

State of North Carolina
County of New Hanover

In contemplation of the present unhappy and disturbed condition of the country, and looking to the probability of an invasion of this portion of the country, in which I reside, and knowing the uncertainty of human life in times of invasion and war and civil strife, I, Thomas Davis Walker of the Town of Wilmington in the County and State aforesaid, do hereby ordain and declare this to be my last will and testament.

First: I give and bequeath to my son Platt Dickinson, my gold watch which I have always worn.

Secondly: I devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Vance all of my entire estate of whatever kind or nature, whether real, personal or mixed, entertaining the most implicit confidence that she will dispose of it in the manner best adapted to promote the interest of herself and my children, subject only to the above bequest to my son Platt Dickinson.

Thirdly: I desire that my wife shall see that my just debts are provided for, & hereby appoint her my Executrix.

In testimony of the foregoing, I do hereby set my hand and seal this thirtieth (30th) day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and sixty one, intending to place this instrument of writing amongst my valuable papers, or in the hands of some person for safe keeping, according as I may think that circumstances may require to secure its preservation, desiring and intending and declaring that it is to be recognised and taken to be, as I do hereby again declare it to be, my last will and testament.

Thomas Davis Walker (Seal)

Codicil.

Since the above was written my father's death has taken place which entitles me to other property. This also, it is my will, shall go to my wife Mary Vance in the same way as that deposed & bequeathed in my will as above.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand & seal this 30th day of April 1862.

Thomas Davis Walker (Seal)

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court, Septemr. Term, 1865.
This paper writing, without subscribing witnesses, purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas Davis Walker deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court by Mary Vance Walker, the Executrix therein named: and it is thereupon proved.

Drane and James G. Green, that the said will was found among the valuable papers of the said Thomas Davis Walker after his death; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses, to wit Henry M. Drane, James G. Green and Stephen D. Wallace that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said Thomas Davis Walker, having often seen him write, and verily believe that the name of the said Thomas Davis Walker, subscribed to the said will, and the said will itself, and every part thereof, are in the handwriting of the said Thomas Davis Walker. And it is further proved by the evidence of the three last mentioned witnesses that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintances of the said Thomas Davis Walker. It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said Thomas D. Walker, and sufficient to convey his property, both real and personal, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. At the same time Mary Vance Walker the Executrix named therein appeared in open Court, and was duly qualified as such according to law.

Jest. Wood, Clerk.

State of North Carolina
Brunswick County

Know all men by these presents, that I Robert J. Brown of the Town of Wilmington, County of New Hanover, State aforesaid, being in right mind and fully aware of the uncertainty of life. Do make this my last will and testament, hereby cancelling and revoking all former wills or wills which may have been made by me.

First. I direct that all my funeral expenses and that all lawful debts due by me, shall be paid by my Executors, to be hereinafter named.

Second. I hereby give and bequeath to my daughter Athalia, wife of John E. Lippitt, a brindle cow & calf, also an eight day clock, formerly the property of her mother.

Third. I hereby give and bequeath to my daughter Augusta W. Taylor, wife of Matthew P. Taylor, a chestnut horse, called Bob, with the Rockaway and Buggy, together with the harness belonging to each vehicle.

Fourth. I hereby give & bequeath to my daughter Columbia Brown, the rosewood Piano & stools belonging to it.

Fifth. I hereby give & bequeath to my son James M. Brown my gold hunting watch and chain, all boats, guns