Will of John HOWARD (1696); Anne Arundel Co., MD

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John Howard (d1696)

Will

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In the name of God Amen the Thirtieth day of December in the Seventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord William the third by the grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King Defender of the faith yr. [anno Domini] 1695 I John Howard Sen^r of Anne Arundell County in the province of Maryland planter being Sick and weak in body but of perfect mind & memory (praised be to God) therefore and Considering the uncertainty of the time and hour of Death Doe make & Ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following; ffirst I Comend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God, in assurred ffaith and hope in Jesus Christ my only saviour and Redeemer to have pardon & remission of all my Sins and my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Exer^{rs} hereinafter named; And as touching the disposition of all such Temporall Estate wherewith God Almighty hath been pleased to bestow upon me & of my Debts & ffunerall Expenses being first paid and satisfied give and bequeath the same in manner and following

Item I give & bequeath unto my son John Howard All that plantation tract of dividend of Land where I now dwell containing Two hundred & Twenty Acres more or less sd the same belonging or in any wise appertaining together with all houses Edifices & buildings to the same belonging to hold to him the said John Howard his Heirs & Assigns imediately after the death and decease of my loving Wife Elenor Howard.

Item I give unto my said Son John Howard All that parsell of land lying at the head of the Round Bay in Severn River containing Ninety Two Acres more or less To hold unto him the said John Howard & his heirs for Ever.

Item I give unto my said Son John Howard all that Tract or parcel of Land lying and being at the head of Middle branch on the North side of patapsco River in Baltimore County called Timber

Neck containing two hundred Acres more or less to hold unto him the said John Howard his heirs & Assignes forever.

Item I give unto my grandson Orlando Griffis the moiety or one half part of a Tract of land lying in the aforesaid Middle branch runing up by the little falls containing Two hundred Acres more or less it being the upper half of a part of the said Two hundred Acres of Land; to have and to hold the same unto him the said Orlando Griffis and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten or to begotten, And for want of such issue, I give & bequeath the sd land unto Sarah Griffis Mother of the said Orlando Griffith her heirs & Assigns for Ever

Item I give & bequeath unto my said Son John Howard the Lowermost half part of the above said Two hundred Acres of land lying in Middlebranch aforesaid To have & to hold the same unto him the said John Howard his heirs & Assignes for ever.

Item I give unto my Loving Brothers Samuel Howard & Katherine & his wife, Philip Howard & Ruth his Wife the sum of five shillings sterling a piece to buy each of them a pair of Gloves.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Loving Wife Elenor Howard fifty Acres of Land being part of a Tract of Land containing One hundred & fifty Acres of Land comonly called or known by the name of the Woodyard, and also fifty Acres of Land adjoining to the Woodyard, and called by the name of Howards Thickett with all & every the Rights priviledges & appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining To have & to hold the said Two parcels of Land with the appurtenances unto her the said Elenor Howard my said my said Wife her heirs & Assignes for Ever.

All the rest and residue of my Estate both Real and personall I give and bequeath the same unto my said Loving Wife Elenor Howard who I make & appoint full & Sole Exectrix of this my last Will and Testament. In??? whereof I the said John Howard Sen^r have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and year first above written.

John Howard (seal)
Signed Sealed published & declared to be the last Will and Testament of the said John Howard the older in the p^{rst} of
Amos Peirpoint
Edward Rumney
James Leylor(?)
Henry Wriothesley