

In the name of God Amen, I Susan Bowdoin, being very sick, and weak in body but of sound mind and memory, do hereby make this paper writing as and for my last will and testament, in manner and form following, hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made.

First. I desire that my just debts, and funeral charges, shall be paid, as soon after my decease as practicable.

Secondly. After the payment of my debts, and funeral expenses, I give to the Bible Society, of which I am a member, the sum of five hundred dollars: If the said Bible Society, as a society, cannot take this Legacy, and hold and use the same as a society, then I give it to the President, Managers, Directors, Agents, or Trustees of the said Bible Society, in Trust, to be applied and appropriated to the objects and purposes for which the said Bible Society as aforesaid was formed.

Thirdly. I give unto the Episcopal Education Society, of which I am a life member, the sum of five hundred dollars: If however the said society cannot take and hold this Legacy, as a Society, then I give the same to the President, Managers, Directors, Agents, or Trustees, of the said Episcopal Education Society, in Trust to be applied and appropriated to the objects, purposes, and benefits, for which the said Society was formed.

Fourthly. I give to Courtney Locke, daughter of my relative the late John T. Bowdoin, the Portrait picture of the  
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said John T. Bowdoin, which was presented to me by her late father.

Fifthly. I give to my nephew Joseph Prentis, the sum of five hundred dollars.

Sixthly. I give to my niece Margaret Susan Webb, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

Seventhly. I give to my niece Mari Anna Saunders Riddick my Mahogany Wardrobe.

Eighthly. I give unto my friend Mrs. Susan Parker of Baltimore, my gold watch.

Ninthly. I give to my nephew Peter Bowdoin, my dozen silver Tea spoons, my brass fender, and irons, shovel, tongs & poker.

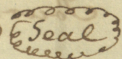
Tenthly. I give unto my niece Eliza B. Vickery, my finger Diamond Ring.

Eleventhly. All the rest and residue of my estate of every sort kind and description, I give and bequeath unto my niece Eliza B. Vickery, to her and her heirs forever.

And lastly I nominate and appoint Joseph Prentis, and Doctor Robert H. Webb, of Suffolk, Executors of this my last will and testament, and I desire that they may not be required to give security, for the execution of the Trust hereby reposed in them, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at Suffolk County of Nausemond, this twenty eighth day of March A.D. 1835.

Signed, sealed, published and declared as and for the last will and testament of Susan Bowdoin, decd. in our presence. Mary Jones, Mary Shepherd

Susan Bowdoin



At a Court held for Nansemond County, the 13<sup>th</sup> April 1835:  
This Last will and testament of Susan Bowdoin decd. was  
put into Court by Joseph Prentis and Robert H. Webb, the  
Executors herein named, and being proved by the oaths  
of all the witnesses hereto, was ordered to be recorded; Liberty  
was reserved the said Executors to qualify at a future day.

Nansemond office  
17<sup>th</sup> April 1835.

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Teste  
John T Kilby clk.

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*Susan Bowdoin*  
*will*  
*proved*  
*by*  
*Joseph Prentis*  
*and*  
*Robert H. Webb*  
*Executors*  
*hereto*  
*on*  
*the*  
*13<sup>th</sup>*  
*April*  
*1835*

Seal

Susan Bowdoin's  
Mill

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-wished to be exhibited.

(copy with postscript)

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