

John Walker Deed In the name of God amene. March the thirty
first day in the year of our Lord. Eighteen hundred. I John Walker
of Rockbridge County and State of Virginia being ~~aware~~ of body
but of sound mind. do make this my last will and testament first
it is my will and I order that all my just & Lawfull debts be faith-
fully discharged. and I hereby empower my executors to Collect all
debts due to me and as to what worldly estate it hath pleased god
to bless me with in this world. I will and bequeath in the following
manner. Viz I will and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Mary
Walker the third of my land with the profits arising from the same.
During her natural life. I like bequeath unto my said beloved wife ^{her} during
natural life. the Negro wench named Nance likewise the third of my
Stock. and the whole of the house hold and kitchen furniture to be at her
disposal.

disposal. ~~From~~ ^{It} is my will and I order that the remaining
part of my Land (after the above bequeathed to my wife) with the
profits arising from the same together with my Negroe fellow named
Catoe and the stock not before bequeathed my plantation and farming
interests, to be continued for the Term of Twelve years from my Decease
under the direction of my wife aided by the advice and Counsel of my
other Executors for the purpose of supporting and instructing my
Children in a decent and Christian like manner and Rearing the
young slaves belonging to my estate.

Item it is my will and I bequeath unto my four sons Alex-
ander, John, James, Joseph and William them their Heirs and assigns
forever the plantation that I now live on containing four hundred
acres to be equally divided between them that is each to have an

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profits arising from the same together with my Negroe fellow manured
babe and the stock now before bequeathed my plantation and farming
instruments, to be continued for the Term of Twelve years from my Death
under the direction of my wife aided by the advice and Counsel of my
other Executors for the purpose of supporting and instructing my
Children in a decent and Christian like manner and Rearing the
young slaves belonging to my estate

Item it is my will and I bequeath unto my four sons Alex-
ander, John, James, Joseph and William their Heir and assign
fences the plantation that I now live on containing four hundred
acres, to be equally divided between them that is each to have an
equal share in said plantation and its value but their Children

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to said land shall not interfere with it During the term of the
twelve years before mentioned, if any ^{of my} said sons should die before
they come to the age of twenty one years and without lawful
Issue, then their part in said land shall be equally divided
amongst their surviving brothers

Item I will and bequeath unto my three Daughters Lemmy,
Polly & Betsey a young Negroe to each, also a Decent horse and
saddle bed & furniture, and as for Cows house & kitchen furniture
I shall leave it to the discretion of my executor, to furnish each of them.

It is likewise my will and bequeath unto each of my said three
Daughters the sum of three hundred Dollars to be paid them by my
five sons each of said sons paying an equal part which I consider
them intitled to in lieu of their not having a part in my land
for which sum of three hundred Dollars to each I consider the Estates
of my sons liable, and requests my executor to see the

of my own lyable, and requests my executors to use their endeavours
to have it paid as soon as the Circumstances of the boys will admit
and the necessities of the girls Require, and if any of my said three
Daughters should die before they arrive at the age of twenty one and
without lawful issue then three three hundred Dollars apiece shall
be equally Divided amongst the surviving Sisters. Item I bequeath
unto my aged mother one hundred Dollars and it is likewise my
will and I order that the remainder of my estate after my debts
are paid (including the Sum that the woman named Anne
may have) be equally Divided amongst all my Children and I do
hereby Constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary Walker Capt
Alexander Walker and Alexander Walker Junr. sole executor
of this my last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

James

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Daughters should die before they arrive at the age of twenty one and
without lawful issue then three hundred Dollars aforesaid shall
be equally Divided amongst the surviving Sisters. Item I bequeath
unto my aged mother one hundred Dollars and it is likewise my
will and I order that the remainder of my estate after my debts
are paid (including the Sum that the wreck named France
may have) be equally Divided amongst all my Children and I do
hereby Constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary Walker Capt
Alexander Walker and Alexander Walker Junr. sole executor
of this my last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal the Day and year first above written

James

James

Wife

James

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signed & sealed in the presence of

John Walker

Wm. Kelso

John Stuart

Wm. Stuart

John Walker

Seal

At a Court held for the County of Rockbridge
Seventh of October 1800

This writing purporting the last will and Testa-
ment of John Walker Deceased was produced in Court by Mary Walker
and Alexander Walker Executors herein named and proved by the oath
of Wm. Kelso John Stuart and Wm. Stuart subscribing Witnesses
and ordered to be Recorded - And on motion of said Executors who made
oath according to Law to certify in granting them for obtaining Probate
Shewed in due form that

This writing purporting the last will and Testa-
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and Alexander Walker Executors herein named and proved by the oath
of Hugh Kelso John Stuart and Hugh Stuart subscribing Witnesses
and ordered to be Recorded - And on motion of said Executors who made
oath according to Law Testificate in granting them for obtaining Probate
thereof in due form they having with John Wray John Stuart Joseph
Walker Senr and Alexander Crawford their securities entered into and
acknowledged bond in the sum of \$5000 Conditioned according to
Law

Teste

A. Reid C.R.

amen from

The Overseers of the poor for Rockbridge County in conformity with