

Allen Rowe's Will

State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen.
 Carroll County } I, Allen Rowe being of sound

mind and disposing memory, but knowing that it is appointed once for man to die, do make this my last will and Testament. In doing of which I recommend my Soul to God who gave it, hoping to receive eternal life through Jesus Christ my Redeemer. I am disposing of my Estate, first of all I desire that all of my just debts be paid out of my Estate.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my faithful and beloved wife Nuddah R. Rowe all of my Estate, both real and personal of every description, with all of the incomes from the same for her support and comfort, and if she should marry a future husband, it shall not deprive her of the benefits herein contained, but he shall not have any control of Estate nor the proceeds thereof but his board &c.

3rd Item I will and desire that my wife shall have full liberty to sell said real Estate and purchase other land with the proceeds thereof whenever she may deem the same to be best for her support and comfort or any other property for the same purpose.

Item 4th I will and desire that when my son John M. and my daughter Virginia L. shall arrive at full age or if their mother shall die before that time that each of them shall have a bed and bed clothes also cow & calf provided that nothing herein contained shall be so construed shall be so construed as to take from my wife the things contained in this item as to leave her without a sufficiency for her support and comfort.

Item 5th I will and desire that my son John M. shall have a mule or horse worth seventy five dollars or that amount in money and if that cannot reasonably be done when he comes of full age, then at his mother's death that he have the sum of \$75⁰⁰ over and above the rest of the children, provided that my son J. M. shall be kind and dutiful to his mother, but if on the contrary he should be disobedient and care not for his her welfare, then in that case I leave the whole matter with his mother to dispose of as she thinks best.

Item 6th I will and desire that nothing contained in the above items shall be so construed as to pay any claims against me that existed on or before the first day of June 1865, my reason for this item is because said claims existed at said time 1865- which has been paid of but the papers was not cancelled.

Item 7th I will and desire that all the bedding and bedclothing wearing apparel and house furniture

shall be equally divided between my present wife's children namely, Sarah A. Smith, William H. Rowe, Martha H. Conder, Emma L. Spence John M. Rowe and Virginia L. Rowe, not because they are better or nearer to me than my other and older children but because they had to be raised after the late disastrous war, and could not have the opportunities nor the help that the older ones had. Item 8th and lastly, I appoint my faithful and beloved wife, Huldah Rebecca Rowe my executor hoping, and believing that she will execute the same with fidelity and desiring that my wife at my death will take full possession of my said estate. Given under my hand and seal this fourth day of October 1880.

Allen Rowe (Seal)

Acknowledged in presence of
J. M. Hamrick Jr
Geo. M. Holcombe
Alexander Tyson

Georgia } I, Geo. M. Holcombe do swear that I,
Carroll County } as well as J. M. Hamrick and Alexander
Tyson, saw the within named Allen

Rowe sign and publish the within paper as his last Will and Testament, that I subscribed the same as a witness thereto, at the special instance and request of the said Allen Rowe, and in his presence, as did also J. M. Hamrick and Alexander Tyson, that the said Allen Rowe signed the same freely, and voluntarily, and was at the time of such signing of sound and disposing mind and memory.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

December 7th, 1885

S. J. Brown, Ordinary, C. C. Ga.

Geo. M. Holcombe

Upon the foregoing affidavit of Geo. M. Holcombe, one of the subscribing witnesses to the within will of Allen Rowe, deceased, it is ordered by the Court that said Will be admitted to record as satisfactorily proven in common form, and it is further ordered that letters testamentary issue to Huldah R. Rowe, the Executrix named in said Will, upon her taking and subscribing the oath required by law.

This the 7th day of Dec. 1885 S. J. Brown,
Ordinary, C. C.

Georgia, Carroll County.

I, Huldah R. Rowe, swear that this writing contains the true last Will of the within named Allen Rowe, deceased, so far as I know or believe, and that I will well and truly execute the same in accordance with the laws of this State. So help me God. Huldah R. Rowe
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of Dec. 1885.