

Will
Robt. Stoops
In the name of God amen

on the twenty-sixth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven

I Robert Stoops of the County of Rockbridge and state of Virginia shoemaker being very sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto god

for the ^{calling} and to remind the mortality of the body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and Ordain this my last

will and testament - That is to say ^{first} ~~principally~~ and first of all I give

and recommend my soul unto the hands of god that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and

decent manner at the direction of executors nothing doubting but I

shall receive the same at the general resurrection by the mighty power of

god and as to such as

being interment it to the south to be buried in a Christian like and
decent manner at the discretion of executors nothing doubting but I
shall receive the same at the general resurrection by the mighty power of
god and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased god to
bless me with in this life I give & bequeath and dispose of the same in
manner and form following that is to say I will and
bequeath unto my beloved wife Rachel Stoops and her children by me that
is Thomas Stoops, Nancy & James Stoops and the child my wife is now
with the benediction with the benefits that may arise from it like
unto this my youngest child by her, to have it first and then to be sold
and the price given unto my wife during her natural life and the
rest to be equally divided among my children by her and after her

decease her part to be to my children by her at her decease and like-
wise I leave my wife Rachel Hoops and her children by me the house and
furniture clothing, bees in every respect with the whole of the grain and what
grain in the ground with three milk cows & the Horse to be for the use of
her and children, I also bequeath unto my sons David & John Hoops the sum of
five pounds each to be collected out of the price of my stock & farming uten-
sils and to my son Rob^t Hoops I give the sum of five pounds with
all my shoemaking tools the horse saddle and bridle in trust that
he sell him, further will that all my stock after the above division and
farming utensils to be sold to, certain my debts that is or may arise from
the necessary expenses of my funeral or otherwise and after the above
deductions of the overplus to be in the use of my wife & children by
her as she may think accounts to be partly Ballance and what may

therefore due to me to be for the use of my wife & children
her as a bene. Lastly I desire constitute and appoint my trusty and
lawful executors his father senior and John Walker senior to be the

executors of this my last will and testament and further I do

fully take renounce & disavow all former wills by me heretofore made

ratifying and confirming this only to be my last will and testament

in other In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

and seal this one and year first above written

signed sealed & attested for witnesses
in presence of the presence

Robert Stewart
James Hays
Robert Hays

Robert Stoop per Seal

Witnessed in presence of the third day of October 1797
the said last will and testament

...to be fully satisfied and well

...to be for the use of my wife & children by

her as a bond. Lastly I Owein constitute and appoint my trusty and

lawful attorney John Walker Seneca and John Walker Seneca to be they

of executor of this my last will and testament and further I do

fully make renounce & disavow all former wills by me heretofore made

and confirming this only to be my last will and testament

and no other In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

and seal this one and year first above written

by me unto the witnesses

and to be in the presence of

Robert Stewart

James Hays

Robert Hays

Robert Stoops Lewis

At a Court held for Kentucky County the third day of

James & John Walker Senior and John Walker Senior to be they

of this my last will and testament and further I do

fully take notice & disavow all former wills by me heretofore made

relating and concerning this only to be my last will and testament

and no other In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

and seal this 1st day of April 1799

Robert Stoope

James & John Walker

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Robert Stoope, Esq.

At a Court held for the County of the State of Virginia the 1st day of October 1799

James & John Walker the last will and testament of Robert Stoope

I John Walker Jun^r Executor therein named and proved by the oath of
 Robert Everett Lewis Hays & Robert Owen subscribing witnesses & ordered
 to be recorded the said Exec^r appeared & refused to undertake the burden
 thereof and on the motion of Rachel Hays widow of ^{said} decedent & John
 M. Brown who made oath according to law to certify its granted them for
 obtaining letters of administration of said decedent's estate with the will
 annexed Hays with John Walker & John Stuart their securities entered
 into and acknowledged said in the sum of two thousand dollars con-
 ditioned according to Law
 Dated 8th Feb^r 1860

In the name of God Amen