

Georgia Taylor County

In person appeared before me John Sturdevant a Justice of the Peace for said county, John B. Wright John M. Thompson and James Thompson, who being duly sworn say that the foregoing paper contains the last wishes and verbal dispositions of the personal property of Thomas A. Dodge, late of said County deceased and is just and true in all its points.

Given to and subscribed before me
 This September 5th 1838

John Sturdevant, J.P.

James Thompson
 John B. Wright
 John M. Thompson

State of Georgia In the name of God Amen

Talbot County } I Person Walker of said State and County being of advanced age & knowing that I must shortly depart this life desire to set out and dispose both as respects my family and my self that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind providence has blessed me so that I may make the my last will and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me. Imprimis. I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christianlike manner suitable to my circumstances and condition in life My soul shall I trust return to God who gave it as I hope for eternal salvation through the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord & saviour Jesus Christ Whose religion I have professed and as I humbly trust enjoyed for many years.

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I desire and direct that all my just debt be paid with as little delay as possible by my executors herein after appointed or I am unwilling my Creditors should be delayed in their rights. I desire. I desire and direct that my beloved wife Hannah Walker shall keep my property all together untill my son George Washington Walker shall arrive at the age of twenty one years or marry; my said wife having the power at her discretion to lend to such of my children as shall marry before said George Washington arrives at the age of twenty one years or marries such negro or negroes as she shall deem proper and when said George Washington arrives at the age of twenty one or marries I desire and direct that all the negroes belonging to my estate including such as have been and may be lent to my children be brought together and a division to be made in the most equitable manner among to each of my children the same number, said negroes to be divided into equal portions or lots and to be drawn for by my said children. I desire and direct that my beloved wife Hannah Walker if she survives shall distribute the same as she shall see fit.

I bequeath and subject to her controls alone during her widowhood a life ten-
 such also this is to have five hundred Acres of Land including the house site
 or residence where ever she shall select the same and she is to have all the
 house hold and kitchen furniture, & so much of the stock including
 horses hogs Cows &c. which she shall need, of which she is to be the judge
 and she has double the said seven negroes she shall select and these in
 means and the said five hundred Acres of land together with the furniture
 shown above and stock are to be equally divided among my children
 here named to wit: Freeman Walker Nancy Gaddy (wife of Elias Gaddy)
 Persons Walker of Warren County) Amanda Carothers Captain Laurence
 Walker Elizabeth Walker Mary Walker William Walker George Andrew
 Tom Walker and Philip Walker

I decree I desire and direct that the property given by me in this will
 & that to come from wife at her death, to my daughters, shall go to and
 rest in my said daughters and the children of their bodies and that I condemn
 her for their own benefit & use; and that the same is not to go to or belong in
 any manner to the husbands of those already married, nor in the husbands of
 such of my daughters as shall hereafter marry, such of my said daughters or
 any or either of theirs shall die without issue then the property given to
 such as so die without issue is not either in whole or in part to rest
 in their husband or husbands but shall revert back to my other children
 then in life or their children if the mother be dead leaving children
 to be equally divided among them, and the use or income only of
 the property of my daughter is to be at the disposal of the husband
 for the benefit of the family

I decree I desire and direct that all the money arising from
 the sale of Crops of cotton & corn and whatsoever may be properly
 raised and sold beyond what is required to support my family & maintain
 my children in a proper manner payable to their Creditors in life
 be lent at lawful interest in to good hands with security till the
 divorce shall take place.

I decree I desire and direct that my beloved wife Hannah
 Walker shall dispose of all the money arising from sale of Crops
 after she shall let her seven negroes as she desires & may think
 best so that if misfortune shall be the lot of any of my said children
 she may be the better able to aid and assist said child.

I decree I desire and direct in the event of my beloved wife
 marrying that she shall not take the negroes and land & furniture
 the same above pointed out but that an equal division of the same
 on whom shall take place and that she shall take a child from

I decree I desire and direct that all my lands lying in Warren County
 and in the Counties of Lee & Randolph North Carolina and in the State of
 where I may now be, at any shall be sold in the County
 where they lie to the highest bidder upon three years term
 in arrears not less and of equal value.

I desire I desire and direct that the stock left after my said wife shall take out what she needs be sold at public outcry & that the proceeds be equally divided among my children living at the time or their representatives if they shall be dead.

I desire I bequeath to my three grand children to wit Pearson Williamson Millican, Allen Williamson and Gary William son of Allen Walker deceased, my son, the sum of five hundred dollars each said money to be placed in the possession of my sons Laurence Walker and Freeman Walker at the time of the decease of my property aforesaid and by them to be lent at lawful interest annually, till said grand children respectively become twenty one years of age and then the principle and the interest of said sums of money is by said said Laurence & the said Freeman to be paid to said grand children respectively; and the said Laurence & Freeman are to give security for the payment of the same at the time the same is due.

I desire I desire and direct that two hundred dollars and more if necessary be set apart and appropriated to the building a stone wall enclosing around the graves of my two children already buried & to make a place large enough for the graves of all the members of my family to be protected from the rain by a shingle roof.

I desire I desire and direct that my said sons Freeman Walker and Laurence Walker & Allen & Oliver be my Executors - hereby requesting and desiring that they do by said power in all the transactions pertaining to my estate where the services of an attorney are required and to pay him a fair compensation for the same from the proceeds of the estate.

Pearson Walker

I signed said will & testament aforesaid by former will & testament well and testament in the presence of us, the subscribers, who subscribe our names here to in attestation of said testament (at his official station and request) and of each other this March 16th 1880

Samuel M. Busham

William J. H. White

Richard B. Buckner

Georgia } Before me John Stewardson Ordinary of said
Fayette County } County having in person Freeman Walker
& Laurence Walker Executors of the last will and testament
of Pearson Walker deceased late of said County and after
the Attorney to said Will Samuel M. Busham William J. H.
White & Richard B. Buckner who being duly sworn depose
and swear that they saw the said Pearson Walker & others
and publish and declare the said instrument as his
last will and testament voluntarily and freely without
compulsion and that they signed said Will as Witnesses
in the presence of said Pearson Walker and each other.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th
day of June 1854
John Stewart
Ordinary
of said County of Taylor

Samlr W. Durbane
William F. McWhorter
Richard B. Newkirk

Georgia } Court of Ordinary June term 1854
Taylor County } The within last will and testament of
Pearson Walker does being duly read & proven
in open Court by the Oaths of the subscribing Witnesses it
is ordered that the same be admitted to record

John Stewart
Ordinary

Recorded this 10th day of June 1854

John Stewart
Ordinary