

Last Will & Testament of Ruth (Hill) HOWARD (1747); Anne Arundel Co., MD

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Ruth (Hill) Howard (d. 1747)

Will

Anne Arundel County, Maryland

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Probate 13 August 1747

In the Name of God Amen on the third day of August one thousand seven hundred and forty seven I Ruth Howard being sick and weak in Body but of sound and Perfect memory thanks be to God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my Body knowing is appointed for men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is principally and

First of all I give recommend my soul to God that gave it and my body to the Earth to be Buried in a Cristian and Decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection to receive the same again by the Power of God that gave it and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath Pleased God to bless me within this life I give devise and Dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Elizabeth Hammond my saddle horse called Stump and my Saddle as also one half of my wearing apparel

I give and Bequeath to Mary Behoon the other half of my clos

I give and Bequeath all my Personall Estate to my two sons John Dorsey and Edward Dorsey and all my Crop of Tobacco and corn now on the ground

I give and Bequeath to my grandson John Grineff Howard Twenty shillings

Item I likewise constitute make and ordain my two sons John Dorsey and Edward Dorsey my only and sole Executors of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoake and Disannul all and every other former Testament will and legacies Request and Executors by me in any ways before this time named willed or bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal the day and year above written

Ruth (her R mark) Howard (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Ruth Howard as her last will and Testament in presence of James Macgill Edward Dorsey son Edward Ely Dorsey

On the Back of the foregoing Will was thus written Vizt

On the 13th day of August 1747 Edward Dorsey (son of Edward) two of the subscribing witnesses to the within will being duly and solemnly sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God do severally depose and say that they saw the Testrix Ruth Howard sign and seal and heard her Publish and Declare the same to be her last will and Testament that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their Judgment and apprehension of sound and deposing mind and memory and that they together with James Macgill the other witness subscribed their respective names as witness to the said will in the presence of the said testatrix and at her request.

Sworn before me

W^m Ragan(?) Depty of Ann^l County