

Georgia
Burke County

In the name of God Amen.

I William Penrow of the County and State aforesaid being of feeble health, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, being fully aware of the uncertainty of life do hereby make public and declare this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills and codicils heretofore made by me.

Item First

It is my will and desire that all my just debts shall be paid

Item Second

It is my will and desire that all my property shall be kept together after my death for the support and maintenance of my wife Sarah Penrow, and my children Frances, William J. and Sarah, S. Penrow during the life or widowhood of my said wife, and in the event of her death or marriage an equal division to take, that is if she marry I wish an equal division to take place, but in her and all the children that may be alive at the time of the division, and if she ^{Burke Co. GA Wills 1855-1958} ^{www.georgiawills.com} ~~marry~~ without being married I wish it all to be divided between the children then in life.

Item Third

Should my wife and the other of my Executors who may qualify think it advisable at any time to rent my plantation and hire the Negroes or should they think it best to sell the place where I now live reside - and purchase another for them to live upon - It is my will and desire that they should do so, as I wish the property while undivided to be so managed as to advance the health, and mental and pecuniary interest of my said Wife and children.

Item Fourth

Should one or two of my said children die before a division takes place. I will and desire that my wife that my said wife, should share equally with the children even to the last child, as my intention is to put her on a footing precisely equal with the children, whenever a division shall take place.

and Fifth, Should there be a balance left after supporting the family I will and desire that it should be put out at interest or vested in property at the discretion of my Executors subject to be divided in like manner of the property I may be possessed of.

Item Sixth During the continuance of the property together it may be necessary to dispose of some of the property such as stock &c and to purchase more, It is my will and desire that whenever a necessity of that kind occurs, that my Executors will do so always having in view the best interest of the family and its

Item Seventh I hereby constitute and appoint my said wife Sarah Pennow and my friends John Pallen, William Roddins and Lewis Ruff my executors who I trust will execute this my last will and Testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Eleventh day of December 1843.

In presence of
Wm Houser
Benjamin S. Meeks
Geo W Evans J.C.C.B.C

Wm Pennow

Georgia & Personally appeared George W Evans who being duly sworn
Burke County & in open Court deposed and said that the foregoing paper writing contains the last will and testament of William Pennow that he was present and did see the testator sign & seal publish & declare the same to be his will and testament & that testator who was at the time of sound & disposing mind & memory signed the same in the presence of this deponent & William Houser & Benjamin S Meeks, all of whom signed the same in presence of the Testator & of each other.

Sworn to in open Court this
first day of May 1848.
E Palmer J.C.C.B.C
J W Jones J.C.C.B.C

Geo W Evans

The last will and testament of William Pennow having been read in due form of Law It is Ordered that the same be admitted to Record & it is further Ordered that a Warrant of Appraisement & letters Testamentary do issue in terms of the Law.
Recorded in Book Mills Page 114-115 116. July 1848.

State of Georgia & Office Court of Ordinary 29th December 1854
Burke County & C. Edward Garlick Ordinary for the County of Burke in said State do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the last will and testament of William Pennow dec'd as appears of Record and of file in this Office.
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the Seal of Office at Waynesboro in said County day and year above mentioned.

Edward Garlick Ordinary

Seal of Office

George S. Ordinary Office Burke County
County. I Edward Garlick Ordinary in and for said County
do hereby certify that the Original will of William Penrow
late of said County deceased together with the Record thereof
were destroyed on the night of 24th Day of January 1856 by the
burning of the Court House of this County.
In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
official signature at Waynesboro this 28th Day February 1857
Edward Garlick Ordinary.

Matter of the last Will and Testament of William Penrow dec.
It appearing to the Court that the last Will & Testament of
William Penrow late of said County of Burke deceased, to-
gether with the record Burke Co. GA Wills 1855-1858
www.georgiapioneers.com destroyed by fire in the
burning of the Court House on the night of the 24th January
1856, and it further appearing that the annexed copy will
probate & order is a true Copy as taken from a certified Copy
of the Original record under the hand & Seal of the proper
Officer of the last will & testament of the said William Penrow
it is on Motion Ordered that said annexed Copy will copy
probate & order, be established in lieu and stead of said
Original so destroyed, and that said established will be recorded
and it with the petition & other papers in this case be placed
on file among the papers of the Ordinarys Office of said
County.
March Term 1857

Recorded 16th February 1858.