

George In the name of God Amen,
Set by line by I Joseph W Rowland of the state of Kentucky
aforesaid being in feeble health but as I think of some of
disposing mind & memory, do make public & declare this to
be my last will & testament hereby revoking all former wills
& codicils by me at any time made, I resign my mortal
body to its mother earth & in a decent & Christian
like manner suitable to my condition & circumstances in
life under the direction of my relations, friends & brethren
of friends, in my family having given sufficient proof of
my deceased wife and between my dear ones & church of
our beloved and departing abroad, my immortal spirit I
commit to God who gave it trusting in the merits of Jesus
Christ his son. Whom I love, and hope & trust I serve for
eternal life

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It is my will that all my debts be paid

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- Item 2. It is my will and I do direct, and I do direct that my beloved mother Eliza P. H. Lewis be allowed by my executor to be shown through the property to be shown to me to move into my house & occupy it and the lot adjoining on the south east corner of the court house square in Amherst County Georgia and take with her my three children for the purpose of educating them, my said mother not to pay any rent for the house & she & the children to be supported from the plantation during their stay but in the event my mother does not desire to go to Amherst then it is my will & desire that she be allowed to live & remain on each half of lot of land near her one hundred & thirty nine (139) in the tenth (30) district Schley County for & during her natural life, and in addition to this that she have a reasonable support out of the proceeds of my farm for & during her life providing she needs it and it is my wish for my mother to keep my three children as long as she can control them & raise them up in a proper manner in that event my executor is to take care of them,
- Item 3. It is my will and I do direct that my entire real estate in the County of Amherst except the house & lot set apart for the residence of my mother & children, and that all of it does not elect or choose to occupy it be immediately sold on at public outcry or privately as my executor shall think best to good and lawful tenants to under one tract each of my years, that they & each of them shall leave the premises in as good repair as they found it, and sent to continue but my oldest child Joseph P. Rowland because of age or infirmities, he is to have set apart his share which is an equal share of my entire estate both real & personal.
- Item 4. It is my will and I do direct that lot of land near his lot by day (66) in the eighth (18) district (3) third section near Murren's corner by Georgia, be sold by my executor whenever in his judgment it will be most advantageous. It is a valuable lot of land.
- Item 5. It is my will and I do direct and I do direct that all the

Chancery Court of Pickens Co. 1863.

for the support & maintenance and education of my son Joseph until
and support of my mother (provided she needs it) until
my son Joseph arrives at full age or marries,
unless and property does not pay expenses, & in that
case I leave it with my Executor for just obtaining an
order from the Superior Court of Pickens County to see the
lands upon which my plantation is situated & according
thereto, the real estate in question not to be sold and I
request my executor to make annual returns to the
court of Ordinary of Pickens County, Georgia, in case my
plantation is sold as above provided for, I desire my
executors not to be sold but to be hired in such way as not
to be prejudicial and to kind humane men, but I distinctly
state again that I do not wish my plantation sold
as long as it pays expenses, my bequest of these is left
for the use of my mother & children, all my household
furniture & all ^{Schley County, Wills} is needed for the use of my
to be selected by my ¹⁸⁵⁸⁻¹⁸⁶⁵ ^{www.georgiapioneers.com} my executor
excepting my Books & Secretary which is to be kept for
my children.

- Item 6 It is my will that I desire that when my son Joseph arrives
at full age or marries at twenty one years of age he shall
have one third of my estate real & personal including my
good watch money on hand and every thing included or the
equivalent in property be given off & delivered to him to him
his heirs for ever, the full care of my property not to given off
to him to be that kept together for the support & education &
maintenance of my son Walter E. & daughter Josephine Viller
until Walter E. arrives at full age or marries at which time
I desire at exact division of all my property then on hand
between son Walter E. & Josephine Viller, the share of Walter E.
to him to him & his heirs for ever, and the share of my
daughter Josephine Viller I give to her sole & separate use
benefit & behoof free from the debts liabilities or obligations
of any husband she may have for & during her natural
life, and after her death to her children or children as she
may leave living at her death, my only daughter to have
her first share on the my money or annuity at age

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- Item 7. I wish my children well educated and raised up in the
 fear & admonition of the Lord to whom I am united &
 committed to his hand protecting you and all,
 Item 8. In all my land is sold and I trust it will not become
 necessary to sell it. I desire each half lot have a number
 one running & thirty three in the thirty three distinct selling
 county Ga. and on which my mother is living in life
 estate, each separate from the bulk of my land
 Item 9. It is my wish & desire and I leave it upon record in
 common law San Juan County Ga. that my family having my
 ground situated on the lot, in the east corner of said
 house in the above stated place be forever kept sacred
 and if the lot is ever sold it is to be exempted from sale
 forever with the right of way to open it on street
 known as Sumner Street
 Item 10. It is my wish & desire that my daughter Josephine Villa
 have a good nurse ^{Sehley County, Wisc.} until she is able to dress
 herself. I also request my executor to furnish out of my
 estate before the 1st of October 1865 ¹⁸⁵⁸⁻¹⁸⁶⁵ to Josephine Villa a
 watch such in value to the one given to Joseph A. Rowland
 Item 11. I now dedicate my children to God, asking his divine
 guidance & protection over them and asking my Executor to be
 a friend & father to them,
 Item 12. Lastly I nominate & constitute & appoint Dr. Mathew S
 Thomson of the city of Macon Bibb County Ga. Executor to this
 my last will & testament, signed sealed & published &
 declared by the testator where of I have hereto set my hand
 & seal this 18th May 1863. signed sealed & published & declared
 by the testator to be his last will & testament before us who has
 signed as witnesses in his presence and he in our joint & his
 in presence of each other, May 18. 1863.
 Joseph Higgins
 Ed. B. Bule
 P. W. McKersons
 Joseph A. Rowland

Court of Ordinance for said County
 June Term 1863.

Personally appeared in open Court this day M. S. Thomson
 Executor of the last will & testament of J. A. Rowland.

Schley County Court of Ordinary 1863

will & testament of I W Rowland deceased and one of
 the interested parties met by R W Westerson who being duly
 sworn says that he was present and saw I W Rowland
 the testator sign and publish & declare the will
 now presenting as his last will & testament freely volun-
 tarily and of his own accord and without any compul-
 sion or influence whatever, that at the time of the
 execution of said will said testator was of sound &
 disposing mind & memory, that he personally signed the
 same as a witness in the presence of the testator and of
 his instance & request, and saw the other interested
 Jasper Hargis & Col Babbie do likewise,
 sworn to & subscribed.
 before me this 15th day June 1863

R W Westerson

Wm B Black

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Georgia

Schley County

Court of Ordinary for said County
 June Term 1863,

Present Wm B Black Judge of said County

The last will & testament of I W Rowland late of Schley County
 deceased having this day been proved in open Court to the satisfaction
 of the Court by R W Westerson one of the subscribers of interests
 and no objection being made and motion being made to admit
 said will to Record. It is therefore considered ordered & approved
 by the Court that said probate of said will is sufficient &
 that said will be recorded and that letters testamentary be
 directed to Wm B Black the Executor he having been qualified
 to execute said will according to law. It is further ordered
 by the Court that Col Babbie J. E. Hargis & Wm B Black
 Thomas & Wm B Black & R W Westerson be and they are
 hereby appointed appraisers to appraise the estate of I
 W Rowland late of Schley County and to whom testimony
 of appraisement shall now issue.

Wm B Black

Ordinary J. C.