

In the name of God Amen. I, John Rowe of the County of New Hanover, and State of North Carolina, being through the abundant mercy and goodness of God, though weak in body, yet of a sound and perfect understanding and memory, do constitute this my last Will and Testament, and desire it may be received by all as such.

First. I most humbly bequeath my soul to God my maker, beseeching his most gracious acceptance of it, through the all sufficient merits and mediation of my most compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ, who gave himself to be an atonement for my sins, and is able to save to the utmost all that come unto God through him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them, and who I trust will not reject me a returning penitent, when I come to him for mercy. In this hope and confidence I render up my soul with comfort, humbly beseeching the most blessed and glorious Trinity, our God most merciful and gracious to prepare me for the time of my dissolution, and then to take me to himself, into that peace and rest and incomparable felicity which he has prepared for all that love and fear his holy name. Amen.

Blessed be God, I give my body to the earth from whence it was taken in full assurance of its resurrection from thence at the last day. As for my burial I desire it may be decent without pomp or state at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named who I doubt not will manage it with all requisite prudence. As to my worldly estate, I will and positively order, that all my just debts be paid.

First. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Sarah one shilling sterling.

I give to my daughter, Maicey, one shilling sterling.

I give to my son John, five shillings sterling.

I give to my daughter, Elizabeth one shilling sterling.

I give to my son Rowan one shilling sterling.

I give to my daughter, Beneter, one shilling sterling.

I give to my daughter, Basia, one hundred and fifty acres of land, it being a part of a survey of 250 acres, joining John Marshall's line, and my old line, on the east side of Black River. Also I give to my grand daughter, Priscilla Bordeaux, one cow, and calf and ten pounds specie.

I give and bequeath to my son Frederick Rowe, three hundred and twenty acres of land to him and his heirs forever, it being on the east side of Black River, beginning at a black gum Captn Marshall's corner, thence along his line N 13 degrees, East 13 chains and 16 links to a stake, thence S 27 degrees, east 28 chains and 29 links to a stake, thence S 13 degrees, West 113 chains and 16 links to an oak by Black river, thence along the swamp of the river, N 27 degrees, West

28 chains 29 links to the first station, as it was granted to James Henry by patent bearing date the 8th day of March 1743, and was purchased by me of Mr. Robinson the 5th day of May, 1754. Also one hundred acres as far as the race path, out of the 250 acres joining my old line. Also my negro man named Jack, also all my stock of cattle, horses, sheep and hogs. Also all my household furniture and plantation tools. Also a tatch which is now a building. I also constitute and appoint him, and my beloved friend John Jones my Executors of this my last will and Testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of November, Anno Dom 1782.

Frederick Simpson }
 Charles Simpson } John + Rowe ^{his} Seal

New Hanover County }
 April Term 1783 }

The within last will and Testament of John Rowe was exhibited in Court and proved by the oath of Frederick Simpson a subscribing witness thereto, who swore that he saw the testator sign, seal, publish, and declare the same to be and contain his last will and Testament, and that he believes the said Rowe was of sound and disposing mind and memory, also that Charles Simpson signed at the same time as a concurring evidence to the same.

Thos. McClain. Clk.

In the name of God Amen. I John Rotchel of Holly Shelter in the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, being of sound body and mind, do make this my last will and Testament, in form following.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Ann Scarborough wife of John Scarborough, twenty shillings currency.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Dorcas Williams widow of Charles Williams, twenty shillings currency.

I give and bequeath unto my son Amos Rotchel, twenty shillings currency.

I give and bequeath unto my son Etherington Rotchel a tract of land, where I now live containing twenty acres, with all its improvements whatsoever, with every other article which I now possess, after the decease of my wife Sarah Rotchel, who is to be allowed every privilege which she enjoyed in my life time, during her life.

This is my last will and Testament made this seventh day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred