

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF DAN BOWEN II SENIOR

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I, Dan Bowen, Senior of the Township of Deerfield in the County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey, being in a weak and low state of health but blessed by God of a sound and retaining memory but calling to mind my own mortality knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make this my last will and testament.

I recommend my body to ye dust from whence it was taken in full assurance of its resurrection thereof at the last day, I give my soul to God my maker, begging His gracious acceptance thereof and as touching such worldly interest as the Lord has been pleased to bless me with in this life, I do order and dispose of in the following manners, first, I order my burial to be decent without ye least pomp or state at the discretion of my executors hereafter named.

I order all my gifts and lawful debts to be honestly paid. Item: I give and bequeath unto my sone Mark Bowen the plantation on which he now liveth containing one hundred and sixty seven acres. Item: I give and bequeath unto my sone Dan Bowen the plantation on which he now liveth containing one hundred and forty acres, together with my cedar grove lying in green branch, containing five acres. I give and bequeath to my sone Abraham Bowen and Abraham Robinson the plantation on which I now live containing two hundred acres to be divided as follows: to wit Abraham Bowen to have the one equal halfe of said land and premises which shall be taken on the west side of said land and I do order my sone Abraham Bowen to pay to my sone Ephraim Bowen out of said land, the sum of six pounds of gold and silver money and also to pay to my daughter Ruhamey Moore the sum of twelve pounds in gold and silver money, I order my moveable estates to be divided as follows: to wit, I give and bequeath to my three grandsons Hosea Robinson, Eli Robinson and Ellis Robinson the sum of five pounds each. I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Rebeckah Robinson the sum of ten pounds and the remainder of moveable estate I order to be equally divided between my three daughters, Mary Nichol, Rebeckah Smith and Rachel Robinson.

Whereas my two sons to wit: Mark and Dan above mentioned are in possession of the land above devised to them and the same by deed of gift from me. This is to certify in full and fixed intention that the same shall be their full and final part of any estate both real and personal.

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And lastly I do constitute and appoint Abraham Bowen my sone and Abraham Robinson Executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby publish, pronounce and declare this to be my last will and testament in witness which I have here unto set my hand, seal this twentieth day of September One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety.

Dan Bowen

John Carll

A handwritten signature consisting of several overlapping loops and lines, appearing to be a stylized 'J' and 'C'.

(mark)

Phebe

Nichol

Ephriam Lummis

Abraham Bowen and Abraham Robinson Executors made an inventory 9 November 1790

Sworn at Bridgton 15 November 1790