

SAMPLE APPLICATION

Willis Floyd Cook Jr (Bill)

3500 Harding Close

Montgomery, Al. 36106

July, 8, 2014

Alabama Century & Heritage Farm Program

1445 Federal Drive

Montgomery, Alabama 36107-1123

To: Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is information relative to the Century and Heritage Farm Program .

The following is a summary of the ownership of the 262 acres of land currently owned by W.F. Cook Jr. (Bill) and his wife Marsha E. Cook located in Wilcox County Alabama near Camden in the community of Possum Bend. This property is part of the land purchased by Daniel Cook Sr. , my Great Great Grandfather in 1831 from the Land Office at Cahaba, Alabama's first Capitol.

Many of the facts and records of the history of the Cook family and the land they owned and farmed are documented in a book titled "The Book Of Cooks" written in 1978 by my Aunt Virginia Cook and Cousin Leacy Newell.

My farm is part of the land purchased by Daniel Cook Sr. as part of Land Patent No. 10030 on Nov. 14, 1831 from the Land Office at Cahaba . Our family still has several of the original land patent documents which were discovered by my father in an old trunk in the barn at Cook Hill next to the old homeplace .

When Daniel Cook Sr. died in 1878, part of his land and his home at Cook Hill, which he built from 1830-1839, were later inherited in 1899 by his son Daniel Cook Jr. who was my Great Grandfather.

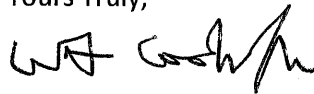
Daniel Cook Jr. , known to all the family as Papa, died in 1930 and his son Abe Crum Cook Sr., my Grandfather, inherited the Cook Hill Homeplace and surrounding 1,000 acre farm.

My Grandfather, Abe Cook Sr., died in 1958 and his widow, my Grandmother, Lallie Bragg Cook, died in 1973 which is the year that the property was divided among the four sons. My Father, Willis Floyd Cook Sr. inherited 226 acres of the original Daniel Cook property at this time.

My Father deeded me the 226 acres of land in 1991 and he died the next year in 1992. I was fortunate to be able to purchase an adjoining 36 more acres of the original Daniel Cook land in 2006 from Marion Cook Soderberg, my first cousin. All of the 1,000 acres of property owned by my Grandfather is still owned by different Cook first cousins of mine. Also the beautiful Cook Hill Homeplace built in 1830-39 is kept in immaculate condition by my first cousin, Sara Cook Blackwell, and her family .

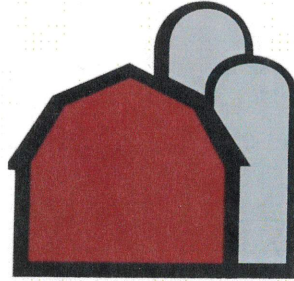
I feel so blessed to be able to own some of the very farmland that my ancestors since 1830 have worked so hard to purchase, maintain and farm over the past 184 years and my full intentions are to never let it leave our family in the generations to come.

Yours Truly,



W.F. Cook Jr (Bill)

Alabama Century



2014 OWNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Heritage Farm Program

Date: JUNE 19, 2014

County: WILCOX

Section I – Basic Information

Name: BILL AND MARSHA COOK

Farm Name: COOK TIMBER AND WILDLIFE FARM

Address: 3500 HARDING CLOSE
WONT GOMERY, AL. 36106

Telephone Number: 334 - 799 - 7493

E-mail: bcook@southernrowers.com

Current Acreage of Farm: 262 AC.

Location of Farm: POSSUM BEND, 7 mi WEST OF CAMDEN - Hwy. 10
(Example: Henry County, 6 miles SE of Abbeville, Hwy 95)

Township, Range & Section: TOWNSHIP 12, RANGE 7, SECTION 20, 29, + 30
(Available on Land Tax Assessment Records)

Year originally acquired by your ancestors: 1831

Section II - Current Use of Farmland

1. Crops or livestock produced on the farm today: PINE AND HARDWOOD
(Example: Cotton, Peanuts, Timber, Cattle, etc.)

Timber PRODUCTION AND WILDLIFE

2. Number of generations living on the farm today: FIVE

3. Name of individual operating the farm today and their relationship to the current owner:

SELF - BILL COOK (W.F. COOK JR.)

