

Mr. Bowyer
Sec. of Will

I John Bowyer of Rockbridge County in the state of Virginia: being in an infirm state of health and being desirous to dispose of my estate to those who I wish to enjoy the same and in such manner as to avoid perplexity I do this seventh day of March in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred & four make and publish this my last will & testament thereby revoking and annulling all wills, Codicils & Testaments by me heretofore made.

First I allow all my just debts to be paid
second To Mary my beloved wife I give & bequeath my negro slave Aggy & her children, to wit: Jim, London, Mat, Hannah & the child she now has in arms together with her & their future increase, to have & to hold the said slaves and all their future increase to her & her heirs forever. Then I give to my said beloved wife in addition to her legal distributive share & dower of all my estate & all the profits thereof

dower of all my other estate both real & personal

Third To my niece Polly Caldwell I give & bequeath my negro slave Matt: and her children together with her & their future increase to her & her heirs forever

Fourth - To my Nephew John Bowyer of Stanton son of Michael Bowyer I give & bequeath my three plantations in Rockbridge County, to wit, the plantation I now live on containing about five hundred & thirty acres, a tract adjoining which I bought of Woods containing about three hundred & seventy five acres, and my Poplar hill Tract as it is called containing about four hundred acres to him & his heirs forever, subject nevertheless to the legal dower of my beloved wife

I do give & bequeath to my said Nephew all the rest & residue of my slaves both male & female together with their future increase except as hereinafter. To have & to hold the same to him & his

heirs forever - Subject also to the legal issues of my beloved
wife

Fifth - To my Nephew Luke Bowyer of stamton son of
William Bowyer I give & bequeath one hundred pounds
to be paid by my Executors when he arrives at the age of twen-
ty one years

As to all the rest and residue of my estate both real & person-
al after payment of debts & legacies and after my beloved wife's
legal distribution share & Dower thereof I give & bequeath the
same to my said Nephew John Bowyer to him & his heirs and
afrugs forever

I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Executrix and my said
Nephew John Bowyer & his son Henry Bowyer Executors of
this my last will and testament

Signed sealed acknowledged & published as and for my
last will & testament the day first of

last will & testament the day first above written

in presence of

John Coalter

John Robinson

Mildred W. Moore

Joseph Grigsby

John Bowyer (Seal)

I John Bowyer of Rockbridge County do this ninth day of
November 1845 make & publish this codicil to my last will &
testament & desire it may be considered as a part of my said
will. 174

Whereas it has pleased god to remove my beloved
wife Mary from this world since the making my last will
& testament on the other side of this sheet. It is therefore my will
& desire that my nephew John Bowyer of Stanilton son of
Michael Bowyer shall have & enjoy all my estate real &
personal, or of what nature & kind ever to him & his heirs for
ever except the negroes I have hitherto deeded to his son

Mary Caldwell which I hereby confirm to her and except one
hundred pounds heretofore devised to my nephew Luke Bowyer
which I hereby confirm to him, and one hundred pounds more
which I give & bequeath to my said nephew Luke Bowyer to be
paid when he arrives at the age of twenty one years -

all the rest & residue of my estate I give to my said Nephew
John Bowyer to him & his heirs forever - Witness my hand and
soul

Published & acknowledged
in presence of us

M. Coates
Christen

John Robinson

Joseph Grigsby

John Bowyer 

It is a court held for Rockbridge County June the 2nd 1806

At a court held for Rockbridge County, June the 2nd 1806

The Last will and testament of John Boyer

deceased together with a codicil thereto annexed, was proved by the oath of John Robinson, and Joseph Grigsby, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded; and on the motion of John Boyer, one of the executors in the said will named who made oath according to law, and together with John Robinson, Joseph Grigsby, William Caruther and William Bedford his securities entered into and acknowledged their Bond, in the penalty of Eighty thousand Dollars conditioned according to law, certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat in due form; liberty being reserved for the other executor in the said will named, to bring in the probat when he is capable, being now an Infant

Teste A. R. C. C. C.