

North Carolina, Surry County, March <sup>any</sup> the year of our Lord God  
 1786. I Robert Walker of the County of Surry and Town of Bechtelme  
 do hereby in the name of God am, constitute make and ordain this to  
 be my last will and testament. — First off all and order that  
 my body be buried decently at the discretion of my Executors, and that  
 all my lawful debts and funeral charges be paid. I do hereby  
 will and order that my wife Mary Walker and my son Robert  
 Walker and my kinsly friend Col. Martin Armstrong to be appoint  
 ed the executors of this my last will & testament.

I do hereby will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary  
 Walker the thirds of all my moveable estate, as also all the negroes  
 so long as she lives in widow hood after my death, only the negro  
 Phillis shall be sold or hired, and Rose shall remain with her  
 mistress so long as the negro Rose lives. — I also will and  
 order that my wife shall have the raising of her children and  
 that she raise them at the whole expence of the estate. I allow  
 my wife any one of the plantations I own, that she chooses, untill  
 all of the children come of age, as also the still the utensils of  
 husbandry, two Negroes, four hives and bees, her bed and bedding and  
 chest of drawing, her tea ware and kitchen furniture, and all the  
 negroes till the children come of age; but that an inventory be  
 taken of the whole and valued and if that my widow marries then  
 she shall have the thirds only and the Court shall chuse guardians  
 for the children. As also I will to my wife her mare and saddle  
 and the thirds of all the moneys in hand and the thirds of all on  
 the books. — I do also three hundred acres of land on the East  
 side of the River Tarboro. I do hereby give and bequeath unto  
 my son James five hundred acres of land on the East side

of the River Tennessee as also three hundred acres on Duck River out of  
the 180 hundred tract, and my Horse and saddle and value and fifty  
pounds in money when he comes of age. I do also allow that he shall  
be well learned in English Arithmetic and astronomy and Latin, at the  
expense of the whole estate. I also will and bequeath unto my son  
David three hundred acres of land on Duck River of the aforesaid tract  
as also five hundred acres on the West side of the Tennessee River and  
also five hundred acres on the East side of the Tennessee to him and  
their heirs forever, to have and to hold, as also to David Scull I ordain  
that he shall have when he shall be of age a horse & saddle of the value  
of twenty five pounds and five pounds for to buy him a watch, my  
beckles and hat and that my apparel & books be divided at the  
direction of my wife, and that David shall have learning equally  
as high as James, as also I will and order that David shall have a  
negro bought equally good value to Peter if there be not any in my  
possession at my death. I do further will and bequeath to my daughter  
Polly, born by the last wife, the negro child named Jerry, as also  
twenty five pounds in money when she is of age, as also a Horse and  
saddle valued to twenty five pounds, a cow & calf, a bed & bedding  
and chest of drawing. And to my daughter Nancy, by the last wife, I  
give and bequeath the negro child Mann, and a horse and saddle, a cow  
& calf, a bed & bedding, a chest of drawing and twenty five pounds  
in money and good learning to both, and if ever both of them marry  
contrary to their Mother's will & consent, they shall forfeit the one  
half of their portion and their mother or their guardians shall dispose of  
it to any of their brethren as among good to them. I do hereby  
will and bequeath unto my son Robert Walter three hundred  
acres of land on Duck River out of the 180 acre tract and five  
shillings in money to him and his heirs to have & to hold forever.  
My also to his son Robert Walter I give & bequeath three  
hundred

