

Thomas In the name of God amen John Bowen very sick & weak in body
Wife but in perfect mind of memory think fit to make my last Will and
Testament in form & manner as follows the first & particularly I
Bequeath my Spirit to Almighty God that gave it hoping that
for the sake of my blessed Saviour Jesus Death & passion I shall
have forgiveness of all my sins & Transgressions & I commit my Body
to the ground to be decently buried at the discretion of my Sons
hereafter named first I will that my Debts & Funerall Charges be
paid & Discharged then I here give to my Daughter Sarah Bennett
one negro Woman call Hagar & Negro Boy call'd Solomon & fifty Acres
of Land more or less bounded by a line of mark trees from the Cabin
Swamp to Godwin & give to my granddaughter Billa Bennett one
Negro Girl call Catherine to wit & her heirs lawfully Begotten of her
Body & I give to my Son John Bowen all the rest of my Lands & plan to lie
the mill & what belongs to her one father be it that I lay in what

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the mill & what belongs to her one feather Bed that I lay in what
Belongs to it & one Negro man callt Simon & I give to my Daughter
Beck Griffin one Negro Woman callt Jane & one negro callt Tray

And give to my Grandson backe Griffon one negro girl call Jane
to him & his Lawfully Begotten of her Body. I give to my house
Keeper Elizabeth Bradshaw Twenty pounds money. I give to
my Son Arthur Bowen one negro girl call Lier. I give to my
Daughter Mary Branch one negro man call Luke. I give to my
Daughter Martha Driver one negro girl call Cherry & all the residue
of my Estate both Goods & Chattles to be equally Divided between
my two Sons & four Daughters & my house Keeper Eliza Bradshaw
I also I appoint my Son John Bowen & William Bennett my heirs
& to be Lons to see this my ^{last} Will & Testament full filled & if any of
them is or is satisfied but Will go to Law where they should
have no more then wat they get by Law & their part in the
Will to go to the Defendant.

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of

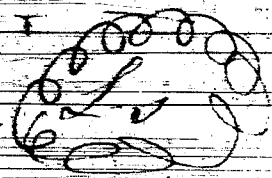
William Joyner

John Bowen

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Joseph Bradshaw

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A Court held for the County of
Southampton the 8 day of February 1759

Then Will was returned in Court by John Bowen & Hon Bennett the
heirs therein named proved by the oaths of Wm Joyner & Joseph
Bradshaw two of the Witnesses there to & ordered to be recorded & on
the motion of the said heirs who made oath according to Law
certificates granted them for obtaining a probat thereon under
form giving Security whereupon

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