

Will of John HOWARD (1703); Anne Arundel Co., MD

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John Howard (d1703/4)

Will

Anne Arundel County, Maryland

Maryland Hall of Records

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Written 29th December 1703

Probate 23 February 1703

Ann:^{ll} County

In the Name of God Amen

The Twenty Ninth Day of December in the Year of our Lord God One Thousand Seven Hundred and Three and in the Second Year of the Reign of Queen Anne I John Howard of the County aforesaid being in health of body and of Good and Perfect Memory thanks be to Almighty God do make this my Last will and Testam:^t in manner and form following that is to say first I bequeath my Soul and Spirit into the Hands of all Mighty God from whence it Came and my wretched body in hope of a Joyfull Resurrection I Commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the Discretion of My Executors hereafter Named and touching such Worldly Goods as the Lord in Mercy hath Lent me my Will and Meaning is it shall be Employed and bestowed as hereafter by this my Will is Expressed and first I do Revoak renounce frustrate and make Void all Wills by me formerly made and do declare and appoint this to be my last Will and testament in manner and form following.

First I will that all such debts that I Justly Owe shall be Contented and Truly Paid within Convenient Time after my decease.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son Benjamin Howard my dwelling Plantation whereon I now do live and all the Land adjoining to it Dureing his Naturale Life and to the Lawfull begotten Heirs of his Body for or want of such Heirs to go to the Next of blood in the name.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Said Son Benjamin a Parcell of Land Called Howard Shank lying at the Round Bay Containing one Hundred and Twenty acres to him and his Heirs and Assigns for Ever.

Item I Give unto my Said Sonn Benjamin a Plantation Lying at Petapscoe which I bought of James Greeniff and all the Land adjoining according to Conveyance to him his Heirs and Assigns for Ever.

Item I Give unto my said Son another Parcell of Land Lying near the head of Bush River and upon the branches of Deer Creek Containing Four Hundred and Odd acres and Called Howard Harbour to him and his Heirs and Assigns for Ever.

Item I Give unto my Said Son Benjamin the Half Part of a Parcell of Land Called Howard Chance to him and his Heirs and Assigns.

Item I Give to my Son Absolute Howard all them two Tracts of Land Lying at Petapscoe called Yates Inheritance and Howard Point and the two Plantations that is now on them to him his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

Item I Give to my Said Son Absolute another Parcell of Land Howard Cattle Range Lying on the South Side of Petapscoe River and on a Branch called the Mile Branch to him his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

Item I Give unto my Son Absolute Another Parcell of Land Lying near the Branches of Bush River Called Howard Purchase Containing Six Hundred and odd Acres to him his Heirs and Assigns for Ever.

Item I Give to my Daughter Rachell Howard a Parcell of Land lying Near the Land of Nod Called Howard [Shank is marked out] ? Containing Three Hundred and Odd Acres to her Dureing her Naturall life and to the lawful Heirs of her body Begotten and for want of such Heirs to fall to my above said Son Benj:ⁿ Howard and to his Heirs and Assigns.

Item I Give to my Daughter Katherine Howard Three Hundred and Sixteen Acres being part of a Tract of Land called Uwings Contrivance Lying on the branches of Bush River to her Dureing her naturall life and to the lawfull Begotten heirs of her Body and for want to Such Heirs to fall to my Son Absolute Howard and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever.

Item I Give to my two daughters Rachell Howard and Katherine Howard all that parcell of land Called Howard Timber neck lying at the Mouth of Whetston to be Equally divided betwixt them dureing their Natural lifeand to the lawfull begotten Heirs of their Bodys and for want of Such heirs to fall to my Son Benjamin Howard and his Heirs and assigns for Ever.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my sonn Charles Ridgly all that Parcell of Land Called Howard Luck lying at Huntington in Annarundⁿ County Dureing his natural life and to the Lawfull Heirs of his body and for want of such heirs to fall to my Daughter Katherine Howard and to the Lawfull begotten Heirs of her Body and for Want of Such Heirs to fall to the Next Heir in Law of the name of the Howards.

My Will is that my Two Said Sons shall be at Age for themselves at Eighteen Years old to work for themselves on their Plantations and to have half of their Estate paid them then and the other

when at Twenty One Years Old my will is that my daughter Rachell Howard should Live with her aunt Elinor if she be Kind to her till she is Sixteen year Old or Day of Marriage but if she should not be kind to her then my Will is that My Executors shall take her away and Place her where they think fit and my desire is that my Son Benjamin Howard should Live with his Unkle Mr. Rich:^d Warfield and my Son Absolute I would have live with his Unkle Mr. Alexander Warfield my desire is my Daughter Katherine Howard should live with her Aunt Goulsborough till She Come to the Age of Sixteen or Day of marriage and in Case she Refuses to take her then I would have her Remain Where She is so long as She is Kindly dealt withall and desire that the Orphans of Mr. Henry Ridgeley have their Portion Paid according their fathers will.

