

During her life her widowhood -  
 I do hereby give to my son Bille Bowden my land and plantation  
 at the Mother's Death or Marriage sales give him my small  
 Bred Gun -  
 and I do my Will and Desire that the Remainder of my estate  
 should be sold and Equally divided between my four children  
 namely Bille Elizabeth Sally, and Melly -  
 and at the Death or Marriage of my wife for her portion  
 Equally divided between my children above named and if  
 either of my four children dies without heir for that part  
 to be equally divided between the others that are living -  
 and I do further appoint Thomas Bowden and John Russell  
 my heire and Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament  
 and I do hereby Revoke and Make Void all former wills by  
 me heretofore made and do Establish this my last Will &  
 Testament in all things which I have hereunto set my hand  
 and Seal this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1783.

Signed, Sealed in  
 presence of -  
 Elias Bowden  
 John Russell.  
 Lady Bowden

Robert Bowden 

The Court held for the County of Southampton the 14<sup>th</sup>  
 of July 1787. This will was presented in Court by Thomas  
 Bowden one of the executors John Russell the other refusing  
 proved by the oaths of Elias Bowden and John Russell two  
 of the sitting freeholders and ordered to be recorded and on  
 the motion of the said executor who made oath according  
 to law a certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate  
 thereof in due form giving security whereupon he

John  
 Bowden  
 Executor  
 1787

The Inventory and appraisement of the estate of John  
 Pope dec. Taken the 13<sup>th</sup> of Decr 1784

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---|----|---|
| 1 White Bay Horse 15 p. and old wearing band                    | 5 | 2  | - |
| 2 Acres of parcel copias Tools 1st Iron Shillet 4p.             | 1 | 1  | - |
| 1 Large Iron pot & Hooks 1st Small do. Hooks 3p.                |   | 13 | - |
| 1 Tray of Iron 6p. 1st pot Hooks Can 1st adp. and old parts 8p. |   | 12 | - |
| 1 Gun 1st 1 Chisel and auger 2p. 2 drawing knives 12 plains 3p. |   | 14 | - |
| 1 parcel Lumber & claw Hammer 1/3 1st Tub & Bucket of Salt 1/6  | 2 | 8  | - |

can be seen