

Last Will and Testament of Matthew Howard, Jr. (1691/2); Anne Arundel Co., MD

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Matthew Howard, Jr. (d1691/92)

Will

Anne Arundel County MD

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In the Name of God Amen. I Mathew Howard of Ann Arundell County in the Province of Maryland being sick & weak but of perfect memory Blessed be God Do hereby make my Last Will and Testament and what worldly Estate hath pleased God to bless me with I do dispose itt as followeth –

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my Son John Howard and his heirs for Ever all that parcell of Land Called Howards First Choice being one hundred and Sixty acres Comonly Known by the name of Howards Quarter plantacon with all the stocks household Goods and all the appurtenances thereunto belonging Likewise I give and bequeath unto my Said Son John Howard and my Son Mathew Howard a Certain parcell of Land Called the adventure being five hundred acres Lying on the Branch of putuxen River to be Equally Divided between them and their heirs for Ever And also I give and bequeath unto my Said sons John and Mathew a Certain parcell of Land Called Popler plain Lying by the Bodkin Creek Containing five hundred Acres to them and their heirs for Ever

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Worthington that pcell of Land Called Howards Range Lying on the Lower side of the Bodkin Creek and bounding on psons Plain and Homers forest being Two hundred Seventy Six Acres to the said Sarah and her Disposall. Likewise I give to my said Daughter Sarah all that pcell of Land Called Howards pasture being Two hundred acres Lying on the Southwest side of Maggitty River and at the head of the Said River to her the Said Sarah and her heirs for Ever And whereas M^f Richard Beard hath built a mill on the Said Land with my Leave and Consent and the s^d Beard to make my Daughter Sarah Satisfaction Either in Land or Tobacco and if that my Said Daughter and M^f Beard Should not agree my Will is that they make Choice of a Cuple of Honest men to decide the difference if not then to Choose an Umpire.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Said Daughter Sarah Worthington the plantacon whereon I now Dwell with one hundred and Thirty acres of Land belonging to itt to her & her Disposall. And also I give and bequeath unto my Said Daughter a Certain parcell of Land begining at a poplar Stump and Running right up the Hill and So with a Straight Course until it Comes into the middle of one hundred and fifteen acres of Land then north East whilst it comes into a Branch beyond Tillers then down the Said branch whilst it intersects with the Line of the one hundred and fifteen acres of Land then Southwest down the Said Line to a bounded Tree of one hundred acres of land then running on the head of the said hundred acres whilst it intersects with the hundred and thirty acres belonging to the Plantation and So along untill it comes to the poplar stump

Item I give to my Said Daughter Sarah one woman Servant with the time she has to Serve named Elizabeth Boome and when her time of Servitude is Expired I will that my s^d Daughter give her a Cow Calfe.

Item I will and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah One great Iron Pott and one of the Largest pewter Dishes out of my Chest

Item I give to my Son John Worthington my horse Called Prince.

Item I give unto my Grandson John Worthington one heifer with a Calf by her side and one one young stoud horse bred out of my Mare called Ball.

Item I will and bequeath unto my son John Howard my Young Mare bred of the Ball mare

Item I give to my two Grandsons Mathew and John Howard Each of them one two year old heifer

Item I will and bequeath unto my Son Mathew Howard the remaining part of the one hundred acres of Land called Hopkins plantacon and also I give and bequeath the remaining part of the hundred and fifteen Acres of Land to my Said Son Mathew Mathew and his heirs for Ever

Item I will and bequeath unto my Said Son Mathew Howard Sixteen Acres of Land that Lyes at the head of a Creek at the bottom of the hundred and fifteen Acres of Land And also I give unto my said Twenty Two and half Acres of Land Called Howards Addition adjoining to the hundred and fifteen acres of Land and all the severall parcells of Land to him and his heirs for Ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Said son Mathew the Bed and furniture whereon I now Lye

Item I give to my Son Mathew the Remaining part of my Iron Pots and my Iron Kettles also I give unto my Said Son Mathew four Pewter Dishes that is in my Chest Also I give unto my said son one Cow with a Calfe by her Side to be delivered unto him this next Spring of the year

Item I will and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Worthington and to my son Mathew Howard all the remaining part of my Horses Mares and Colts Cattell Hogs and Sheep and also all the remaining part of my household Goods (Except Some new Goods in a Chest) to be Equally

divided between my Daughter Sarah and my Son Mathew as above named And also I give to my said son & Daughter all my Srvants except what alleady bequeathed to be Equally divided between them.

Item I will and bequeath to my Three Bothers Jn^o Samuell and Philip Howard and to their three wives Each of them one pair of Murning Gloves of five Shillings price Each pair

Item the new Gods in my Chest is to apparell and cloath my Servants.

Item I will that my Son Mathew Howard have full possession of his Estate both personall and Reall after my Decease but not to Dispose of any of it untill he attain to the full age of Twenty one years

Item I give and bequeath to my Said Son and Daughter Namely Mathew and Sarah all Debts Due to me by bonds Bills and Acco^{ts} whatsoever and also my Crop of Tobacco now housed and when that all my Just Debts are by my Exec^{rs} hereafter named fully Satisfied and paid then all my personall Estate that is undisposed of and in being after my Reall Debts Debts fully Satisfied and paid to be Equally divided between my Said Son Mathew and my Said Daughter Sarah

Item I Do hereby make and Constitute my Loving Daughter Sarah Worthington with the Assistance of her husband my Sole and whole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament Revoking and nulling all and Every former Will by me made by writing or otherwise In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seal this Twenty Third day of October in the year of our Lord God one Thousand Six hundred ninety one.

/s/ Mathew Howard (Locus Sigilli)

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of us Nicholas Greenberry John Howard Senr
signum

Richard (his R mark) Hornner

Pattarick (his P mark) Murphey

This will proved in Comon form by the Oaths of ye Witnesses in Open Court att London