

In the name of God Amen. I Andrew Waltham, of the State of Georgia and County of Liberty, planter, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, calling to mind the mortality of my body, knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, but after this the judgment; do therefore make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following: — First, and principally, I commit and commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, who first gave it unto me, humbly and earnestly imploring him, of his infinite goodness and mercy, for the same, and through the merits and prevailing intercession, of a once crucified but now ascended Saviour, freely to forgive and pardon all my sins, hoping for the reunion of soul and body at the great resurrection day. And as for such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and bequeath them as is herein after specified.

Item 1. I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Waltham, and to her heirs forever, all that part of my estate (of what nature or kind soever the same may be) that she was possessed of at the time of my intermarriage with her; also my riding carriage, and the horses belonging thereto. Item 2. After the payment of all my just debts (which are both few and small) and after the payment of such legacies or sums of money, as are in this instrument directed to be made, and not previously paid; I do give unto my said wife Elizabeth Waltham for and during the term of her natural life, the following fourteen negro slaves, who are to be fed and clothed at her expense; namely, Charles, Sally, Bopatch, Nelly, Jim, Lydia, Ben, George, Phebe, Little Clarissa, Little Jenny, Matilda, Begg, Nancy and Leech, which said negro slaves shall not, at any time, or in any manner, be subject to the debts that may be contracted by my said wife, or by any other person for her. My said wife shall be entitled to all the profits arising from the labour of said slaves, and shall be exempted from the payment of all State and County taxes that may be due on them. And I do hereby direct my executors hereinafter named, to pay such taxes out of the profits or proceeds of that part of my estate which shall, in a future item of this instrument, be bequeathed, jointly, to my son George W. Waltham, and to the issue of my daughter Sarah Ann Mc Connell. It is hereby directed, that the negro slaves afore named shall be kept within the limits of Liberty County, and that they shall not be removed therefrom without the consent and approbation of the executors of this my last will and testament; who are hereby fully authorized, at all times, to have control over this part of my estate, during the natural life of my said wife, so far, at least, as to have the power of sanctioning or disallowing the choice or appointment of an overseer or manager of said slaves, and of continuing or discontinuing his services, as for them shall appear just and reasonable. After the decease of my said wife, the slaves afore named, together with the future issue of the females, shall be disposed of in like manner with such part of my estate as is bequeathed jointly, and not separately, to my son, and to the issue of my daughter. (See Item the eleventh)

Item 3. My said wife shall have the privilege if she shall think proper to exercise of cultivating, separately, as much of my land as shall be requisite for the slaves herein appointed to her, free from rent, and from every other charge.

Item 4. I also give and bequeath unto my said wife, during her widowhood, my dwelling house on the Sandhills, and one half of the household and kitchen furniture belonging thereto, but under this exception condition, that my child or children shall, at no time, be made chargeable for board, whilst residing with her; but said child or children shall bear an equal proportion of house expenses. Said house and premises, at the decease or marriage again, of my said wife, as the case may be, shall revert to and become a part of my real and personal estate, and shall be held by my son and my daughter as joint tenants for life.

Item 5. And I do further give and bequeath unto my said wife, in lieu of her dower, the sum of twelve hundred dollars, to be paid by my executor from funded stock, or in any other way, out of money arising from my estate, that to them shall appear most convenient.

Item 6. To my son George W. Waltham, and to his heirs forever, I give and bequeath the following

negro slaves, and the future issue of the females; namely Hector, Calie, Carpenter Jack, boy Abram and girl Jane; also my plantation, and all the lands, cleared and uncleared, attached thereto, on the North side of the Swamp, down to John Way's upper or head line. I also give unto my said son, and to his heirs forever, fifteen slaves in the Planters Bank of the State of Georgia, one half of my ready money, and one half of all my evidences of debt.

Item 7. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Ann Mc Connell, and to her heirs forever, the following negro slaves, together with the future issue of the females; namely, Murriah, Kate, Calie, Moses and — and also fifteen slaves in the Planters Bank of the State of Georgia.

Item 8. I give and bequeath to Mr. Joseph Way, and to his heirs forever, the lot of land on the Sand hill on which he now resides, containing about five acres.

Item 9. As a token of my regard for my negro man Hector, who has faithfully served me for many years in the capacity of a driver, I give and bequeath unto him the sum of one hundred dollars.