4. List of Structures over forty years old (houses, barns, outhouses, windmills, silos, etc.)
Please list approximate year each structure was built.

- 1. OLD TENANT HOUSE - BUILT LATE 1800's
- 2. CAMP COOK HUNTING CAMP - BUILT 1974
- 3. COOK HILL HOMEPLACE - 1830-39
- 4. OLD SMOKEHOUSE - COOK HILL - 1830's

PLEASE ENCLOSE PHOTOS OF STRUCTURES (On Photography Paper, processed at Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, etc.) Photos submitted will be kept on file at the Department of Agriculture & Industries for historical purposes & **WILL NOT** be returned. Please provide at least 2 photos (from different angles) of the exterior of each structure and a photo of the interior that reflects age of the structure. Use the sample application as a guide to explain details of each structure.

Section III- Current Ownership

Name of Current Owner & Spouse: W.F. JR. (Bill) AND MARSHA COOK

Address: 3500 HARDING CLOSE

MONTGOMERY, AL. 36106

Phone Number:

334-260-8500 HM.
334-799-7493 CELL

Year you acquired land:

1991

Your relationship to the original owner: DANIEL COOK SR. IS MY

GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER

Section IV - History of Owners

Original Landowner and/or Spouse: DANIEL AND MARTHA NORWOOD COOK

Date Acquired and Acreage: 5000 AC. FROM 1831 - 1871

Crops and Livestock produced: COTTON, CORN, HOGS, CATTLE

Other Information: DANIEL COOK SR. CAME TO WILCOX COUNTY, AL. FROM ANSON COUNTY NC, IN 1829 AND ACQUIRED OVER 6200 AC. OF FARMLAND IN WILCOX CO. DURING HIS LIFE. HE LATER MARRIED CAROLINE McMILLAN MURPHY. DANIEL SR. DIED IN 1878.

Next Owner of Land and/or Spouse: DANIEL JR. AND MITTIE CRUM COOK (SALLIE)

Relationship to Previous Owner: SON

Date Acquired and Acreage: 1899 - 2000 ACRES

Crops and Livestock produced: COTTON, CORN, HOGS, CATTLE

Other Information: DANIEL WAS BORN IN 1849 AND DIED IN 1930.

Next Owner of Land and/or Spouse: ABE CRUM COOK AND LALLIE BRAGG COOK

Relationship to Previous Owner: SON

Date Acquired and Acreage: 1930 - 1000 AC.

Crops and Livestock produced: COTTON, CORN, CATTLE, HOGS, TIMBER

Other Information: ABE WAS BORN IN 1886 AND DIED IN 1958 AND LALLIE WAS BORN IN 1891 AND DIED IN 1973

*If more than three previous owners exist, please attach corresponding information on additional sheets.

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Section IV - History of Owners CONTINUED

NEXT

Original Landowner and/or Spouse: WILLIS FLOYD SR. AND MILDRED LEWIS
RELATIONSHIP - SON OF ABE CRUM COOK COOK
Date Acquired and Acreage: 1973 - 226 ACRES

Crops and Livestock produced: TIMBER, CORN, WHEAT, MILLET, WILDLIFE

Other Information: FLOYD COOK WAS BORN IN 1921

AND DIED IN 1992. HE HAD A B.S. IN AGRICULTURE FROM
A.P.I. (NOW AUGUSTAN UNIV) LEFT COLLEGE TO JOIN MARINES
AND FOUGHT IN OKINAWA WITH 6TH MARINE DIV.

