

ROOKER, John

1840



SHAW-WALKER

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State of South Carolina, ^{ss.} I John Hooker of the State & York District, district aforesaid calling to mind the frailty of Human Nature & being far advanced in age & in full possession of my rational faculties, That Almighty God in Mercy hath been pleased to bestow on me to make & ordain this, my last Will & Testament in Manner & form following revoking all others but this & this only, that I desire for my body to be decently interred in the North West corner of the Baptist Sug ar Creek Grave Yard at the discretion of my wife children & friends

I desire to give my soul & body to Almighty God who first gave it

I desire for all my lawfull debts to be paid
I lend to my wife all my Land Negroes stock
of all Kinds household furniture Peculiar fu
niture farming Utensils with all & every thing
else that I may die in possession of

I have given my daughter Billy Peers all I
intend for her

I have given my son George all I intend for him
to have

I have given my son John Hawkin all I intend
for him to have

I desire after the death of my wife for all my
Land to be sold on a credit of one two & three
Years credit & the payments secured by a Mort
gage on the Land & for my son Jacob to have one
half of the proceeds of this sale & the other half to
be equally divided between my three grand
sons William John & Moses sons of my son Joseph
Dorris also what purchable property my wife

may have, devolved in the same manner, except
the following property.

I give to my daughter Eleanor Harper Lucy Willy
or Mildred two Negro women one of which is now
in her possession & the other after the decease of my wife
I bequeath to my daughter Mary Wyatt Spears a Negro
woman & children now in her possession The woman
called Sylvia & her children after her decease in
Mary Wyatt Spears the said Negroes to be divided
amongst my grand children Viz Clara Morrison
Ann C. T. Reeves, William, John Moses sons of my son
Joseph Morris Rooker deceased & Susanna Davis
Adairs oldest Daughter, & Jacob Rooker's oldest
daughter Mary Ann Margaret Jane.

I give to my daughter Susanna D. Adair all the chil-
dren left of a Negro woman deceased called Judy
which died in her possession & my Negro girl Mary
Elvora

Lastly I do hereby nominate & appoint my friends
Isaac D. Witherspoon Esq^r attorney at law reside-
ing in Yorkville & James Boyd my sole Executrix
of this my last will & Testament renouncing
& overlooking all others but this & this only in W^mms
Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my
Seal at this 23rd day of May in the Year of our Lord
Christ one thousand eight hundred & thirty nine
Signed & sealed in presence of

John T. Harper
Robert T. Harper
Walter Dunn

John Rooker *PS*

S. Carolina & I. D. Witherspoon doth hereby renounce & refuse
York District to qualify as one of the Executors of Rev'd
John Rooster dec'd being named as such in his will
This therefore is a renunciation & refusal to except the trust
Aug³^d 1840 O. D. Witherspoon

O. D. Witherspoon did this day appear & renounce & refuse
his appointment under the will in will as one of the executors
Aug³^d 1840 Benjⁿ Chambers o.s.d.

S. Carolina &
York district I James Boyd doth hereby renounce
& refuse to qualify as one of the Executors named
in His written Will Sept²¹^d 1840
James Boyd

The above renunciation this day made before me
21st Sept¹ 1840 Benjⁿ Chambers o.s.d.

South Carolina
York District Personally came before me Walter
Quinn one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the last
Will & Testament of John Rooster dec'd & on a affidavit
that said dec'd was at the time of subscribing his
name to this instrument of Sound Mind Memory and
understanding & that he was a subscribing Witness
at said request & so was the other two subscribing
Witnesses & in his presence & in presence of each other
Sworn to before me October 13th 1840

Walter Quinn
Benjⁿ Chambers o.s.d.

S. Barnard & J. Benjamin Chambers Esq's
of the York District & I Benjamin Chambers Esq' Notary
of the district aforesaid do hereby certify that
The within sheet of paper contains a true copy
of the last Will & Testament of Mr. John Hooper
late of said district deceased & also a true copy
of the renunciation & refusal of J. D. Wilkins son
& James Bay d the co-executors named in said Will
and a copy of the last will of Walter Lunn
one of the subscribers witness to the same
Given under my hand & seal
of office at York Court House
This 10th day of December 1840

By J. Chambers Esq.

The Last Will and
Testament of Rev.
John Root Esq.

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Copy will .68
certificate .50
Rec'd pay'd \$118
13.60~~.00~~

January Term 1843

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