

Emancipating File No. 25
Copy of the Will of John Bower

Cap John W. Ellis
Hanover

10th Aug 1809

Dear Sir

I am about starting down the Country and never having
made a Will should anything happen, to prevent my making one.

My wish and desire is that William, the Son of Nancy Finley shall
be entitled to fifty Virginia Bonds Charles standing in my name on the
notes of the 4th Bank. The first dividend arising from the 1st fifty shares
I wish given to Nancy Finley the next four dividends I wish my
son to lay out in the purchase schooling, clothing & having Emancipated
mulatto girl named Matilda now the property of Col Thomas Finley
the two next I wish laid out in schooling and clothing a mulatto girl that
purchased of Mr Bower & emancipate her in Hanover Court.

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purchased of some Bowler & manifested their in Honour Court.
the eighth tenth & twelfth the same as the first dividend provided that is
ing as the time of their coming due, the tenth eleventh and thirteenth
be equally divided between the two Mulatto girls before mentioned.
the balance of the dividends and the interest of the money arising from their
I wish applied toward clothing, schooling, & boarding William the son
Wm. Linsley as so much thereof as shall be necessary. If the said boy
William should die before he gets married or shall arrive to the age of
twenty one or die without an heir, the fifty shares or the money arising
from them shall be divided amongst my relations, agreeable to laws in
the rest of my estate Will of course be.

Yours Respectively

John Bowe

I wish Nathl Bowe Esq. Board of Honour Juries or
himself, be appointed Guardians to the boy Wm.

J. Bowe

At a Court of monthly Session held for Hamilton County at the
Court house on Wednesday the 27th of December 1869.

This Writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament
of John Bruce deceased was offered for proof by John W. Ellis
whereupon the said John W. Ellis & Samuel Richardson were sworn
& examined & the said John W. Ellis declares that the deceased on his
lifetime delivered the said Writing to him sealed, & informed him
that it was his will, & the said Ellis further declared that he truly believes
that the same was wholly written & signed by him the said deceased
and the said Samuel Richardson also declared that he believes
that the same was wholly written & signed by him the said deceased and
the Court being well acquainted with the handwriting of the said
handwriting of the said deceased and believing that the said
writing was wholly written and signed by him so thereupon, order
the same to be recorded as his last Will and Testament.