Item 10. It is my will, that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated by my executors to such charitable purposes as in their discretion they shall think most advisable. They may, if they think proper divide this sum into different parcels, and pay them at different periods; or they may, if they think best, pay the whole at once. They will probably find sufficient funds belonging to my estate, to be thus applied as soon as they shall qualify.

Item 11. One half of the remainder of my real and personal estate, I give and bequeath to my son George W. Walther, and to his heirs forever, and the other half I give and bequeath to the child or children of my daughter Sarah Ann Mc Connell, and to the surviving of them, should any die during their minority; my said daughter to have the use of the same during her natural life. This property shall not, at any time, not in any manner, be subject to the debt of her present or any future husband, whether the same may have been contracted previously or subsequently to the date of this my last will and testament. Nor shall any division of ~~the~~ property mentioned in this item be made between my said son and the issue of my said daughter, until my said son shall alter his condition by marriage, but the profits of this part of my estate shall, in the mean time, be equally divided between my said son and daughter.

Lastly, I make, ordain, constitute and appoint my friends, Major John Stevens, Thomas Mallard, Thomas Bacon and Thomas Luernterman, with my son George W. Walther, the executors of this my last will and testament; and I do hereby direct, that at the decease of any of them my executors, the survivors shall appoint another, so as to keep up the number of five executors, so long as any part of the real or personal estate mentioned in this instrument shall be considered as belonging to my estate. And I do hereby enjoin it on my said executors, as my dying request, that they carry this instrument into effect, agreeably to the tenor, true intent, meaning and construction of the same. And I do hereby utterly revoke and disavow all other wills and testaments by me at any time heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last and only last will and testament. — In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my seal, this twenty sixth day of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty two.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Andrew Walther to be his last will and testament, in presence of us, who, at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

And W. Walther, 

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Wm. Wilson
Thos. Bacon J. H.
Thos. Mallard J. H.

State of Georgia

Liberty County

William Wilson, being duly sworn, deposes and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the within last will & testament of Andrew Walthour deceased, that he saw it duly executed by the said testator in the presence of Thomas Bacon and Thomas Mallard, the other two subscribing witnesses, and that the said testator appeared at the time to be in his perfect senses.

Sworn to before us, this 4th October 1824.

Wm. Wilson

Saml. Karswell J.P.

Jos. S. Bradwell J.P.

John Dunwoody J.P.

Thos. Mallard J.P.

Admitted to record 3^d January 1825.

Recorded 13th January 1825

E. Baker Clerk

You, Joseph Phogreaves, Benj. Moll Sen. & Wm. Roberts, do swear, that you will make a just and true appraisement and inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of Andrew Walthour Esq. late of Liberty County, deceased as shall be produced and shewn to you by the executor of the last will & testament of the said deceased, or by any one of them, and that you will return the same, certified under your hands, to the said executor, or any one of them, within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn before me, this 1st February 1825

Thomas Mallard J.P.

Jo. Phogreaves

Benj. Moll Sen.

Wm. Roberts

An Inventory and appraisement of the goods and chattels of Andrew Walthour as shewn to us by the executor. 1st February 1825.

Lot of trays, washing & crockery	15.00	Amount brought forward	37 37.00
1st china & glass ware	25.00	Harriet \$200. Prime \$150	350.00
1st drawers, sewing & side board	30.00	Titus \$30. Lindy \$350	400.00
Sophy, 4 tables & 8 chairs	35.00	Lena \$350. Lindy Rose \$300	650.00
5 Bedsteads, 2 mattresses, 4 beds	71.00	Child Lydia \$50. Green \$350	400.00
1 Bay Chair & furniture	5.00	Arthur \$250. Amosette \$200	450.00
5 Trunks, \$5. 3 Carpets 25.00	30.00	Orkin \$150. Leclandy \$200	350.00
Chests, Blankets, window curtains	31.00	Tony \$200. Mitty \$100	300.00
1st books	25.00	Jerry Rose \$100. Jerry \$200	300.00
1 Pr. Hill glass	10.00	Boyer \$325. Bep \$300	625.00
1 Clock 15.00. Pictures 10.00	25.00	Milly \$300. Prince \$75	375.00
1 Gun \$3. 4 plated candlesticks, \$5	8.00	Peggy \$50. L. Lindy \$300	350.00
1 Grindstone	8.00	R. Clarissa \$275. Betty \$125	400.00
1 Carriage & horses	400.00	Bob \$200. Sue \$275	475.00
Jim \$250. Lydia 150. Clarinda 150	550.00	Bella \$300. Louisa \$50	350.00
B. Nancy \$250. Sue \$350	600.00	Leboy \$50. Rachel \$300	350.00
Luck \$250. Jack \$500	750.00	Ned \$175. Abram \$125	300.00
Lucet \$250. L. Nancy \$150	400.00	Don \$100. L. Leboy \$225	325.00
Leah \$100. Sally \$300	400.00	Ellie \$50. Daniel \$175	225.00
Sam \$100. Sophy \$75	175.00	Shadrach \$200. Richard \$75	275.00
William \$50. Nat \$75	150.00	Hector \$400. Helen \$150. Sally 300. Mitty \$150	1000.00
Brought forward	\$3737.00	Brought forward	\$11987.00

