley, if it should not bring the above
 amount, then my Executors are to raise the balance
 by selling ~~the~~ stock they may think can be
 best spared, if it sells for more than will satisfy
 that demand then it is to revert back to my
 wife Elizabeth to be disposed of as she may
 see proper — Witness my hand this 5th day of
 July in year before written

George Cooper *(Signature)*

Witness
 my self
 his
 Andrew Cannon
 mark

2616 Mimosa Street
Santa Rosa, California 95405
November 30, 1971

Kathryn Owen
423 East Broadway
Winchester, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Owen,
I am sorry to bother you again so soon but I would like to know if there is a marriage bond for a Jesse Cofer and an Elizabeth Boone, who may have been married before so the last name of Elizabeth may not be Boone. I didn't know if I should write to you or the County Clerk. If it should go to the clerk please give it to him. The marriage should have taken place before 1796.
If you find such a marriage certificate I will gladly send you the dollar for copying it. Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,
Ray L. Van Skike
Ray L. VanSkike

1st deed 1806 Bk 7 P 240

Jesse Copher Jr Jesse Blebsal

tract in Clark Co on pretty Run being
part of a military tract granted to Nathaniel
Dist 280 acres

Last deed by Oyers 1826 36 acres Bk 22 P
154 deed made by Elizabeth Copher, Thomas Copher,
Samuel B Copher + David Copher heirs of Jesse
Copher deed + James Bell of the pt
tract on waters of Slower Creek 36 acres

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2616 Mimosa Street
Santa Rosa, California 95405
December 7, 1971

Kathryn Owen
423 East Broadway
Winchester, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Owen,

I received your letter yesterday and wished to thank you for all the information. I am not certain who all the Dooleys you mentioned are but I think they must be very close relatives to Henry Dooley.

I think only the deed of 1845 was for "my" Henry Dooley since he was born in 1799. I believe he would be too young to be buying property in 1806 or 1813. The 1845 one seems to fit, however. Henry Dooley (1799-1855) moved to Boone County, Missouri in 1820 according to family history and to what is now Davis County, Iowa in 1841. At the time he moved to this area it was disputed territory between Iowa and Missouri. They lived about a mile from the present border so he probably gave his home as Schuyler County, Missouri because there were no established borders at the time. Henry was a Campbellite Preacher.

Obediah Dooley (1769-1845) and Ann (?) Dooley (1773-1850) must have been his parents. The deed and ages all fit very well.

I hope that you will find the Copher-Cofer burial place some time. The D. A. R. Patriot Index says he died in 1822. His wife was Elizabeth Boone originally. According to family tradition Elizabeth was the sister of Daniel Boone. If the D. A. R. records and the Boone histories are correct in the ages of birth of the two, Elizabeth was 28 years the senior of her husband. I haven't much faith in this as she would have been 63 when her daughter, Sarah, was born which is very unusual.

I feel there must have been another generation in the line. If you ever learn anything about these families I would very much like to hear about it. If you get a spare moment next time you visit the court house would you check to see what area of the county the Jesse Copher property was located in? I would like also to know if there are any cemeteries in that area and who has charge of them. I think the dates on the headstones will clear up my Boone problem.

Enclosed you will find a few stamps. You may give or sell them to your sister and keep any profit realized. You have been so generous with your time I feel I owe you something. If your sister would like used stamps I have a great many which I could send you. I don't have a great many mint stamps left but may be able to find her a couple more. For the used stamps have her make a list of her needs and I will see what I can do during the semester break during the second half of January.

Thank you again for your kind and generous help. I can't tell you how much it is appreciated.

I have something which might amuse you. It concerns the time mentioned above when the Missouri-Iowa border was in dispute and is taken from a Davis County, Iowa history. I can't tell you if it is true, however. An old lady said, "That she was so glad that they decided that it belonged to Iowa, for she had always heard that it was so much healthier in Iowa than Missouri." I am not very certain about it.

Sincerely,

Ray L. Van Shike

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2616 Mimosa Street
Santa Rosa, California 95405
January 12, 1972

Kathryn Owen
423 East Broadway
Winchester, Kentucky 40391

Dear Mrs. Owen,

I wish to thank you very much for the information. I was planning to write you next week when I had finished finals. Monday I received the latest copy of the Boone Scout, a small paper which deals with the American Boones. Someone requested pictures of George and Ann(Linville) Boone and their daughter, Elizabeth, who was the wife of Jesse Copher. George Boone was a brother of the "famous" Daniel Boone. I think that these must be my ancestors. No dates or places of birth or death were given.

