

North Carolina  
Henderson County

In the name of God Amen.

I Nelson Bowen of the County of Henderson and State of North Carolina in view of the shortness of life, and certainty of death, being weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, praise be God for the same, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

First That my Executor hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a plain burial suitable to my wishes, as expressed to my family, and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, however and to whomsoever owing, out of the moneys that may first come into his hands, as a part or parcel of my estate.

Then - I will and devise to my beloved wife Margaret J. Bowen during her natural life or widowhood all the following described real property, to wit: Three fourths of a two acre lot in or near the Town of Hendersonville on the North side of the Shaws Creek Road, joining lands of Major Anderson and others it being the lot purchased of J. B. Bryson - Also one lot in the South end of Hendersonville N.C. on which my newspaper office now stands and on which

I. M. Corn now lives;  
 Also all that part of my farm  
 on the Haywood road, which  
 I have not before deeded away  
 or which is not hereinafter spe-  
 cifically devised, and also all  
 that house and lot where I  
 now live. To have and to hold  
 during her natural life or widow-  
 hood in satisfaction of and in  
 lieu of <sup>the</sup> Dower and thirds of  
 and in all of my Real Estate  
 and in consideration of the  
 fact that she is to educate  
 my three youngest children  
 viz. Addie, Jasper and Paul.

I Item - I also will and  
 bequeath to my said wife  
 all my household and  
 kitchen furniture of whatever  
 nature or kind, except such  
 as is otherwise disposed of  
 in this will, and also any  
 and all other personal  
 property (except my printing  
 press, fixtures, material ink and  
 station kept in my printing  
 Office) which she may select in  
 concert with my Executors.

I Item - My will is that that part  
 of my farm lying on the Haywood  
 road three miles from Henderson  
 - Ville N. C. which I have not before  
 deeded to 10<sup>th</sup> H. Bowen and  
 Columbus Durlap and wife  
 be divided into five parcels  
 or lots by A. L. Patterson and  
 two other men to be chosen  
 by the said A. L. Patterson  
 C. M. Pace Esq and my Executors  
 in front of the water power

I have commenced for that purpose whom I desire to conform to my wishes, which are  
 that the part is to be known as lot 201 or commence at a stake to be put out by  
 my Executors

and machinery of J. C. Bowen  
 and runs South West to such a <sup>point</sup>  
 as may be necessary to secure the  
 water power to the greatest advan-  
 tage, then to change the course  
 as often as may be necessary to  
 secure the interest of the said water  
 power, and extend said line, far  
 enough, so that a line running  
 parallel with the said road  
 30 poles long will carry you to  
 a point; from which to run back  
 to said road, with a width  
 of 30 poles. From the side lines  
 first run will include said  
 water power and 30 acres of  
 land in said boundary.

The second lot to be known as lot  
 No 2 shall be run so as to take in  
 the House orchard and Stables, where  
 James A. Bowen now lives; &

The Third lot to be known as  
 Lot No 3 shall be run so as to lay  
 between lots no 1 & 2 above mentioned

The fourth lot to be known as  
 Lot No 4 shall be run so as to  
 lay just below and adjoining the  
 first mentioned lot above.

The fifth lot to be known as  
 lot No 5 shall be run so as  
 to join the fourth lot above  
 mentioned and the lands of  
 Wm H. Bowen and Columbus  
 Dunlap and wife and that  
 said Commissioners in making  
 said division do so with as  
 little difference in price as  
 practicable having an eye always  
 to the above directions and  
 that they fix a reasonable price  
 on each of the said lots, but they  
 are not to consider the improvements made by J. C.  
 Bowen in fixing a price on lot No 1 -

Item - I will and devise to my son Arthur C. Bowen all of Lot No 1 as above described at the price to be fixed by the said Commissioners to have and to hold to himself his heirs and assigns forever, provided nevertheless that he must account for the same at said price in the final division of my property hereafter mentioned and provided further that he shall pay 5% per annum on the said amount fixed as aforesaid by said Commissioners as the price of said lot, to my said wife for the purpose of maintaining herself and family and educating my infant children.

Item I will and devise to my son James N. Bowen all of Lot No 2 as above described to have and to hold to himself his heirs and assigns forever upon the same conditions and subject to the same provisions as the devise to my son A.C. Bowen above mentioned, except that he shall only pay to my wife 4% instead of 5% on account of a reservation herein to my said wife of the right to enter on said Lot No 2 and take and carry off such fruit as may be needed by her said family.

Item - I will and devise to my daughter Mary D. Freeman all of Lot No 3 as above described to have and to hold to herself her heirs and assigns forever upon the same condition and

I desire to conform to my wishes, which are

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subject to the same provisions  
as the devise to my son Arthur  
C. Bowen -

Item - I will and devise to  
my son Mark M. Bowen all  
of lot No 4 as above described  
to have and to hold to himself  
his heirs and assigns forever  
upon the same conditions and  
subject to the same provisions  
as the devise above made to my  
son Arthur C. Bowen -

Item - I will and bequeath to  
my son Wm H. Bowen One hundred  
and ninety nine Dollars which  
he owes me on the purchase of  
Land for which he must account  
in the final division of my  
property as aforesaid without  
interest -

