

In the name of God Amen I Andrew Bowman of Mecklenburg
County Province of North Carolina, being weak in body, but of sound
memory bless'd be God; Do this 20th day of October in the year of our
Lord 1775 make & publish this my last will & Testament in manner
& form following, that is to say after all my just debts & several
charges are paid out of my Estate.

First I leave & bequeath to my loving wife Margaret Bowman all the plant
I now live upon outside my son Andrew is of age at which time my
son Andrew is to enjoy the one half of said place untill his mother's
decease or Marriage the first of which happens my son Andrew
when he comes of age is to be sole owner & possessor of said
place, likewise I give unto my wife for her & all the furniture
belonging to it, her saddle & bridle; likewise I give unto my
daughter Sarah Bowman Twenty five pounds in money to be paid to her
as soon as it can lawfully be raised & levied out of my Estate
as also a feather bed & furniture her spinning wheel, a young sow
more & a saddle & bridle after the above divisions I give & bequeath
unto my loving wife Margaret Bowman the third part of all
my Estate real & personal as her right & property & likewise such
furniture as is needful for house keeping is to be appraised & not sold
such reserve is to be at the discretion of my loving wife, & the remain-
ing part of my Estate real & personal is to be sold & equally divided
amongst my three youngest Daughters Viz Rachel Bowman
Margaret Bowman and Abigail Bowman Vif any of my Children
die before they come of age I desire & allow their part to be equally
divided amongst all the others, but in case any of them die they
their mother it shall be in her power to take all their part except
five shillings & divide it equally amongst all the others.
And I desire & appoint my wife Margaret Bowman Captain
John Davidson & Joseph Moore sole Executors of this my last
will & Testament In Witness Whereof I the said Andrew
Bowman have signed, sealed & subscribed this my last will &
Testament this 20th day of October 1775.

I have following, that is to say after all my just debts & personal
charges the good part of my Estate.

First I have & bequeath to my loving wife Margaret Bowman the plant
house line and suitable my son Andrew is of age at which time my
son Andrew is to enjoy the one half of said place until his mother's
decease or Marriage the first of which happens my son Andrew
when he comes of age is to be sole owner & proprietor of said
place like unto my wife with my high for that & all the furniture
belonging to it, then to be sold & divided, Likewise I give unto my
Daughter Sarah Bowman Twenty five pounds in money to be paid to her
as soon as it can lawfully be raised & levied out of my Estate
as also a feather bed & furniture her spinning wheel, a young saddle
more & a saddle & bridle after the above divisions I give & bequeath
unto my loving wife Margaret Bowman the third part of all
my Estate real & personal as her right & property & like unto such
furniture as is needful for housekeeping is to be appraised & not sold.
Such reserve is to be at the discretion of my loving wife, & the remain-
ing part of my Estate real & personal is to be sold & equally divided
amongst my three youngest Daughters Viz Rachel Bowman
Margaret Bowman and Martha Bowman & if any of my Children
die before they come of age I desire & allow their part to be equally
divided amongst all the others, but in case any of them die they
their mother it shall be in her power to take all their part except
five shillings & divide it equally amongst all the children.
And I desire & appoint my wife Margaret Bowman Captain
John Davidson & Joseph Moore sole Executors of this my last
will & Testament in the Writings whereof the said Andrew
Bowman have signed, sealed & subscribed this my last will &
Testament the day & year above written.

Signed sealed & subscribed in the presence of

Thomas McKee
Thomas Galloway

Andrew Bowman