

RODEN.011

WILL & ESTATE FILE OF WILLIAM RODEN (DECEASED) OF CHESTER COUNTY AS PROVIDED BY MRS. CHRISTOPHER. IT ALSO COPIES OF ORIGINAL RECORDS FROM CHESTER CO AS PROVIDED BY MRS COBB OF BURLESON TEXAS.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM RODEN 1800

FILE 58, PACKAGE 898, WILL BOOK B, PAGE 100 OF CHESTER COUNTY S.C. RECORDS

William Roden died testate, leaving will which names:

Wife Mary, 1/2 of the land and all movable properties for life or widowhood. At her death or remarriage, property to be equally divided among heirs.

Son Jonathan Roden, the other 1/2 of the land. (What happened to Jonathan? No mention of him in the deed records).

Dated 20th February 1795. Wits: Allen Mayfield, Greenberry Roden, and James Atteberry.

On the reverse side of this paper on which the will is written is "N.B. Abraham Mayfield and Elijah Mayfield appointed the Executors of the Estate." Abraham and Elisha Mayfield signed below the statement.

Allen Mayfield proved the will on 18th November 1800 before J.O. Brown, Ordinary of Chester County, and a citation was issued on the same day by the Ordinary. States that creditors are to appear "at my house on Turkey Creek" (The house of J.O. Brown, the Ordinary4y). The citation was "published by Coleman Carlisle, minister of the gospel." This interested me very much because Coleman Carlisle married Hannah Glenn, who was the sister of my great grandmother, Susannah Glenn Hill. The puzzling thing is that Coleman Carlisle was a minister, one of the first methodist circuit riders in this area. These citations were supposed to have been read (published) at the deceased's church. Maybe the Baptist church in the area was minus a preacher at the time and Carlisle was substituting. I was under the impression that all of the Rodens were Baptist, except our Savilla (Roden) Hill. It states on her tombstone in Green County Alabama that she and Moses Hill were "exemplary members" of the Methodist church. Maybe some of the rest of the Rodens were Methodist also. Well on with the estate of William Roden.

Mary Roden applied for letters of administration at the same time the will was proved, and on 5 December, Mary Roden, Jonathan Mayfield and Abraham Mayfield signed bond for \$ 1000 for Mary's administration of the estate.

A sale was held on the 15th of February 1803. Mary Roden bought all the furniture, books, livestock (5 cows, 2 horses, 18 geese), kitchen equipment, etc..Also buying were Abraham Mayfield, Thomas Moore, William Sample and William Scaife, who was father of Charner T. Scaife. No settlement shown and no other legatees named.

Question-Is this the elder William Roden, who was the heir to the estate of Winman in Maryland, or is this William Roden Jr., son of William Sr.? Thomas Roden's deposition was dated in July 1795, 5 months after this William's will was dated, and William Sr. was apparently deceased when Thomas Roden made the deposition. If this is the elder William Roden, did he die shortly after making this will? If he did, why did they wait until November 1800, to prove the will and apply for administration? There are two William Rodens in the 1790 Census of Chester County S.C., both of them with males under 16. One of them is designated as William Roden Jr. In 1800 census, there is no William Roden in Chester County, only Mary Roden, who has 4 males and 4 females besides herself, with all of the children under 16 years of age. Yet, the Mayfield will in Fairfield County said that she had 9 children. Did William Jr. go back to Maryland with his family, then return to Chester County S.C. after the 1800 Census? In the 1790 Census, William Roden Jr. had 1 male over 16, 4 males under 16, and 2 females. William Roden Sr. had 2 males 16 and up, 1 male under 16, and 2 females. In 1800 Mary Roden had 2 males under 10, 2 males 10 to 16, 3 females under 10, 1 female 10 to 16 and 1 female 26 to 45 (herself). She had a mighty young family in 1800 to be the wife of the older William Roden.

The above comments & questions made by Jeannette B. Christopher of Carlisle, S.C. (Union County).

FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS OBTAINED FROM CHESTER COUNTY BY MRS. COBB OF BURLESON, TEXAS AND THEN SENT TO ME....

N. B. Abraham Mayfield and Elijah Mayfield Appointed  
The Executors of the Said Estate

/s/ Abram Mayfield

/s/ Elisha Mayfield

SOUTH CAROLINA )  
CHESTER DISTRICT)

Presonally aappeared Allen Mayfield one of the subscribing wittnesses to the within WILL & being duly sworn, declares that he saw WILLIAM RHODEN sign & acknowledge the within Instrument of writing as his Last Will & Testament and that to the best of his knowledge & belief he was then of sound & perfect mind and memory and thast he the deponent together with GREENBERRY RHODEN & JAMES ATTERBERY did subscribe as

witnesses thereto in the presence of & at the request of the  
testor this 18th day of November 1800, before me in Court  
of\_\_

/s/ J.O. BROWN

### WILL OF WILLIAM RODEN

I WILLIAM RODEN of the County of Chester and State of South  
Carolina: Being very sick & weak of Body but in perfect mind  
and memory, Thanks be Given unto God calling unto mind the  
Mortality of my Body & knowing that it is Appointed for all  
men to Once die, do make & Ordain this my Last Will &  
Testament VIZ:

First of all I give and recommend my soul unto almighty God  
that give it & my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried  
in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my  
Executors Nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I  
shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God & as  
touching such worldly estate where with it hath pleased God  
to bless me in this life, I give devise and dispose of the  
same in the Following manner & form:

First...I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife MARY RODEN,  
the one half of my land that she shall choose or think proper  
to make choice of enduring her life or widowhood & all of the  
household furniture. Also all the movable properties  
belonging to the said estate.

