

June the 8<sup>th</sup> 1824

In the name of God amen

I Mary H Bowen of the county of  
Sumner and State of Tennessee being now in sound mind and  
memory but in the decline of life and knowing the certainty of death  
do make and ordain this my last will and testament. I them will and  
bequeath unto my two sons W<sup>m</sup> R Bowen and Samuel A Bowen  
one hundred acres of land to be laid off at the west end of my survey  
beginning at the corner formerly Desdrieks corner and running  
to Cantrells line or as to make the quantity of above named land  
my two sons are to keep in trust for my daughter Louisa Sanders  
during of her natural life and to the heirs of her body forever but to be  
expressly understood that should my son in law in right of his wife  
or my daughter Louisa Sanders or any of them bring suit and gain  
any thing or damages of money from the estate of my dead son John H  
Bowen for the mismanagement of his fathers estate in that case. I leave  
the above named land to be sold to satisfy said demand or so much  
thereof as will be sufficient for the same and my two sons W<sup>m</sup> R  
Bowen Samuel A Bowen may have any execution that the said

M. H. Bowen  
will

Sanders and wife may have against the heirs of my son John H Bowen  
levied on said land and sold which sale shall be as binding on me as if the title to  
said land was in the heirs of my said son John H Bowen.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I will unto my two sons Wm R Bowen and Samuel A Bowen above  
named one hundred acres of land to be laid off at the North end of my survey  
adjoining of the land of Stephen Cantrell on the line running East and West  
for my Daughter Celia W Stone during of her natural life then to the natural  
heirs of her body forever but if said Celia W Stone with the consent of  
my sons Wm R Bowen and Samuel A Bowen think best to sell the said land they  
can do so and apply the proceeds to the use of my daughter Celia W Stone  
during her natural life and then to heirs of her body forever

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my sons William R Bowen and Samuel  
A Bowen and my three grand children, Mary H Bowen William  
Grant Bowen and John H Bowen infant heirs of my son John H Bowen  
the residue of my land in summer county to be equally divided in three  
lots my son William R one lot my son Samuel A one lot and my three  
grand children one lot between and the lot that may fall to my grand  
children shall be valued by three or four respectable men and my sons  
may take the same land at the valuation of 3 or 4 respectable men  
if they wish it and pay the same or the proportion to each grand child  
when they arrive at the age of twenty or or many severally with legal  
interest on the same from the time of valuation or if they should chose  
pay it before to be put out on interest for their use.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath unto my two sons William R and  
Samuel A Bowen in trust for my daughter Celia W Stone two Negroes  
named Hampton and Taddy during of her natural and with  
their increase and then to the heirs of her body forever

5<sup>th</sup> Item. I will that at my death all my estate to the and personal not  
before named be equally divided between my five children and three grand  
children to wit, Louisa Sanders Katharine Campbell William R Bowen  
Samuel A Bowen Celia W Stone <sup>and my grand children</sup> Mary  
H Bowen William Grant Bowen and John H Bowen one equal  
share and my grand children collectively one share 6<sup>th</sup> Item

I will that all my estate both real and personal that may come to my  
daughters to the hands of my executors for the use and benefit of my daughters  
Louisa Sanders Katharine Campbell and Celia W Stone remain in the hands  
of my executors in trust for my said daughters during of their natural lives and  
then to the heirs of their bodies forever

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I will that my landed  
estate in Kentucky may either be sold or divided as my Exors may think proper  
for the benefit of my children and grand children to be divided in the same  
manner and proportion as the rest of my estate already disposed of. 8<sup>th</sup> Item it is  
my will that my four old negroes (to wit) Labon Lucy Sarah and Hiram  
who have been faithful and obedient and assisted in raising my family are  
to be at perfect liberty and to live with any of my children that they may chose  
my sons William R and Samuel A Bowen to see that they are kindly treated  
and to have permission to visit their children at reasonable times and to see them  
well taken care of.

