

Will of Thomas Bowen

I Thomas Bowen of the Township of Galloway in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey being of sound mind memory and understanding for which blessing I thank God do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following viz.

First It is my will and I do order all my just debts and funeral expences duly paid as soon as conveniently can be after my decease.

Second I give and devise my daughter Ann Leeds Abigail Sooy and the heirs of Mary Morse (which said heirs is to have one share or one third part, the same as their mother would have been entitled to if she had been living) All that tract of meadow called the New Blood Point Tract, also all that tract of meadow called the swimming over tract bounded by meadow of John Risley and others, also all that tract of meadow called Oak Island Tract bounded by meadow of Joseph Higbee and others, also all that tract of meadow called the Collins ditch tract in the great meadows bounded by meadow of femina Endicott and others to them and their heirs forever.

Third I give and devise unto my sons Richard Bowen Josiah Bowen Eli Bowen Pernal Bowen Amasa Bowen and my grand son Joseph Bowen (son of Joseph Higbee Bowen) all the ballance or residue of my Real Estate to be equally divided between them share and share alike to them and their heirs and assigns forever share to - set off where each on lives.

Fourth I do constitute and appoint my sons Richard Bowen and Amasa Bowen Executors to this my last will and testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this          day of          in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six (1856)

Signed Sealed published and declared to by the said Thomas Bowen to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, Richard Higbee Daniel Shoups

Thomas Bowen Seal

Atlantic County ss. Richard Higbee one of the witnesses to the within will being duly sworn on his oath saith that he saw Thomas Bowen the testator within named sign the within will and he and him publish pronounce

and declare the within writing to be his last will and testament and at the doing thereof the said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory as far as this deponent knows and as he verily believes and that Daniel Shoups the other subscribing witness was present at the same time and signed his name as witness to the said will together with deponent in the presence of the testator.

Sworn & Subscribed at Mays Landing this thirteenth day of Dec. A.D. 1864 before me S. R. Devinney Surgt.

Richard Higbee

Atlantic County ss. Richard Bowen and Amasa Bowen Executors within named being duly sworn on their respective oaths saith that the within instrument contains the true last will and testament of Thomas Bowen the testator within named so far as they know and as they verily believe that they will well and truly perform the same by paying first the debts of the said deceased and then the legacies in said testament specified so far as the goods chattels and credits of said deceased can thereunto extend and that they will make and exhibit into the prerogative office at Trenton a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of said deceased that have or shall come to their knowledge or possession or to the possession of any other person or persons for their use (provided that any such goods chattels and credits can be found) and render a just and true account when thereunto lawfully required.

Sworn & Subscribed at Mays Landing this thirteenth day of Dec. A.D. 1864 before me S. R. Devinney Surgt.

Richard Bowen mark Amasa Bowen

I Solomon R. Devinney Surrogate of the County of Atlantic Seal do certify the foregoing record to be a true copy of the last will and testament of Thomas Bowen late of the County of Atlantic deceased and of the probate thereof and that Richard Bowen and Amasa Bowen the Executors therein named proved the same before me and are duly authorized to administer the same agreeably to said will. Witness my hand and seal of office this thirteenth day of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty four,

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S. R. Devinney Surgt.