N.B... Her half of the land and all of the movable properties  
shall be at her disposal until she marries after that to be  
equally divided to the heirs.

Also I do give & bequeath unto my beloved son JONATHAN RODEN  
the other half of my land.

N.B....The Appraisers shall deduct the said half of the land  
out of his portion of the estate...

In Witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this  
Twentieth day (20th) of FEBRUARY in the year of our Lord  
1795.

/s/ WILLIAM RODEN

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED BY THE SAID WILLIAM RODEN AS HIS  
LAST WILL & TESTAMENT IN THE PRESETS OF :

/s/ ALLEN MAYFIELD

/s/ GREENBERRY RODEN

/s/ JAMES ATTERBERY

SOUTH CAROLINA ) By JOSEPH BROWN, ORDINARY FOR CHESTER  
CHESTER DISTRICT) DISTRICT....

Whereon MARY RODEN has made (petition??) for letters of Administration with the (several words blanked out) estate & affairs of WILLIAM RODEN, deceased, (more words blanked out) and therefore to cite and admonish the signers, all the kinder & creditors of the said WILLIAM RODEN, to appear before me in the Court of Ordinary on (Friday?) the 28th of this (JUNE?) at my house on Turkey Creek in the state and district, to show cause, if any, why the said administration should not be granted. Given under my hand and seal this 12th day of November 1800 and (since fulfilled??) by COLEMAN CARLISLE ONE OF THE JUDGES & JOSEPH BROWN (LS)

(apparently the following was a sale of property to the estate of William Roden, but it was not given a label or title..

MARY RODEN 1 feather bed and furniture	\$ 7.00
1 " " "	4.50
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plows & hoes	3.00
old parker	.75
2 potts & oven	5.00
1 oven	2.25
mallocks & axes	3.00
linnen wheet (sheet?)	1.50
loom & geers	2.00
leaf? of books	.63
(not legible)	.12
1 working (??not legible)	.25
slate (??not legible)	.57
rule of books	1.00
1 flat iron	.25
saddle	1.00
2 pair cards & 2 chairs	.50
1 glass	.19
1 roan horse	80.00
1 young mare	70.00
18 yews	9.00
1 bill cow	8.12
4 head cattle	17.25
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	\$ 223.38
Abraham Mayfield	
2 old irons	\$ 1.00
Thomas Moore	
Two augurs & drawin knife	2.37
William Sample	
Two Pewter -----	3.25
William Scaife	
To 1 horse	96.57
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	\$ 330.57 Whole Amount

SOUTH CAROLINA ).....Know all men by these presents that we  
MARY RODEN, JONATHAN MAYFIELD & ABRAHAM MAYFIELD are held and  
firmly binding unto JOSEPH BROWN, ORDINARY, of Chester  
District in the just and full sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, to  
be paid to the said JOSEPH BROWN or to his successors  
Ordinary's of this said District or to their certain attorney  
or assigns to which payment will & truly to be (word not  
legible) bind ourselves & everyone of us & every one of our  
heirs, executors & administrators jointly?? & severally  
formerly by these presents..  
Sealed with our seals on this 5th day of December AD 1800 &  
of American Independence the 25th..

The conditions of this obligation is such that if the above  
(word not legible) MARY RODEN, Administrix with the Will  
(accounts??) of all the chattels goods and credits of  
WILLIAM RODEN, deceased, and does make a true and perfect  
inventory of all and singular, the goods chattels & credits  
of the said deceased, and the same so made to (the)  
estate into the Ordinary's Office within the time prescribed  
by law & the same goods chattels & credits & Will & to the  
administrator (signers?) or Kinder?, a true and perfect  
account of her administrations when thereunto requires and  
all the rest of the said goods chattels & credits where ever  
shall be found remaining on the said Administrix's account,  
the same being first Administrix allows the Ordinary shall  
deliver pay unto said persons respectfully as shall be  
entitled thereto by law the the obligations shall be void or  
else remain in full force. Signed Sealed & Delivered in the  
presence of us....

EDWARD MCDANIEL /s/ MARY (x) RODEN (LS)  
her mark  
/s/ JONATHAN (x) MAYFIELD (LS)  
THOMAS MOORE (LS)

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