

Papers contained among papers  
relating to administration the estate  
of Joseph Cooley.

The administration papers were  
granted to the widow of Joseph Cooley  
Sept. 12, 1826 by Judge William Smith  
of Clay Co. Missouri. The widow was  
Kaziah Cooley. A long inventory of  
property is made, containing 180 acres  
of land and much personal property.

Joseph Cooley died leaving eleven  
heirs and representatives, whose names  
and residence are as follows viz:—

Polly Mitchell, residing in Tennessee,  
John Cooley, Elizabeth White, Hannah  
Wilson, Evaline Cooley, Christopher  
Cooley, Casander Cooley, Harrison Cooley,  
Jackson Cooley, Franklin Cooley, Eli Cooley,  
residing in the State of Mo.  
(widow) Kaziah Cooley.

One sale of property was made to  
James & Evaline <sup>She married between</sup> Officers — <sup>years 1826 + 1830</sup>  
I presume this Evaline was the  
daughter & the one mentioned in the  
history of Clay Co. & above as daughter

One of the appraisers of estate  
was William White and I presume  
that he was the husband of Elizabeth.  
He is also mentioned as purchasing  
some of the personal property.

(I do not know who this  
William White was. I'm trying to  
find out. He was not a member  
of our great grand father Jeremiah  
White's family but may have been  
related.

A letter from Franklin  
Cooley to his brother Christopher Nov. 1  
1842, gave his brother the right to  
administrate his mother's estate  
who had died recently. Franklin at  
that time was living at Plattsburgh  
N.Y. Clinton Co. (~~Wm James Coffey~~  
also relinquished his claim to his  
brother and was living in Andrew  
G. Missouri). He also speaks in his  
letter to Harrison Cooley of other relatives  
in Davis Co. As you see they were  
becoming scattered at that time. 1842.

Several allowances were made  
one for 6 (six) dollars to Dr. May who  
was his doctor in his last illness  
& one for \$9 to Elisha Cameron  
probate judge. A complete  
list of sales of property with prices  
for each article is very interesting  
The implements & live stock brot  
about \$500.-

The personal property contained  
such things as, 1 side saddle, 1 lot of  
old jewels, smoothing irons, iron  
ovens, 2 pr. of gear, and live stock etc.  
(We would like to have some of  
these for relics wouldn't we? maybe  
the old jewels!

This William White whom I thought  
might have been Elizabeth's husband -  
may not have been. He was mentioned  
so often in all the transactions I  
thought he must be related. Now,  
any relative is prohibited by law  
from being an appraiser but at  
such an early time, things may  
have been different.