

April Sepim 1856

I Peter Rowe Sen of the County of Cataulpa and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following that is to say, I wish that my Executors hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends, and pay all funeral expenses together with my last debts, however and to whosoever, owing out of the monies that may first come into their hands, as a part or parcel of my estate. Item my will is that all my estate shall be equally divided between my children Elizabeth M. Eckard, and my son Daniel Rowe and my son J. H. Rowe & P. L. Rowe, and my daughter Catherine Sink, and my daughter Selma J. Rowe, & my son George Rowe, shall have one hundred dollars each, then his aforementioned brothers & sisters

Item my son Eli Rowe Rowe, he shall have one part out of my estate, except that which he has already got, and is charged in my minutes Book which shall be said Eli Rowe's full share of my estate

Item I give and devise to Charles A. Rowes two daughters one hundred dollars each to be put on interest, by my Executors untill said children arrive to the age of twenty one years then to be paid over to the said Charles A. Rowes heirs

Item I do further name that I have given unto my daughter Elizabeth M. Eckard a negro girl named ~~Eliza~~ for which she is charged in my minutes book, I do further name that I have given unto my daughter Catherine Sink a negro girl named Lina for which she is charged in my minutes book, I do further name that I have given unto my daughter Selma J. Rowe a negro girl named Sarah for which she is charged in my minutes book

Item it is my will that after my death that my hereinafter named Executors sell the residue of my estate, both real & Personal at Publick Sale and to be equally divided among my heirs in manner as I have directed in the foregoing Items of my will, Item it is my request that my Executors after all is sold, make settlement with my heirs at the time prescribed by law, in connection with my minutes book already distributed and valued to them which will show what each of them has received, and it is further my will that none of my heirs except J. H. Rowe be charged any interest on my late notes. It is my will that J. H. Rowe pay interest on two hundred dollars of his late notes

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons Daniel Rowe & Peter S. Rowe my lawful Executors, to all interests and Powers to execute this my last will and Testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof, hereby ratifying and declaring my ability, valid all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made in Witness Whereof I the said Peter Rowe Sen. do hereunto set my hand and Seal this 25th day of January AD 1857, Signed sealed, Published and declared by the said Peter Rowe Sen. to be his last will, and Testament in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereof

Wm. B. McHaffey
A. T. Root.

Peter Rowe (Seal)