CURRENT
~~Next~~ Owner of Land and/or Spouse: (BILL)
WILLIS FLOYD COOK JR. AND MARSHA ELLIS
COOK

Relationship to Previous Owner: SON

Date Acquired and Acreage: 1991 - 262 ACRES

Crops and Livestock produced: PINE AND HARDWOOD TIMBER AND WILDLIFE

Other Information: OUR FAMILY RESIDES IN MONTGOMERY
AND WE TRAVEL TO POSSUM BEND REGULARLY TO MAINTAIN

THE FAMILY LAND AND SPEND MANY WEEKENDS THERE AT
CAMP COOK, OUR HUNTING CAMPHOUSE. WE PURCHASED
36 ADJOINING ACRES FROM A FIRST COUSIN.

Next Owner of Land and/or Spouse: _____

Relationship to Previous Owner: _____

Date Acquired and Acreage: _____

Crops and Livestock produced: _____

Other Information: _____

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#1. OLD TENANT HOUSE BUILT
LATE 1800'S - BILL COOK LAND





#2, CAMP COOK HUNTING
CAMPHOUSE BUILT BY
FLOYD COOK 1974





#3. COOK HILL HOME
BUILT 1830-39 BY
DANIEL COOK SR.





#4. OLD SMOKEHOUSE
BUILT NEXT TO COOK HILL
HOME IN 1830'S





ENTRANCE TO COOK HILL
OFF HIGHWAY 10 ON MY
FIRST COUSIN'S LAND.

COOK FAMILY
CEMETERY
NEXT TO
COOK HILL



02/09/2014



OLD FARM
IMPLEMENTS
ON BILL +
MARSHA'S FARM





COOK HILL BARNs BUILT
By DANIEL COOK 1800's





COOK HILL BARN AND
CORN CRIBS LATE 1800'S



ONE OF U.S. LAND PATENTS
PURCHASED BY DANIEL COOK SR

CERTIFICATE
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

(N^o 1033)
Whereas Daniel Cook of Wilcox County

has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at Cuba, Ga.

whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Daniel Cook according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April 1820 entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands for the first half of the lower east quarter of section twenty nine in Township twelve of Range seven in the District of lands subject to sale at Cuba, Ga., containing eighty acres and twenty seven and one half hundredths of an acre

according to the official plat of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said tract has been purchased by the said Daniel Cook.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in consideration of the Petitions, and in conformity with the several Acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, have given and granted, and by these Presents Do give and grant, unto the said Daniel Cook and to his heirs the said tract above described TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said Daniel Cook and to his heirs and assigns forever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Andrew Jackson, President of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made PATENT and the SEAL of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

