

State of Georgia in the county of Irwin
I, Ross of said State and County being
of sound and disposing mind and memory
bearing that my life is uncertain
deem it right and proper to make as respects
my family and myself that
I should make a distribution of the prop-
erty with which a kind Providence has
blessed me with I do therefore make
this my last will and testament here
by revoking and annulling all others
by me heretofore made.

First I desire and direct that my body
be buried in decent and Christian
like manner suitable to my circum-
stances and condition in life my
Soul I trust shall return to rest
with God who gave it as I hope
for salvation through the merits and as-
tonishment of the Blessed Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ

Secondly I desire and direct that all
debts due to my Estate be appropriated
of debts against my Estate and pro-
vided that there is not sufficient to
pay the debts I desire my Executor to
sell enough of my horses, cattle sheep
hogs and any other perishable property
sufficient to pay all debts against
my estate.

Thirdly I give bequeath devise to my beloved
wife Sarah E. H. tot of land now in

Two hundred and twenty one in the second
district of Irwin County containing four
hundred and twenty acres with all the
rights, privileges and appurtenances to said lot
of land in anywise belonging free from
all charges and limitation whatsoever
to his own proper use benefit and behoof
during his natural life and then to be sold
and equally divided between my children
namely James A. Rop. John A. Rop. Martha
A. C. Rop. Sarah F. Rop. Nancy H. Rop.
William B. Rop. Mary Rop. Sinter M. Rop.
Fourthly I hereby constitute and appoint my
foremost John Rop Executor of this my last
Will and testament this twelfth day of August
1861

William D. Rop

Sealed sealed delivered and published by
by William D. Rop as his last Will and testament
in the presence of us the under signed
who subscribed our names hereto in presence
of said testator at his special instance and
request and in the presence of each other
this 12 August 1861

Virgil T. Chandler ~ Silas B. H. Townsener
Aaron R. Chandler ~ Stephen W. H. Key
Mark

Came into court
at this Regular term of the Court of Irwin
County Aaron R. Chandler and being duly sworn
deposed that he saw William D. Rop

sign and publish the within as his last
will and testament sole of sound and disposing
mind that he with Virgil Chandler
Silas B. F. Townsend Stephen W. Key
attested the same for him at his
and in his presents and of each
other and that the same was executed
voluntary by him on the day it purports
to have been executed.

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L. M. Colverth ordering