

**The National Archives, PROB 11/496****Will of Ann Walter, of Sarsden, 1707**

In the Name of God Amen:

I Ann Walter one of the Daughters of S[i]r William Walter deceased late of Sarsden in the County of Oxon Baronett and one of the grand Children of S[i]r John Walter Knight deceased being in health of body and of sound and perfect minde and understanding thanks be therefore given to Almighty God doe make this my last Will and Testament in manner following (that is to say) I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the meritts of Jesus Christ my Saviour to obtaine the full and free pardon and remission of all my sinns And my body I committ to the Earth to be decently buryed in the parish Church yard of Churchill in the said County of Oxon and layd by the Church Wall and near the Grave wherein my Fathers Nurse was buryed not disturbing her bones And I desire that my Executor doe take care that a black marble Tombe shall be Erected upon my buryall place and made in the shape of a Coffin raised about a Foot from the Ground and railed in with iron Railes And that an Inscription shall be upon the said Marble Declaireing whose Daughter I am and I desire that a Hearse may be provided for the carriage of my Body to the said buriall place well set out with white Feathers and attended with three mourning Coaches each with six Horses and all the Horses covered with black and two Escutcheons on every Horse and twelve Horsemen in mourning Cloaks and white scarfes and white Ribbons and I desire my Executor to goe in person to see me laid in the Grave And my Will is that there shall not be any one person invited to my Funerall but that my Executor shall be in deep mourning and continue soe for the space of one year after my decease And I desire that my Executor shall procure one to preach my Funerall Sermon who shall be a learned Minister of the Church of England as it is now Established

And I desire that I shall not be mentioned in his Sermon For my intent is that the same should be preached for the good and instructions of the poor of the parishes of Sarsden and Churchill And I desire that his Text may be the sixth and seventh Verses of the Five and Fiftieth Chapter of Isiah And I doe give to him who shall preac[h t]he said Sermon Three pounds and alsoe Twenty shillings to the Minister of the parish Church of Churchill aforesaid if he gives leave for another Minister to preach the said Sermon in the said Church but in case he shall refuse to give such leave Then I give the said Minister of Churchill nothing And then my Will is that noe Sermon shall be preached at my Funeral and I desire that my Coffin may be taken out of the hearse and carryed first into the Church under a Velvet Pall Hanged round with Escutcheons and held up by six of the Mourners and the other six to follow the Coffin into the Church and whilst divine service is readeing the twelve Mourners to stand six on one side of the coffin and the other six on the other side And when it is carryed out of the Church six of the Mourners to carry up the Pall and the other six to follow after all in their long cloakes and the Body to be laid in the Grave by the Mourners I give to such of the poor of the parish of Sarsden and Churchill as shall be in the Church when the prayers and Sermon are ended the sum[m]e of Five pounds And I doe propose and allott the sum[m]e of Two Hundred pounds to defray my Funeral Charges but if that not be sufficient to doe it in the manner I have hereby proposed I desire that soe much shall be applied for that use as shall be sufficient for doeing the same Item I give unto the Church where I shall be buryed my great Bible and I desire that my Executor will take care to get it plated with silver at the corners Item in case I shall come to any untimely death of what nature or kinde whatsoever through the nature or Designe of any person or persons whatsoever I doe appoint the sum[m]e of six hundred pounds to be laid out or expended in Law in and about the discovery or prosecution of any person or persons who shall be suspected to be guilty of contriving

the same or of being necessary thereunto Item I give to every person who shall make a discovery of any person or persons who shall be there on occasion of my death or any way necessary thereunto the sum[m]e of Twenty pounds apeece to be paid out of the said six hundred pounds but if I shall Dye a naturall death Then my Will is that the said six hundred pounds shall be laid out by my Executor in the purchase of Lands of Inheritance to be settled in such manner that the yearly Rents and profitts thereof may be applyed for and towards the maintenance and education of poor Girls under the age of Twenty years who shall be educated in the Doctrine of the Church of England and borne in the parishes of Sarsden and Churchill in the said County of Oxon and when the said poor Girls shall come to the age of Twenty years and are capable of being confirmed then the Minister of Sarsden or Churchill aforesaid shall carry them to the Bishop of the Diocess to be Confirmed and upon each of them being confirmed by the Bishop such poor Girls whom shall be soe confirmed shall receive Ten pounds out of the Rents Issues and profitts of such Lands soe to be purchased aforesaid And the Minister who shall carry them to the Bishop shall have Twenty Shillings for his paines and trouble therein but such of the said poor Girls as shall refuse to comply with the Terms herein proposed shall not have the said Ten pounds and in case part of the said six hundred pounds shall be spent upon such occasion as aforesaid Then my Will is that such part of the said six hundred pounds which shall remaine after the Expenses aforesaid shall be defrayed shall be laid out and applyed in the purchase of Lands for the use of the said poor Girls as aforesaid And my Will is that the Deeds and Writeings which concerne the Title of such Lands and Tenements as shall be purchased as aforesaid shall be kept by the Minister of Sarsden aforesaid and that true copies of them shall be left in the hands of the Minister of Churchill aforesaid And I desire that such Lands and Tenements as shall be soe purchased as aforesaid shall be from time to time let to such person and persons who will give most for the same and that

the Churchwarden of the said parishes may not keep or manage the same in their owne hands Item I give unto Richard Freeman of the middle Temple London Esq[uir]e the sum[m]e of Two Hundred pounds In Trust that the Interest and Produce thereof shall be paid unto Mrs Ann Scott the Wife of Mr John Scott and Daughter of Samuel Appleyard of Pool in the County of Dorset for her own sole and seperate use for and dureing her life And after her decease my Will is that the said Two Hundred pounds shall be divided amongst all her Children equally every one of them to have & share and share alike And I desire that those which are with me in the time of my sickness shall have some of the worst of my Cloathes And all the Rest of my Monies Bonds Mortgages Goods and Chattells and personall Estate which shall remaine after the payment of my Debts Legacies and Funerall Expences I give and bequeath to and amongst the Children of Mary Hooke youngest Daughter of Thomas Walter my Brother equally to be Divided amongst them and to be paid and delivered to them when they shall attain their respective ages of one and twenty years And in the meanetime my Will is that the same shall remaine in the hands of the said Mary Hooke and Richard Freeman for the use and benefit of the said Children And I doe make and appoint the said Mary Hooke and Richard Freeman Executor of this my last Will and Testament And I Desire them to see my Will performed according to the true Intent and Meaneing hereof And I doe give unto the said Richard Freeman in case he acts in the said Executorship for his care and paines therein the sum[m]e of one hundred pounds And I doe revoke all Wills by me formerly made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale this six and twentieth Day of July in the Fourth year of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lady Queen Ann over England Annoq[ue] Domini one Thousand seven hundred and Five Ann Walter signed and published in the presence of J[oh]n Warner Tho[mas] Snow

*In the margin*

Engraven on the marble stone heire  
lies the body of Ann Walters the  
youngest Daughter of S[i]r William  
Walter Baronett dec[eas]ed and one  
of the grandchildren of S[i]r John  
Walter Knight who dyed in the  
day of the Month and in the year  
of our Lord 17 and noe more

Mrs Mary Hooke lives at the  
Ship in Thame Street at the  
corner goeing downe to Queen  
hife

Mr Freeman at his house  
in Battesford near Campden  
in Gloucestershire

*Probate granted in London by Charles Pinfold, surrogate for Richard Raines, on 18<sup>th</sup>  
July 1707 to Mary Hooke one of the Executors. Power reserved for Richard Freeman.*

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