I am finding out that the man who gave the information for the family history in Davis County, Iowa, didn't know as much as he thought he did. The Boone connection was there but it was through Daniel Boone's brother and niece, not through his sister. He also claimed that Henry Dooley, who married Sarah Copher, was a Baptist minister. He was a Campbellite minister and the Campbellites are now part of the Christian Church. So far, everything else seems to check out.

The information concerning the location of the Copher farm was very interesting. I like to get a fair location so that if I ever get to the area that one of my ancestors lived I will be able to see the actual place that they lived on. I am very sorry to hear that there is no stone for Jesse and Elizabeth.

Now that I am fairly close to ending my Boone problems I shall have to work more on the Copher and Dooley lines. I think that Cophers may have come from Virginia since there are quite a few there in 1790. The Dooleys may have come from South Carolina. This is based on some of the above mentioned man's history in which he claimed that Henry Dooley was a native of South Carolina. In the 1850 census Henry claimed to be a native of Kentucky. So, more problems. Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

I have one question for you. Has the 1850 Clark County Census been indexed. If it has been I would like to have a copy of the entry for Ann Dooley and Elizabeth Copher if they appear. I would also like to have the given names, ages, and birthplaces of any Cophers or Dooleys. If it has not been indexed just forget I mentioned it.

As for the stamps, you are quite welcome. I hope to be able to find a few more during the semester break. I wish that there was something that I could do for you. You have been so kind. I can't afford to pay you very much but I would like to do something for you. Also, does your sister collect foreign stamps? I have a friend who gives me stamps from Germany, Poland, and a few other places.

Wishing you the best of luck and good health in this new year.

Sincerely,

Ray L. Van Skike
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2616 Mimosa Street
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February 15, 1972

Mrs. Kathryn Owen
423 East Broadway
Winchester, Kentucky 40391

Dear Mrs. Owen,

It was very nice to hear from you again. Thank you very much for the information on the Boone family. It is interesting to know that members of the Boone family still live where they settled almost two hundred years ago.

Last year I joined the Boone Family Association of Washington. It was through the help and suggestions of Mrs. J. H. Buchanan, the historian of this organization, that I finally found the connection to the Boone family through Sarah Copher. If you hadn't given me the copy of her marriage bond I never would have made it.

It was through the efforts of Mrs. Buchanan that I recently got a copy of the Boone Family by Spraker from the Boone Family Library in the Seattle Public Library, on interlibrary loan. It is a very thorough source on the early Boones, but doesn't do much on the Copher family.

According to the Boone Family Jesse Copher came to Kentucky from Culpepper County, Virginia. He was in Madison County in October, 1780, when he and Higgason Grubbs carved their initials in a beech tree which was later used as a survey marker. He was a soldier in the Revolution. He was captured and taken to Detroit but escaped and returned to Kentucky. About 1792 he married Elizabeth Boone in Madison County and they settled in Clark County where he took up a pre-emption of 1400 acres on Stoner Creek, most of which was lost later by a prior location. Following the loss of his land he moved with some of his children to Boone County, Missouri, in 1819. He was born in 1756 and died in Boone County, Missouri, in 1822, and left a will which mentioned all of his eleven children. Elizabeth(Boone)Copher was born in North Carolina in about 1765 and died in Boone County, Missouri, when over ninety. Children: Nancy Boone Copher; Thomas Copher; Mary(Copher)Nesbit; Phebe (Copher)Haden; Udosha(Copher)Steel; Hettie Boone(Copher)Grubbs-b. 1803; Jerusha(Copher)Kirtley wife of Americus Kirtley; Samuel B. Copher(1801-1882); David N. Copher; Sarah(Copher)Dooley wife of Henry Dooley, she was born in 1795 and died 1859; and Eleanor Copher b. 1805. All children supposedly born in Clark County, Kentucky.

I included this information about the Cophers because you are interested in Clark County history.

You did tell me about the deed concerning Obadiah and Henry Dooley and you sent me a copy of the inscriptions of Ann and Obadiah Dooley. I would like to know now where this family lived before they moved to Kentucky. One of the relatives said that Henry Dooley was born in South Carolina while he gave his birthplace as Kentucky in the 1850 Census. I was recently told that Henry Dooley died May 20, 1856.