109  
hundred acres out of the aforesaid tract to him & his heirs for ever  
as also fifty pounds in money to be wholly expended on him in  
learning from time to time as need requires: As also I give &  
bequeath unto Robert Walker the son of my son William  
Walker, to him I give and bequeath three hundred acres of land  
on the west side of the Tennessee River, as also twenty five  
pounds in money, to be expended on him in learning as his  
and requiring, the said lands to have & to hold for ever, him,  
and his heirs. — As also I do hereby give & bequeath unto  
a son of my son John Walker of so be that he has a son called  
Robert Walker to him I give and bequeath two hundred acres of  
land on the west side of the Tennessee, as also I give and  
bequeath unto Robert Wright, my grand son, son of Selley Wright  
to him I give and bequeath two hundred acres of land on the  
East side of the Tennessee, to him and to his heirs and his heirs.  
As also I will and bequeath unto Mary Miller the daughter  
of Henry Miller two hundred acres of land on the west side of  
the Tennessee to her and her small heirs forever, to have & to hold.  
I do hereby will and bequeath unto my son William Walker five  
shillings. — As also unto my son John Walker I will and  
bequeath five shillings. — And to my daughter Elizabeth  
Miller and also unto Mary Wright my daughter I will  
and bequeath to each of them five shillings and asset of mourning  
in value equal to three pounds to each of them: as also to Mary  
Walker I give and bequeath five shillings and asset of mourning  
of equal value as aforesaid. And to Hannah Walker I give and  
bequeath five shillings in money and asset of mourning equal  
value as aforesaid. I further do will & bequeath unto my two

young daughters Polly and Whitney, by the last wife, to them I give and  
bequeath to each of them three hundred acres of land on the East side of  
the Tennessee next to their mother's land, to them and their heirs forever.  
— NB If any more children shall hereafter be born to me by my wife,  
they shall have and enjoy equal portions with those now mentioned of  
the last wife's children, if the estate can bear it, if not they must  
have a dividend out of the aforesaid bequeath with their brothers  
and sisters. — And all the remaining after all the bequeaths is paid  
off shall be sold at publick sale, as also all the lands, lots and  
tenements except what is bequeathed and five years interest given, and  
paid in equal parts giving security and paying interest.

NB, I allow it in test, I will that Peter the negro shall  
remain with my widow, so long as she lives a widow, and a  
young boy be bought out of the estate for joining, the same he shall  
have and hold forever. — And after their mother's death the boy shall  
have double portion with the girls and is all the negroes that there  
is then and after shall be properly divided among her children. —  
I do hereby revoke disannul all other former wills and acknowledg-  
ing to be my last will & testament, before these present.

As to the plantation, my widow's dower, after her death, her son  
shall have an equal portion with my two sons Long Robert and  
William Walker, and the three hundred acres on the Tennessee my  
wife shall have and hold forever and bequeath to whom she will.

I therefore do conclude and finish this last will and testament,  
being in perfect health and sound mind and memory, I have done  
to the best of my skill and ability and that without the least  
prejudice, so fear and unconsistency, I am and pray of  
almightly God remaining amongst you that survive. I am

go home and be his mine. I think I have answered the end of  
 my creation in a great measure; I hope to die in peace and hopes  
 in salvation in and through our blessed Redeemer, Jesus Christ.  
 Signed sealed & acknowledged before Robert Walker Esq.  
 as the subscribing testifier  
 the day of March and the  
 year of our Lord God 1786.

North Carolina Surry County August term A.D. 1786.  
 The foregoing will of Robert Walker Esq. was proved in open Court  
 by the comparison of hands, touch, by the oaths of Joseph  
 Williams, John Randlomon, Malcom Lurray, William Hughlett,  
 John Armstrong, John Thomas Longino & James Gaining  
 agreeable to act of assembly in that case made & provided, there  
 being no subscribing witness to the said will; And ordered to be  
 recorded accordingly. J. Williams Ck

In the name of God amen, I Adam Shoemaker of Surry County  
 in the State of North Carolina, now being sick and weak of  
 body but yet of sound memory and understanding thank be  
 given to God, Do make certain estate to and appoint my  
 last Will & testament in the following manner and form: I  
 recommend my soul into the hands of my God and Redeemer Jesus  
 Christ, who gave it, and my body unto the earth, therein to be buried  
 in a Christian manner. And as touching my worldly estate  
 wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life  
 I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner  
 and form to wit; First it is my will and order that all