

Will of Henry HOWARD (1684); Anne Arundel Co., MD

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## **Henry Howard (d1684)**

**Will**

**Prerogative Court**

**Anne Arundel Country MD**

**Liber 4, folio 25-26**

**Also located at 1/11/1/6**

**Written 31 December 1683**

**Proved 8 March 1683/4**

In the Name of God Amen, I Henry Howard of Maryland in y<sup>e</sup> County of Anarundall this last day of Decemb<sup>r</sup> one thousand six hundred Eighty & three, being weak in body but of sound & pfect sence & memory I bless God for y<sup>e</sup> same, have thought fitt to make this my last Will & Testam<sup>t</sup> hereby making void & disanulling all former Wills & Testam<sup>s</sup> of w<sup>t</sup> kind or nature soev<sup>r</sup> by me made

First I bequeath my soul to God, hoping for Eternall life through y<sup>e</sup> merritts of Jesus Christ my body to y<sup>e</sup> Earth from whence it was taken & for my Estate w<sup>ch</sup> God hath lent me to be disposed of as hereafter followeth:

Two hundred acres of land in Gunpowder River called Collingborne to Sarah Dorsey Y<sup>e</sup> wife of Joseph Dorsey & to her heirs forev<sup>r</sup>

one Cow called Blossom w<sup>th</sup> her yearling & their increase now going at Rattle snake point form<sup>ly</sup> Thomas Gwins to Edward Smith formerly my man & to his heirs for ev<sup>r</sup>

to Richard Gwin att Patapsco one black Cow about three years old or upwards w<sup>th</sup> her increase for ev<sup>r</sup> in consideracion of keeping chattel for me

To Hugh Meriking y<sup>e</sup> two youngest chattels now running at his house w<sup>th</sup> their increase for ev<sup>r</sup>

To Edward Jones one two year old heifer now going att his house with her increase for evr.

To Mr. Jn<sup>o</sup> Bennitt & to his wife Sarah one sealed ring marked w<sup>th</sup> a coate of arms & one hooped(?) Ring marked F. C.

To Jn<sup>o</sup> Townsin & Jn<sup>o</sup> Howard each of them a suit of my wearing apparrell

to Mary Cosens two of my meanest shirts. And to Henry Chappell of Anarundell County four hundred pounds of Tobacco & a pair of silk stockins.

To John Howard & Mathew Howard of Anarundell County each a Silv<sup>r</sup> Seale apiece.

To John Kelee four hundred pounds of Tobacco or goods to y<sup>e</sup> value of it.

Whereas Thomas Colley, by his last will & Testam<sup>t</sup> did appoint myself Henry Howard & Anthony Demonder to make ov<sup>r</sup> a piece of land containing a hundred & fifty acres called Coles Neck to y<sup>e</sup> heys of John Kelee they being in their infancey I do hereby appoint Theophilus Hackett to act in my behalfe w<sup>o</sup> he sees convenient as if I were p<sup>r</sup>sent.

For y<sup>e</sup> rest of my psonall Estate after y<sup>e</sup> due debts being paid I give unto Theophilus Hackett & Edward Skidmore & Michael Skidmore & Samuel Skidmore & Elizabeth Skidmore equally to be divided amongst them & their heirs for ev<sup>r</sup> & by these presents I doe declare Theophilus Hackett to be my whole Exec<sup>r</sup> of this Will & Testament willing my s<sup>d</sup> Exec<sup>r</sup> to ye true pformance of y<sup>e</sup> same. In Wittness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale y<sup>e</sup> day & year afores<sup>d</sup> in p<sup>r</sup>sence of us.

Witnesses: James Floyd, Richard Howard, Francis Wennington

/s/ Henry Howard

By virtue of a warrant from y<sup>e</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> Henry Darnalls & W<sup>m</sup> Digges Esq<sup>r</sup> Comissries generals for probate of Wills etc, & to me directed for y<sup>e</sup> purpose. This w<sup>th</sup> in written was by y<sup>e</sup> oaths of J<sup>ms</sup> Floyd Richard Howard & Frances Winnington y<sup>e</sup> Witnesses thereunto in common forme proved upon y<sup>e</sup> 8 day of March Anno Dom: 1683/4 before me  
Richard Hill