Item I Give and Bequeath to Mr. Henry Ridgeleys five Children Twenty Pounds a piece to be paid to them at the day of Marriage or at the age of Twenty one.

Item I give and bequeath unto Rich:^d Everett ten Pound Sterling and to his Daughter Sarah one Cow and Calf to be paid her at the day of Marriage my will is that my two Boys may be learned to Read and Write and Cypher well.

Item I Give M:^{rs} Elinor Howard Twenty five Shillings to buy her a Ring my will is that after the aforesaid Orphans Portions be paid and all debts and Legacys paid that all the Rest of my Estate be Equally Divided amongst my four Children and my two said daughters to Receive their Portions at the Age of Sixteen or day of Marriage which Shall First Happen and my will is that if Either of my said Children should dye then his or her portion shall be Equally divided amongst the Survivors

Item I make and ordain my Loving Brothers Mr. Rich^d Warfield and Mr. Alexander Warfield to be my full whole and only Executors of this my last will and Testam:^t and my Loving Brothers Mr. Charles Greenberry and John Hammond I make and Ordain Overseers of this my last will and Testament and I Give to Every of them thirty Shillings apiece to buy them a Ring to Ware for my Sake, So hope in God they will See this my Last will and Testam:^t Performed accordingly and I do utterly Revoak all former Wills and Testam:^{ts} by me in any Wise heretofore made or declared In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seale the day and Year first above Written.

Jn^o Howard (seal)

Witness: Joseph Hill Cornelius Howard Zach^a Mackubin

On the Back side of the aforesaid Will was Endorst Vizt Sealed Declared and Delivered up by the Jn^o Howard in the presence of the witnesses whose names are subscribed.

Witness: Benj:ⁿ Warfield Jn^o (his I W mark) Warfield W^m Maccubbin

February 23 Anno 1703

Then came Benjamin Warfield and Zach: Maccubbin and Cornelius Howard three of the Witnesses to the within Will and made oath that they saw the within named Jn^o Howard the Testator sign Seal publish and declare the Within and Above written to be his last will and Testam^t and that at the doing thereof he was of Sound Perfect mind and Memory.

Jurat Die & anno sup^{ed}(?) Coram
W^m Taylard Dep^y Com Ann^{ll} County

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Feb^{ry} 10th day 1703/4

My desire is that my Son Benj:ⁿ Shall have my Silver headed Cain that is Come in this Year and that my Son Absolute shall have my Silver Tobacco Box that has my name on it and that Son in Law Henry Ridgley shall have the other Silver Tobacco box that has his fathers Name on it and that Joshua Dorsey Shall have my Silver Hilted Sword that is at John Greniffe's house that his father Dorsey Gave me the Above Mentioned Articles I desire that both my Execut:^s Do this it be what I Left out of my will and do desire in the Name of God to take Care my Children are Carefully and Kindly dealt by as my Trust it is you this being from your Loving Friend Jn^o Howard

and if you find I have not Gave three Gold Rings my Will is then I would have you let Ann Ridgley have her first Choice and Rachell and Betty have the Others. Jno Howard

Feb^{ry} 11th 1703/4

I desire to be buried by my Father on his left hand and to have the Grave Yard Pailed in according to the Directions of my Friend Edw^d Rumney Jn^o Howard

and Desire you to make Hon^{ble} Satisfaction for the trouble where I draw my Last Breath a Ring I Give his wife at that time Jn^o Howard

And I Desire you to send for a Gold Ring to the Vallue of the others that are left to my other Children for my daughter Katherine Howard if not left before to her in my will Jn^o Howard

And my Desire is that my Adminst^{rs} should defend my Right to my Land that I Bought of James Greeniffe and to follow the advise of M^r Carroll Maj:^{or} Dent and M^r Bladen whom I have already employed Except Jn^o Greniffe will Complicate the Matter as to let it be Equally divided from the Bounded White Oak to Galloways Run if he think the Dividing line already was not Equally done. And that this was the Cause of his forewarning of my Servants, I do also advise that you take care that all such Lands that I have Surveyed this Year that there might be Pattents Granted for the Orphans in their own names this I hope in God you will do. Jn^o Howard

The within mentioned premises acknowledged and Signed before us Feb^y ye 10th 1703/4
Robt Hooper, Edw^d Rumney

Mem^d(?) this day writt the 4th May 1704

Then came Mr. Edw^d Rumney and made oath that John Howard the Test^r did Sign
publish and declare the above and within to be Legacy's and bequests by him Given and did
desire that it might be annex to his Will and both to be taken as his last Will and Testam^t and
that at the doing of it he was of Sound Perfect mind and Memory.

Jurat die & anno Sup^r (?) Will: Taylard Reg^{er}