Amount brought forward \$1987.00

Becky \$125. Samuel \$100	225.00
Martha \$75. Grace \$50	125.00
L. Clarke \$200. Mariah \$100	300.00
Titus \$100. Ben \$50	150.00
George \$350. Amos \$350	700.00
Pheli \$200. Rosanna \$175	375.00
L. Jenny \$175. Joe \$150	325.00
J. Rose \$75. Kate \$100. Eliza \$200	375.00
Rachel \$200. Sandy \$350	550.00
Minda \$300. Rose \$50	350.00
Tom \$200. J. Jenny \$250	450.00
Peter \$75. Embrage \$250	325.00
H. Jenny \$150. Doll \$300	450.00
Mary \$100. Lyman \$75	175.00
Phillis \$225. Abram \$200	425.00
Ben \$250. Simon \$200	450.00
Simon \$300. L. Clarke \$275	575.00
Mary \$150. Linn \$150	300.00
Patch \$250. Lilla \$250	500.00
Carried forward	\$19612.50

Amount brought forward \$19612.50

June \$200. Simon \$100	300.00
Lenny \$100. Mary \$25	125.00
D. Clarke \$150. John \$350	500.00
Jackmaney \$150. Primus \$150	300.00
Kate \$200. Charlotte \$250	450.00
Moses \$200. Leah \$300	500.00
Charles \$350	350.00
2 Wagon horses \$10 & \$35	45.00
2 Wagons \$40. 7 Ploughs \$15	95.00
400 Head cattle	2000.00
1 Old gig \$5. 2 guns \$17	22.00
3 Pt. mill stumps	3.00
1 Whipsaw \$10. 1 whip, & 1 crosscut saw \$10	20.00
3 Hogs \$1.25. 8 Head sheep \$16	16.00
1 Saddle & bridle \$3. 3 Head hogs \$4	17.00
Wind fan \$12. 11 guns \$77	89.00
1 Ox cart \$5. 4 Rice mills \$4	21.00
2 Iron wedges \$1.50. 2 Ox chains \$4	7.50
1 Grindstone \$1.50. 1 Watch \$3	4.50
30 Shares in the Planters Bank	\$2458.60

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 Jo Harpman
 Benj. Mill Jan
 Wm. Roberts
 Recorded 21st March 1825
 E. Baker Clerk

Yours, James Leung, Edw. M. Lail and William H. Martin, do swear, that you will make a just and true appraisement and inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of John M. Oregon, late of Liberty County deceased, as shall be produced and shown to you by Mary Oregon, administratrix of said deceased, and that you will return the same attested under your hands, to the said Mary Oregon within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn before me this 30th October 1824
 Lamb. Harville J. C. C.

James Leung
 William H. Martin
 Edw. M. Lail

Georgia
 Liberty County } Inventory and appraisement of the goods and chattels, rights and credits of and belonging to the estate of John M. Oregon, decd. as shown unto us by Mary Oregon, admx. for said estate.

1 One bay horse at eighty dollars	80.00
1 One old horse at ten dollars	10.00
2 Saddles seventy five cents	75
13 Thirteen head of stock cattle at \$5 per head	65.00
7 Seven head of sheep at \$2 per head	14.00
6 Six head of meat hogs at \$3 per head	18.00
7 Seven cows and pigs twenty one dollars	21.00
15 Thirteen shorts, or yearling hogs, \$14.50	19.50
Carried forward	\$228.25

Amount brought forward	228.25
1 One cart fifteen dollars	15.00
1 One old wagon eight dollars	8.00
Timber for cart wheels two dollars	2.00
1 Shovel plough, center plough, two weeding hoes, one axe, one hatchet & hammer \$7	7.00
500 Fifty bushels of Indian corn and	5.00
Up hundred wt. of blades	5.00
Carried forward	\$311.25