

Share and share alike. And partly - I do hereby - constitute, and appoint my truly friend  
Henry Neddoff, to be sole executor of this my last will, and Testament, revoking & annulling  
all former wills, by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this, and none other to  
be my last will and testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my  
name, and affixed my seal, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand  
and eight hundred & sixteen.

Michael Rouse  
mark

Signed sealed published & declared by -  
Michael Rouse, the above named Testator  
as and for his last will & Testament -  
in the presence of us who at his request  
his presence, and in the presence of each -  
other hand subscribed our names as witnesses  
thats. J. F. Houston.

Joseph West  
E. Casmus Johnson

Frederick County, to wit: On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 1816 then came Henry -  
Neddoff and made oath, on the Holy Evangel of Almighty God, that the  
foregoing Instrument of writing is the true whole will, and Testament of Mich  
ael Rouse, late of Frederick County dec<sup>d</sup> that hath come to his hands & possession,  
and that he doth not know of any other. Sworn before

Henry Steiner Reg<sup>t</sup>

Frederick County, to wit: On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 1816 then came James F  
Houston & Joseph West two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will &  
Testament of Michael Rouse late of Frederick County deceased, and made oath  
on the Holy Evangel of Almighty God, that they did see, the Testator therein named  
sign and seal this will that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the  
same, to be his last will, and Testament. That at the time of so doing, he was to the  
best of their apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and  
understanding, and that they together with Erasmus Johnson the other subscri  
bing witness respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will, in the  
presence, and at the request of the Testator, and all in the presence of each other.

Sworn Before

Henry Steiner Reg<sup>t</sup>

I Henry Neddoff - the appointed Executor, in the last will & Testament of  
Michael Rouse, late of Frederick County (dec<sup>d</sup>) do hereby refuse to act as Executor to  
said will by virtue of said appointment, and do therefore renounce; all my right  
Title and Claim to said Executorship accordingly. desiring at the same time, that  
Letters of administration, with a Copy of the will annexed may be granted to Elizabeth  
Rouse, widow of the dec<sup>d</sup> of the County aforesaid. Witness my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> day  
of December 1816

Henry Neddoff.

Test Wm. B. Beall J.

State of Maryland Frederick County, to wit  
I hereby certify - that the foregoing is a true Copy, from the Original as filed, and  
Recorded in the Office of the Reg<sup>t</sup> of wills of the County aforesaid  
In Testimony whereof I have set my hand, and affix the seal of Office this 1<sup>st</sup>  
day of March 1854.

( Test )

Geo. Hopkins Reg.

Whereupon the following Decree was passed  
John et Porter & Catharine his wife, Egrat Rouse.  
Egrat Ely & Ann Elizabeth his wife & Sarah Ely

N. 2546 Equity In the Court of  
for Frederick County, sitting as a  
Court of Equity  
February Term 1854

Petition