

289. If any married woman shall have any estate settled on her by her husband by jointure or other settlement, before marriage, such jointure or settlement shall bar her of her dower of such husband's lands, yet it shall be lawful for her to accept what her husband shall by his last will and testament devise to her.

290. If the widow commit waste in the lands of the deceased, she shall be liable to an action by the heir or devisee, or his guardian; and if she marry a second husband, he shall be liable for any waste committed by her before marriage, or by himself.

291. In all cases where administration shall be granted, and an inventory and appraisement of the personal estate of the decedent shall have been returned by the administrator to the Orphans' Court, the widow of such deceased person shall have the right to take to herself and apply to her own use and the use of her children, such household and kitchen furniture, or other personal property, as she may choose; *Provided*, the same shall not exceed in value, according to the inventory and appraisement, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; *And provided further*, that the amount of personal property so selected to be taken by her, shall be deducted from her distributive share of said personal estate: this section not to apply if the decedent left real estate to the value of one thousand dollars.

292. If the widow have no children, and the decedent is insolvent, then the said widow shall only be allowed to take to the amount of seventy-five dollars under the provisions of the last preceding section.

293. The administrator of the decedent shall make return in writing, of the articles, and the amount so taken by the widow, together with her receipt for the same, to the Orphans' Court granting administration, upon which return so being made, the court shall allow him a credit for the same upon his administration account.

294. The Orphans' Courts may adjudge, determine, and apportion, in their discretion, what part of the expenses shall be borne or paid by the widow, which may accrue in making the necessary repairs or improvements on the real estates in which a widow or widows may, at the time such repairs are so made and done, be entitled to a right of dower.