9<sup>th</sup> Item and lastly I constitute my two sons William R  
and Samuel A Bowen Exors of this my last will and testament I hereby  
revoke all former wills in testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand and affixed my seal the year and date above written.

Scublar Sanders Chloee Sanders H Russell  
Mary H Bowen

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I B. It is my wish that Sabel and Sarah live with my son William R Bowen and that Lucy and Minny live with James or Bowen or Celia or any of them they wish.

Mary H Bowen Seal

In pursuance to my last will & testament It is my will and desire that my young Negroes already divided by will be divided as follows viz to my Daughter Celia W Stone and her heirs a Negro girl Tucky them to my daughter Louisa Sanders and her heirs Negro girl Polly them to my son James or Bowen Negro boy Simon them to my grand children Mary H Bowen Grant Bowen and John Bowen heirs of John H Bowen the Negro girl Celia on share them to my daughter Katharine Campbell Negro girl named Madeline them to my son William R Bowen Negro boy named Harry. Lastly the residue of my young Negroes heretofore divided to be equally divided among the above named heirs with exception that my daughter Sabetta Moore have a Negro girl a saddle or a horse saddle and bridle together with a bed and furniture as equal to said Negro girl at her option. In conclusion it is my desire the whole of the aforesaid Negroes shall remain in possession of my son William Bowen agreeable to an agreement entered into by him and myself until all my just debts are paid and so soon thereafter as may be expedient to be divided as herein specified In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven.

In presence of  
Chloe Sanders  
James H Grey  
Maria H Grey

Mary H Bowen Seal  
mark

Alteration in Mr Bowers Will  
I will that my daughter Sabetta Moore have one of my young Negroes or a horse and my saddle with my bed and furniture also my family I will that my son William R Bowen have three cows and calves one steer 10 head of sheep twenty head of hogs one bed and furniture. I will that my son John H Bowers children have two cows and calves and ten head of sheep. I will that my daughter Celia W Stone have one yoke of steers and cow or heifer I will that my Brother Henry Russell one bed and bed cloths and one my mares colts next spring if they have a pair. on April 1<sup>st</sup> 1825 I will that this be done before a division take place and also will that my heirs relinquish all claims to the above mentioned negroes before said division.

Test  
Tepus O Harris  
H Russell

Mary H Bowen Seal

State of Tennessee Sumner county court May Term 1827  
The last will and testament of Mary H Bowen was exhibited in court for probate and duly proven agreeable to law by the oath of Hubland Sanders Chloe Sanders Henry Russell subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded  
Attest of H Long Japs clerk of said court

State of Tennessee  
Summer County court August Term 1827

William R Bowen one of the Exors of Mary H Bowen deced appeared in court & took the oath <sup>sworn</sup> presented by law and together with John H Dromyke and Robert Harper his security entered into a acknowledge their bond to the Governor in the sum of twelve hundred dollars conditioned as the law direct.

State of Tennessee  
Summer County

I A H Douglass clerk of the court pleas and quarter session for said county do hereby certify that the above and foregoing last will and testament of Mary H Bowen deced is a true and correct copy thereof of the probat and qualification of Wm R Bowen Executor & also taken from the records of Summer County court Given under my hand and seal of said court this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1832 and fifty seventh year of American Independence

A H Douglass clerk  
of said court

State of Tennessee  
Summer County

I Thomas Anderson Chairman of the court of pleas and quarter session for the County of Sumner aforesaid hereby that A H Douglass is clerk of said court that full faith and credit is due to all his official act as such and his attestation is in due form of law Given under my hand and seal 22<sup>nd</sup> of May AD 1832

Thos Anderson Esq  
Cha. J. C. C.

Commonwealth of Kentucky }  
Muhlenberg County } So

The foregoing Instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Mary H Bowen deceased was produced to me in my office on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 which together with the testimonials thereon endorsed is admitted to and truly recorded Given under my hand a clerk of county court for the county aforesaid

A H Douglass