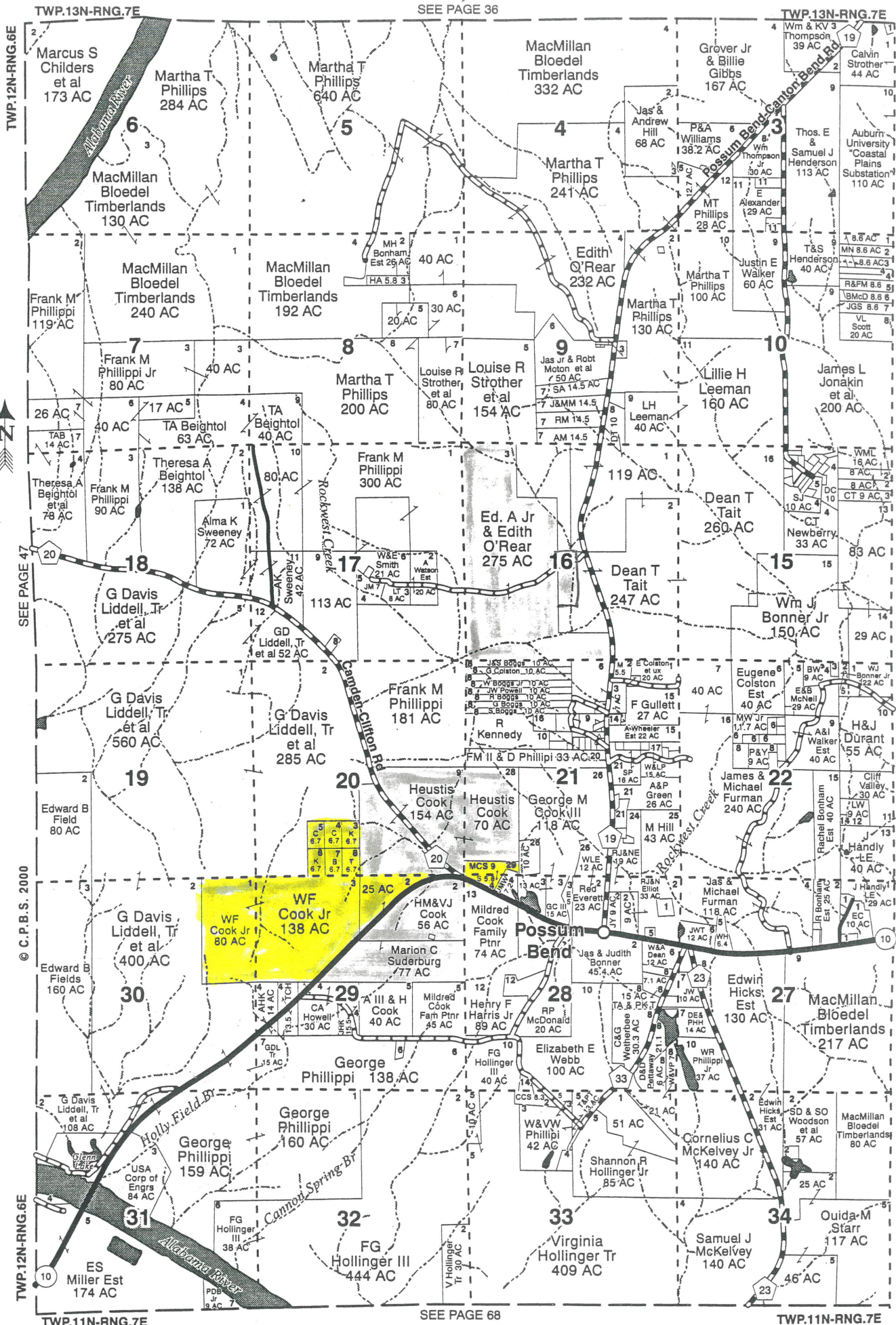
Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the fourth day of June in the year four hundred and thirty three, and of the Independence of the United States the fifty seventh.

BY THE PRESIDENT,
Andrew Jackson
Edmund Heyward, Commissioner of the General Land Office.

DAREO 1833
FOUND BY MY FATHER, FLOYD
COOK, IN OLD BARN - COOK HILL

DANIEL COOK'S LAND PATENTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT^{94A}

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>PAT.NO.</u>	<u>PARCEL OF LAND(All in T12,R7)</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
1831	5/21	7707	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29	160
	11/14	10029	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28	80
	11/14	10030	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29	80
	11/14	10031	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29	80
1832	10/22	13402	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29	40
	10/22	13403	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18	40
1833	1/15	14622	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29	80
	8/10	15529	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17	80
1834-	10/4	19509	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28	80
	12/29	21011	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17	80
	12/29	21012	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20	80
1835	5/14	22643	E $\frac{1}{2}$ pf NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30	80
	5/14	22644	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17	80
	5/14	22645	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20	160
	12/15	25915	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20	80
	12/15	25916	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28	40 80
	12/15	25917	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18	40
	12/22	26176	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28	80
	12/22	26177	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21	80
1836	1/6	26566	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29	40
	1/6	26567	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18	80
	5/5	29056	S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18	80
	9/5	31250	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21	80 80
1850		130358	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21	40 40
TOTAL ACRES IN PATENTS				2040



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