

Liber C
Septemb
10th 1667

Articles of mateship Between William Boyden in th^e province of Marieland planter of the one part and Walter Cooper of the same province and both inhabiting and living in Matawoman in Charles Countie witnesseth That th^e above specified parties William Boyden and Walter Cooper have Condiçoned and agreed to and with each other to live and inhabite with each other as joynt mates and parteners for the full time, and terme of Seaven yeares putting in and joyning both estates together that is to say lands cattell, hogges, household goods, and what debts they owe they are to be Satisfied th^e one as farre forth as th^e other, and as for th^e making of Bargaines they are not to do it without th^e Consent of each other untill th^e Seaven yeares be expired and fullie Compleated and it is further agreed on by both parties that if either partie be minded to marrie both parties are still to remaine joynt mates untill th^e full time of Seaven yeares are ended And at th^e end and expiraçon of seaven yeares the above Specified Walter Cooper doth acknowledg to pay unto th^e said William Boyden his heires Execut^{rs} or assigns th^e just Sum^e of fifteen Thousand pounds of good Sound merchantable tobaccoe, & caske to be paid at some Convenient place in Charles Countie, the which sum^e of tobaccoe is for halfe th^e Land of William Boydens which these parties William Boyden and Walter Cooper are now going to live on the Mateship beginning at this present tenth of September 1667, and at th^e end of the Seaven yeares the whole estate to be equallie divided between the said parties Signed Sealed and Delivered

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in the presence of us
Robert Robbins
Francis Adams

Will. Boyden ○
Walter Cooper ○
his marke W

John Boyden entereth th^e Marke for his hogges and Cattle as followeth viz^t Two Crops two overkeeles and two Slitts under each eare

Edmund Lambeth entereth th^e marke for his hogges and Cattle as followeth viz^t Cropt on the right eare and overkeeld and underkeel^d with a Slitt downe to th^e Barre on th^e left eare

Richard Jones entereth th^e marke of his hogges and Cattle as followeth viz^t Cropt and a hole on th^e left eare and a peice taken out next to th^e Root on th^e right

Gilbert Corner entereth th^e marke of his hogges and Cattle as followeth viz^t Cropt on both Eares and two Slitts in each Croppe and holed in each eare, and out of th^e foreside of th^e Right eare a peice taken out neare unto th^e roote of th^e same eare.

Gerrard Browne entereth th^e marke of his hogges and Cattle as followeth viz^t overkeel^d on th^e right Eare and Cropt in the left.

John Millar entereth th^e Marke of his hogges and Cattle as followeth viz^t Cropt on th^e right eare and 3 Slitts and two nicks in th^e Left eare over