

State of North Carolina
Washington County

Know all men by these presents: That I James C. Bowen of the County of Washington and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and judgment, and knowing the shortness and uncertainty of life, do make this my last Will as to testament as follows:— For the natural love and affection which I bear to my father William L. Bowen do hereby will and bequeath to my father the said William L. Bowen, after my decease and after paying all necessary burial expenses, all my estate (viz) the tract of land together with the dwelling and all other buildings belonging thereto, adjoining the Town of Plymouth in the County and State aforesaid. Bounded as follows:— Beginning at the main road leading from Plymouth to Williamstown at or near an arch or bridge near Rhoads Old field to the north thereof, thence up a branch from said arch forty poles to a pine stump, John Williams Roads, Corner, thence North fifteen degrees east one hundred and thirty poles to a pine standing at the head of deep branch, thence South sixty one degrees west fifty six poles to the south west corner of said John, thence North twenty nine degrees East six poles to the back street, thence South Sixty one degrees West seventeen poles to the main Road, thence South six and one half degrees west along the main road one hundred and twenty poles to the arch or bridge, the beginning, containing thirty acres more or less, or by reference to John B. Beasley's deed to Caleb Walker dated 1st Jan 1850 well more fully appear and also Lot No Eleven & Twelve (11 & 12) in the Town of Plymouth designated and known as the same land sold by Jno M. Bateman, Sheriff under Execution and purchased by J P Newberry, Deed dated 18th Sept 1871, together with the privilege and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, with all the right and title and interest of him the said James C. Bowen to the said William L. Bowen,

I hereby designate as my Executor to this my last Will and Testament, my friend Joseph E. Adams to execute this my will, according to law.

In Testimony whereof I the said James C. Bowen have hereunto affixed my hand and seal, this the 7th day of October 1880

Witness
Joseph E. Adams
John Swinson

James C. Bowen

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In the Probate Court
A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James C. Bowen deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Judge of Probate for said County by Joseph E. Adams the Executor therein mentioned, and the true execution thereof by the said James C. Bowen by the oath and examination of Joseph E. Adams and John Swinson the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, both depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James C. Bowen, that the said James C. Bowen in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 7th day of October 1880.

And the deponent further saith, that the said James C. Bowen the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing as subscribed by him, and exhibited to be his last Will and Testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe 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 said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said James C. Bowen was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a Will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further these deponents say not.

Joseph E. Adams
John Swinson

Specially sworn and subscribed
this 12th day of Feb 1881 before me
Sam W. Latham
Probate Judge.