Item - I will and bequeath to  
my Daughter Rachel E. Dunlap  
One hundred and twenty Dollars  
which she and her husband owe  
me for the purchase of Land  
for which she must account, without  
interest, in the final division of my  
property as aforesaid -

Item - I will and bequeath to my  
Daughter Emma E. Bowen my musical  
organ absolutely, for which she  
is not to account in the final division  
of my property -

Item - I will and bequeath and devise  
to my friend Mary L. Pitt (1/4) one fourth  
of that two acre lot (3/4) three fourths  
of which I have above devised to  
my wife to have and to hold to her

her heirs and assigns forever  
and I direct that my executor  
execute to her a deed to the same  
in fee simple as soon as a  
deed shall be made to me or my  
estate by the said J. C. Bryson which  
one fourth is to be taken off of the North  
East corner of said lot -

Item - I will and bequeath unto  
the American Baptist Publication  
Society located at 1420 Chestnut  
Street Philadelphia Pa the  
Sum of fifty four \$54.00 dollars which  
is amount of their indebtedness  
to me, which I desire that they  
use for the purposes of said Society  
to have and to hold forever, provided  
they will furnish to the Western  
Baptist Convention of North Carolina  
to be per annum on said amount in  
cheap bibles and Testaments to be  
gratuitously distributed by said  
Convention to the most destitute  
within their territory without regard  
to race -

Item - After the death of my said  
wife or as soon thereafter as my  
youngest child shall arrive at  
full age I direct that all my  
real estate which I have  
herein devised to my said  
wife for life or widowhood  
be sold by my executor at public  
or private sale as he may think  
best and the proceeds thereof equally  
divided between all my children who  
may then be living and if any one  
or more shall be dead then their issue  
if any shall take their place in  
said division. Provided nevertheless  
that the legatees and devisees

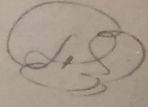
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in this will shall account for  
what they have had by said will or  
be excluded from said division —

Item — My will and desire is, that  
all the residue of my estate after  
taking out the devises and legacies  
above mentioned shall be sold by  
my executor and the debts owing  
to me be collected and if there shall  
be any surplus over and above  
the payment of the debts expenses  
and charges that said surplus  
shall be used by my executor  
in the digging of a well on  
said home place and otherwise  
improving said premises —

And that my said executor  
shall be allowed ~~of~~ five  
per cent on receipts and  
the same for disbursements  
in executing my will —

And lastly, I do hereby con-  
=stitute and appoint my  
son Comst Bowen my lawful  
executor to all intents and  
purposes to execute this  
my last will and Testament  
according to the true <sup>intent and</sup> meaning  
and in every part and clause  
thereof hereby revoking and  
declaring null and void all  
other wills and Testaments  
by me heretofore made —

On witness whereof I the said  
Nelson Bowen do hereunto set  
my hand and affix my seal  
this the 1st day of April in the  
year of our Lord 1882.

Nelson Bowen 

Signed sealed published and  
delivered by the said Nelson Bowen

to be his last will and  
testament in the presence  
of us who at his request and  
in his presence do subscribe  
our names as witnesses thereto,  
Perry Pitt.

Thos J. Rickman  
W. J. Smith

State of North Carolina } In The  
Henderson County } Probate Court.

A paper purporting to be the last  
will and testament of N.  
Bomen deceased is exhibited  
before me the undersigned judge  
of Probate for said County  
by W. H. Bomen the Executor  
wherein mentioned and the  
due execution thereof by the  
said N. Bomen by the oath  
and examination of Perry Pitt  
and T. J. Rickman two of the  
subscribing witnesses thereto:  
who being duly sworn doth depose  
and say, and each for himself  
deposeth and saith, that he is a sub-  
scribing witness to the paper writing  
now shown him, purporting to be  
the last will and testament of  
N. Bomen, that the said N. Bomen  
in the presence of this deponent  
subscribed his name at the end  
of the said paper writing which is now  
shown as aforesaid and which bears  
date of the 1st day of April 1882.

And the deponent further saith  
that the said N. Bomen the  
testator as aforesaid did at  
the time of subscribing his  
name as aforesaid declare the  
said paper writing so subscribed  
by him and exhibited to be his

I declare to conform to my modes, which are

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last will and Testament and  
his deponent did thereupon seek  
to have his name at the end of said  
will as an attesting witness thereto  
and at the request and in the presence  
of the said Testator - And this  
deponent further saith that at the  
said time when the said Testator  
subscribed his name to the last  
will as aforesaid and at the time  
of the deponent subscribing his name  
as an attesting witness thereto, as  
aforesaid, the said N. Bowen was  
of sound mind and memory, of  
full age to execute a will  
and was not under any constraint  
to the knowledge, information  
or belief of this deponent.  
And further the deponent says not.  
Remy Pitt Esq  
Thos J Rickman Seal

Solemnly Sworn and Subscribed this  
1st day of May 1882 before me,  
Ball Pacer  
Justice Judge

State of North Carolina  
Henderson County Upon the evidence of Remy Pitt  
and Thos J Rickman two of the subscribing witnesses  
to the last will and Testament of Nelson Bowen deceased  
the foregoing paper written as aforesaid to be the last  
last will and Testament of the said Nelson Bowen.  
Therefore let the said will the evidence of the  
said subscribing witnesses and this Certificate  
be registered this 1st day of May 1882.  
Ball Pacer  
Clerk Superior Court