Thank you again for all the help that you have given me. I do appreciate

ciate your help very much. I hope some of the enclosed informatio is of interest to you.

I don't know what the loan policy of your state library is on loaning microfilm copies of the various county census records is. The California State Library will loan their census records for a three week period, with a renewal option, to any local library in the State. I have borrowed several California county census microfilms but our local library now has copies of all the county census records to 1880. If you are interested in coping the Clark County Census Records they should be available to any library which you may be able to visit that has a reader. Some people in this area have started copying the 1860 Census of this county and this is the first work done on any of our local censuses. There are few people living here who had ancestors who were living here in 1850 so they haven't worked on it.

I am taking a full load of classes this semester so I won't have much time to work on my family history. I hope to work on the Copher and Dooley families when I get the chance. I shall let you know how I progress if I do.

Sincerely,

Ray L. Van Skike

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Nov. 14, 1972
Hastings, Neb.

Dear Kathryn,

This will be a surprise after so long a time you probably thought I'd forgotten you. I hadn't but I've had a very hectic summer and now my oldest son is at the Univ. in Lincoln, which requires a lot of driving.

I do want to thank you for all the time you spent in helping me. I finally got a copy made of Jesse Copher's will and tried to find his grave but didn't get that done.

According to records in Columbia, Mo. he is bur. in the family burial ground on his homeplace. They had records in the library, as to who now owned the land and it was truly something. In 1970, their latest map showed the original land of Jesse Copher was still in the Copher name.

I went out to the area and inquired and there had been 1 bro and 2 sisters living on the property. None had mar. and the bro. had died. The 2 sis. are in their 80's and

didn't feel they could manage the place alone
so had just moved to town. I talked
to them and that property had been in the
family for abt. 150 yrs. Very unusual.
They gave me the name of a cousin that
had inf. on the family and I'll try to write
him. They knew of a burial ground on
the place and told me who was bur. there
but didn't know of a Jesse Copher. I think
he's there alright but prob. no stone by this
time. Especially since the books say he's bur.
there.

There's a large bronze plaque in the lobby
of the Courthouse in Columbia with a list of
Rev. War. soldiers buried in the County.

Jesse's name is on that plaque.

Thanks again for all you've done. Must
write Lanna Cline to see if she learned anything
more. Bye for now.

Sincerely,
Elaine Dean

ms Richard Rust wants will of Edmund
Rayland + John Glynn

Henry Dooley

From James Smart ^{+ c} 1806 R.E

" Mecajah Clark 1813 14 1/2 a

To Thomas D Sudduth 1845 ent on R + P Est
of Obadiah Dooley - 32-247

Henry Dooley is of Schuyler County - looks
like Shippone sells his undivided interest
in the est of his father Obadiah Dooley
just died for Obadiah - wife is Anna
1799 - 1847 hrs on 47

Jeane
Copher 1806 - 1826 wife is Elizabeth
none in sp of Copher

Last deed 1826 made by Lyons

2 deeds for Garland and Bullock

To the death Dooley 1799 200 acres

G. B. for George Caldwell 1854 200 acres

wife Elizabeth formerly Bullock

No deed for John P Bullock

Deed Bb 19 P 33

1811 bet Mrs Bullock + Elizabeth for life

and John P Bullock 3 Ch Key 1 pt and Ephraim

Dooley of same for 2 convey to E. D

land in deed on Stone Oct 19 acres

Last deed

Loney had wife as shown in

index

no deed for Kelley or Martin

- William
- Josiah B
- Garland
- Nathanil
- James P
- Mered (wife J.P.)
- David P

- Alice
- David
- Susanna

July died 1826

John P Bullock + Polly Dowley Aug 11, 1814

Agnes Bullock + Boring died Dec 14, 1795

William Bullock

wife ^{separated} Betsey

a dead - money in Bullock

William Bullock

.B
d

Elizabeth

Issue

Agatha

John P

Minter

m Polly Dowley ~~settled~~ 1826

dauz Ephraim + Elizabeth Dowley

Ephraim Dowley killed in war 7/1812

wife - Elizabeth

1822

Issue 1. Polly m John P. Bullock

