

The Will of John Bowen.

In the name of God amen. I, John Bowen, being in perfect health and sound in mind and memory but calling to mind the mortality of this life do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.

First, it is my will that all my just debts be paid out of my personal Estate. As to my funeral charges perhaps I may be removed at too great distance to be thought of here, therefore leave that to the hospitality of the people wherever my death may happen.

I leave to my wife Rachel Bowen all that her father gave her consisting of a negro boy named Adam, & the green mare, his bed and furniture.

Item. I leave to my well beloved sons

Horatio C. A. Bowen & Wm all my other
estate real & personal, here and else
where to be Equally divided between them
and their heirs in fee simple forever.
It is also my will that my trusty
friend George Matthews, his son John
Matthews should be executors of this my
last Will and Testament and see to the
education of the children, the expense
of which I hope may be made out
of the increase of the stock & planta
tion.

Signed, sealed
and delivered in
presence of us

John Bowen

Wilkes County 4th October 1790

Appeared before me John Matthews, Esq.
who by our being sworn doth depose
and say that the whole of the within
instrument of Writing purporting to
be the last Will and Testament of
John Bowen deceased is the proper
handed writing of him the said
John Bowen with his name
subscribed thereto.

Edward Jones R.P.