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In the name of God Amen. I Francis J. Walker of the County of Burke and State of Georgia, being in feeble health but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this, my Last Will and Testament, revoking all others. I desire all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. I direct my Executors hereinafter named, or their successors in the administration of my estate, to send to the Colony of Liberia, in Africa, at the expense of my estate, the following named slaves belonging to me; viz. - Louisa, (mulatto) and her children, Green, William, and Elizabeth; - Louisa (light negro) and her children, Catharine and Augustus, Sue and her son Harry; and Celia and her daughter Emily.

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I authorize my executors, in their discretion, to send to Liberia aforesaid any and all my slaves not above named, which authority I expect them to exercise, or not, as they may or may not, and to pay the balance of my estate to be sufficient for the provision hereinafter made for my children above named. But my desire is that their discretion in the premises shall not be controlled by any authority whatever.

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I authorize my executors, without any order from any Court to sell at public or private sale, for cash or on credit, in their discretion, any and all my property, real and personal; and any and all of my slaves, except those specially named above, which they may think it expedient to sell, in order to carry out my wishes in this will expressed.

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I direct my executors, or their successors in their administration, to invest the entire proceeds of my estate after the payment of my debts, and the expenses hereinbefore provided for in such manner as they may deem most advantageous, and to transfer the whole of it to the American Colonization Society, to be held by

I have first for the maintenance and support
of the children named in the second clause above
to wit, Grace, William, Elizabeth, Catherine, Augustus,
Harry and Emily and their descendants
I appoint my brother Moses Walker and my friend
Edmund B. Gresham, Executors of this my last will and
testament.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
seal, this sixteenth of May, Eighteen hundred fifty six.

Signed, sealed, published
and declared, by Francis
I Walker as his last will
and testament, in presence of
W. I. Owens
Saml. B. Clark
O. J. Murphy

F. I. Walker

Seal

Georgia
Burke County In open Court appeared Samuel B. Clark of the County
of Richmond State aforesaid one of the subscribing witnesses
of the last will and testament of Francis I Walker late
deceased of said County of Burke (hereto annexed) -
who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that he
saw said Francis I Walker sign, seal and declare the
annexed paper as Burke Co. GA Wills 1855-1858
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in presence of deponent & the other subscribing witnesses here-
inafter named - that he signed the same freely and
voluntarily - that at the time of signing the same said
Testator was of sound and disposing mind memory
and understanding - that deponent, together with William
I. Owens and Edmund J. Murphy signed said will and
testament as witnesses, in the presence of each other and
of said Testator at his special request and instance -
Sworn to & subscribed
in open Court

Saml B. Clark

This October 6th 1856.

Edward Garlock, C. C. C.

The Last Will & Testament of Francis I Walker late
deceased of Burke County having been produced in
open Court this day by Moses Walker one of the Executors
named therein & having been duly proven in open Court
by the Affidavit of Samuel B. Clark one of the subscribing
witnesses - it is ordered that said Will and testament be
and it is hereby admitted to probate, filed in this
Office and recorded That letters testamentary do issue in
terms of the law to Moses Walker and Edmund B. Gresham
the Executors named therein upon taking the usual oath. And that
a warrant of appraisement do issue to William W. Hughes, John
Owen, John Scott, Charles J. Hughes, and Soliver Dillard, Jr. to
ascertain the value of the estate of said deceased in terms of the Law