

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF GIDEON ROPER.

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IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN;

I, Gideon Roper, being of sound mind and weak in body and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death have concluded to make this my last will and testament.

First, I will my soul to God who gave it.

Second, I will that all my just ~~assets~~ and funeral expenses be paid.

3rd. I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Roper ~~my whole estate both real and personal to manage as she sees proper during her natural life time and at her death to be equally divided among my lawful heirs.~~

4th. I will that when any of my children comes of age or marries as far as my wife can spare so as to be equal among them all she may call in three disinterested/^{men} and have any thing she may have to spare appraised and keep a true record of the same so as to be equal this the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred sixty-one September 3rd day.

Signed in presence of us

Attest: AMIE L. YOUNG
JANE DUKE.
REESE BOWEN.

his
GIDEON x ROPER.
mark

SOUTH CAROLINA.
PICKENS DISTRICT.

PERSONALLY appeared before me Reese Bowen who being duly sworn saith on oath that he was present and did see Gideon Roper sign the foregoing instrument (by making his mark) as and for his last will and testament, and that Amie L. Young and Jane Duke were present and with himself signed their names as witnesses to the same in the presence of each other and the testator.

SWORN to before me Oct. 21st 1861.

REESE BOWEN.

W. E. HOLCOMBE, O.P.D.