

I William Rowland of Botetourt County and State of Virginia do hereby make my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

1st I desire that the Deeds of Gift made by me in my life time to my wife of a negro man named Stephen, and to my two Daughters of two negro girls each as herein after named, to Mary Rowland little Polly and Martha to Charlotte Rowland Elizabeth and Julia Ann, be considered as forming no part of my estate, and said property is not to be considered as bound for any of my Debts.

2nd I desire that all the perishable part of my Estate except Slaves, be immediately sold after my decease, and out of the proceeds I desire that my Executors pay therefrom with what shall be found due me by bond, note or account, all my just Debts and funeral expenses be paid. Should the perishable part of my Estate prove insufficient for the above purpose, then I desire my Executors hereafter named sell land or Slaves whichever they may deem most advisable for the interest of my Estate, and out of the monies arising therefrom pay and satisfy such of my just debts as shall remain unpaid from the sale of the perishable part of my Estate.

3rd After the payment of all my just Debts and funeral Expenses I give to my wife Nancy Rowland one third part of my Estate both real and personal for and during the Term of her natural life and after her decease I give the third of the third of the real Estate as laid off to my wife to be equally divided between my two sons James Rowland and John Rowland. In the event of either of my sons departing this life before that time without an heir, then

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4th The third of the personal Estate left my wife to be equally divided after her decease between my four children as the heirs of their bodies should any of them depart this life before that time leaving heirs in the possession of said estate.

5th It is my wish and desire that my wife and children be supported and educated until they are of age.

shall have a business education. As soon as my just Debts are paid it is my wish that my wife's dower be laid off and the remaining two thirds of my Estate be set apart as a fund; the profits arising therefrom be applied to complete the education of my two sons and the support of my four Children.

6th I desire that immediately after the education of my sons that the said two thirds of my estate both real and personal be equally divided between my four Children, Mary, Charlotte, James and John. Should any of my Children depart this life before that time leaving a living heir or heirs, shall be entitled to the fourth part of my Estate to be equally divided in the proportion as above mentioned between my said Children.

7th I desire that my four Children the cattle owned by them be supported for which no charge shall be made for keeping the same and is not to be considered as any part of my Estate.

8th I desire that my Executors herein after named act as the Guardians of my four Children, and I do hereby appoint them as their respective guardians with full confidence in them to protect and watch over the welfare of my said Children.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends John W. Thompson, Parshal Buford and David Hyle (of Tennessee) Executors of this my last Will and testament, hereby revoking all other or former Wills or testaments by me heretofore made. It is my wish & desire that no security be required of my said Executors as I have full confidence in their integrity. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of June 1838.

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