

# Chapter 7

Relations



Chauncy Hare Townshend

**MARRIAGES** solemnized in the Parish of Waverish  
in the County of Surrey in the Year 1828

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Rev<sup>d</sup> Jeremiah Bowen. of the Parish  
of Hambro in the County of York. Bratchelor

and Sarah Norton Cole. of this Parish

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were married in this Church by Chauncey  
Flare this seventeenth Day of  
June in the Year One Thousand eight hundred and twenty eight

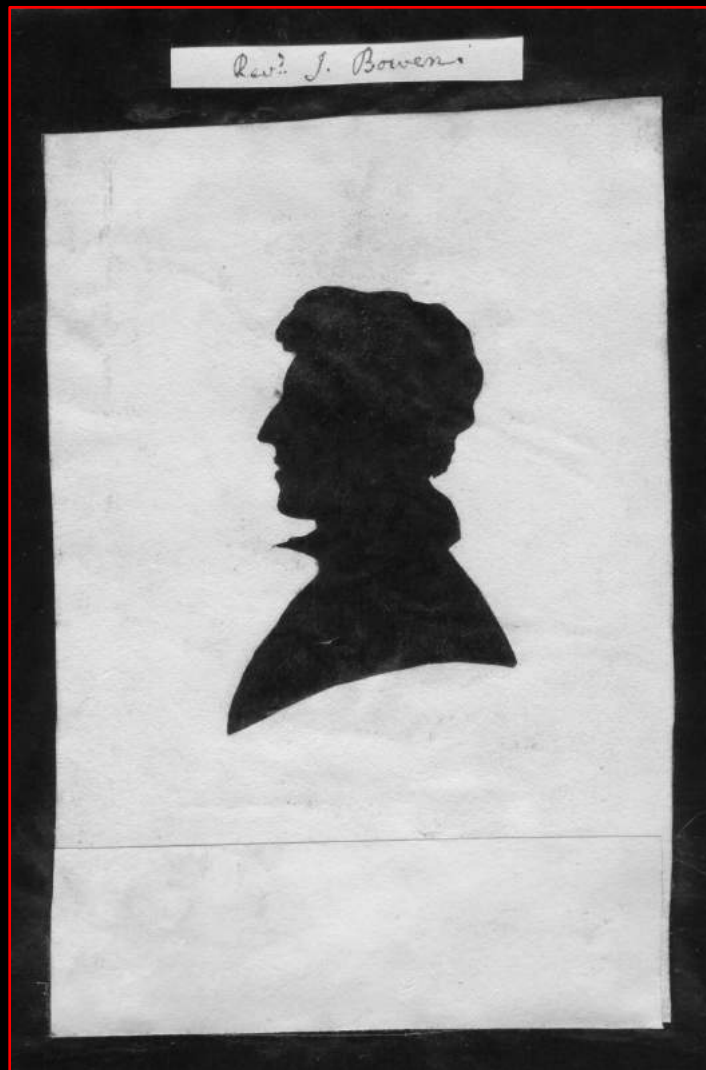
By me Chauncey Flare, Minister

This Marriage was solemnized between us { Jeremiah Bowen.  
Sarah Norton Cole.

In the Presence of { W. H. Cole.  
Mary Jane Cole. Anna Maria Cole.

No.

Chauncey officiates at Jeremiah's Wedding, 1828



Chauncey's silhouette of Jeremiah

In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen! - This is the last Will & Testament of me Jeremiah Bowen made this day of September 1871. If I have not made a Will before it has been because the little I had to leave seemed to me not worthily of a formal Will. It is little enough now but such as it may be it is right for the satisfaction of my wife & children & to guard against misunderstanding among them to leave a clear statement of my wishes. I trust that my

Dear wife being in possession of her own marriage settlement will be satisfied with what she may be entitled to as my widow & will be (as I affectionately believe) kind & considerate to my children for their sakes as well as mine. My beloved daughters Grace Emily & Mary are I trust provided for I am painfully aware how little I have been able to do for them but were I now to divide equally among my six children the little there is to dispose of it would scarcely be a benefit to any of them I have made an allowance to my son Crawford of a sum which has of course lessened the little I have to leave & cannot therefore leave him any money but everything that personally belongs to me - my telescope watch & books after my daughters have selected such books of poetry as they may like to divide among themselves. I do not wish any of my books to be sold by auction & expose my literary poverty I wish my son Crawford to have all my manuscript volumes & to burn what he is not disposed to keep whatever amount of money may be in hands of my bankers or owing to me together with the amount which may remain after my debts are paid & after every thing not otherwise disposed of is sold. All these sums & any amount whatsoever which may be mine at the time of my death I will bequeath to my two unmarried daughters Charlotte & Georgina Bowen to be equally divided between them. Jer: Bowen - Witness my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 1871 in the presence of each other - Ed<sup>d</sup> E. Durrant of Kings Lynn - William E. Wright North Runcton.

