

I, John Walker, of perfect mind and memory, thank
be given to God for the same, do make and ordain this my last
will and Testament, dated this seventh day of January 1826,
First. I recommend my body to be buried in decent Christian
burial, and my soul to Almighty God who gave it, and as
for what worldly goods, it has been God's will to bestow upon
I leave in the following manner,
First. I leave and bequeath to my wife Mary Walker, during her
natural life, the house and plantation whereon I now reside
with the lands on the side of the main road where the house
stands, also the following negroes, George, Phoebe, Amy, Harriet,
and Dick; and at her death equally to be divided between my
five children Mary, Herring and the heirs of her body, also Thomas
Walker, Sarah Walker, John Walker, and Joel Walker,
Second. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary, Herring and the
heirs of her body, the following negroes, Maria, Boying, Peggy &
Matty; having given her some property before is the reason there
not left as many negroes as the rest of my children
Third. I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Walker, three
hundred acres of land, adjoining the lands of Samuel Herring
and Daniel Bordeaux; land, also the following negro slaves,
Leah, Jafe, London, Peter, and Hagar,
Fourth. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Walker, a lot
of about an acre more or less, on the east side of Long Creek, ad-
joining Long Creek Bridge, also the following negro slaves,
Hannah, Polly, Rose, Charles, Joe and Betty,
Fifth. I give and bequeath unto my son John Walker, three hun-
dred acres of land on Bridge Branch adjoining the lands of
James Rod and William Brown, also two hundred acres on
the head of Cypress, joining the lands of Mr. Atkins, also the
following negro slaves, Peter, Lucy, Cesar, Frederick, & Bill,
also my horse and hunting gun,
Sixth. I give and bequeath unto my son Joel Walker the plan-
tation whereon I now live, after his mother's death, with all
my lands from the branches called the Three Sisters down to
the Maple line down below Jumping Run, or in other words
to say all my lands not heretofore mentioned, also the following
negro slaves, July, Hopsy, Lou, Adeline and Jack, also my
small shot gun,
Seventh. I also give a bed and the furniture thereto belonging to my
wife Mary, and one to each of my children hereafter named
Thomas, Sarah, John and Joel,
The rest of my negroes not heretofore named, I leave at my
decease to be equally divided between my five children, Mary
and the heirs of her body as one, Thomas, Sarah, John & Joel

My desire and will is that if Sarah should die without heirs of her body, that the property heretofore given her, should be equally divided between her brothers and sisters; the residue of my perishable property I leave to be sold, and after my debts are paid, the residue to be equally divided between any five children or their legal representatives.

It is my will that my Executors hereafter named, shall have the management of Thomas Walker's property, so that he may not sell it, without their consent; but that the said Thomas may have the management thereof.

I leave to this my last Will and Testament, as Executors thereto, my worthy friend James Simpson, my sons John and Joel Walker, hoping they may execute the same accordingly.

Signed, sealed and delivered as my last Will and Testament, in presence of

John Walker, Senr

Charles J. Miller,
W. H. Davis
Jno Bunting

State of North Carolina } County Court
New Hanover County } December Term 1823

The within Will was exhibited in open Court and proved by the oath of Charles Miller, one of the subscribing witnesses, and ordered to be filed, at the same time James Simpson and John R. Walker, qualified as Executors thereto.

Witness Thos. H. Davis. Clk.