### Codicil

I hereby nominate & appoint as my Executors Edwin A. Durrant Esq<sup>r</sup> of Kings Lynn Norfolk and John Cross of West Walton in the County of Kent. In addition to this Codicil I further state that my will is that my wife shall have the use of all my furniture plate pictures &c for her life & at her decease that all shall be left at the disposal of my two unmarried daughters - Jer: Bowen - Witness my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1874 - In the presence of us & of each other - Arthur Beard, Parkside, Cambridge - Jesse Hill 26 Jesus Lane, Cambridge. (Affidavits of due execution of Will and Codicil filed)

Proved at London with a Codicil 26<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1875 by the oaths of Edwin Elmer Durrant (in the Codicil written Edwin A. Durrant) and John Cross the Executors named in the Codicil to whom attestation was granted.

Jeremiah's Will

To Her Majesty's Court for  
37 Divorce and Matrimonial Causes



The 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 1864

The Petition of Emily Norton Swatman  
of Walton Lewis in the County of Norfolk

1st  
12/14/64

1<sup>st</sup> That on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 1856 your  
Petitioner then Emily Norton Bowen Spinster  
was lawfully married to Alan Henry Swatman  
at the Parish Church of West Lynn in the County of  
Norfolk

2<sup>d</sup> That after their said Marriage your Petitioner  
lived and cohabited with her said Husband at divers  
places and particularly at Kings Lynn in the  
County of Norfolk and that there is since living of  
their said Marriage two Children to wit Emily Elgibeth  
born on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 1858 and Constance  
Cleaver born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 1859

3<sup>d</sup> That the said Alan Henry Swatman having  
contracted the habit of intemperance treats your  
Petitioner on divers occasions and particularly  
since the middle of December 1860 with cruelty  
by degrading her in her own house by contracting  
a familiarity with his servants speaking to them  
in endearing terms in the presence of your  
Petitioner and encouraging them in disobedience  
to her by constantly helping your Petitioner  
up with 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning to the

great injury of her health, by indulging in  
habits of intemperance which constantly shocked  
her and injured her health by forcibly seizing her  
by the arm and shaking her violently so that  
it was bruised by bringing a prostitute to  
sleep with him in his own house (during your  
Petitioner's absence) and in the bed usually  
occupied by him and your Petitioner and by  
divers other means.

4<sup>th</sup> That in and since the year 1860 the said  
Alan Henry Swatman has constantly consorted  
with divers prostitutes and has at times and  
places unknown to your Petitioner committed  
adultery with them

5<sup>th</sup> That on an occasion happening in or about  
the latter end of October 1863 the said Alan  
Henry Swatman committed adultery at his  
own residence in Kings Lynn aforesaid with  
Angelina Barnes or with some female other  
than your Petitioner

6<sup>th</sup> That on divers occasions since the 15<sup>th</sup> day  
of May 1864 the said Alan Henry Swatman  
has committed adultery with the said Angelina  
Barnes or with some female other than your  
Petitioner at his own residence and also at places  
unknown to your Petitioner

Your Petitioner therefore humbly &

prays that this Honorable Court  
will be pleased to decree that her  
said Marriage with the said Alan  
Henry Swatman be dissolved: that  
she may until further Order retain  
the custody of her said Children and  
that she may have such further  
and other relief in the premises as  
shall to this Honorable Court seem  
meet

And your Petitioner will ever  
pray &c

Emily Norton Swatman

Gus's Aunt Emily's  
petition for divorce  
1860s



'What a treasure the scene now before me will be.' Gus's aunt Grace lived at Snettisham Old Hall

On view half-an-hour before the sale.

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Gus's Aunt Mary's house, near Cambridge