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Last Will & Testament of Samuel HOWARD (1766); Anne Arundel Co., MD

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Samuel Howard (d.c1766)

Will

Anne Arundel County, Maryland Liber 35, folios 335-336, Box H, folder 118 & Microfilm SR 4429 Written 1 December 1766 Proved 10 January 1767

I Samuel Howard of Ann Arundle County Calling to mind the Incertainty of Human Life and being desireous to appoint in what manner my Estate — Shall be disposed of after my decease do make and ordain hereby this my last Will and Testament. Now it is my will and desire that Executor hereafter named he dos in the first place pay and Satisfy to Such persons as Shall Legally Intitled thereunto --

I give and Bequeath unto my loving Son Benjamin Howard and his Children that is to say Negro Jimmy & Dev & Tom & James provided he pays or causes to be paid unto each person Twenty Shillings Yearly during there natural life but if either of them be not paid my Will is that my son Samuel Harvey Howard pay them the Twenty Shillings yearly and the said negroes be his property from that Time they are not paid.

I Give my Son Benjamin Howard Negro Lennen and my will is that my son Benjamin Howard Continue with his Brother Samuel Howard, and said negroes till his is at age —

I Give and bequeath unto my loving son Samuel Howard and his heirs Lawfully Begotten of his Body all this my Dwelling Plantation and the Lands Adjoyning is case he shud dye with heire then I Give the Plantation and Lands to my son John Howards Son and his lawfull Begotten heirs of his Body.

I Give and Bequeath unto my Loving son Samuel Howard and his heirs Negro Nan Charles Peter Sall Jacob provided he pays unto Nan and her children Twenty Shillings yearly unto each person during their natural Life but if either of them be not paid my Will is that my Son John Howard pay them the Twenty Shillings Yearly and The said Negroes to be his property from that Time.

I give my son Samuel Howard Negro Rachel and her four children as these ought to be his by his grandfather giving him Negro Rachell —

I give and Bequeath unto my loving Son John Howard and his heirs Negro Hagar Bett Lou Bob Robin? ? Joe Rose if my son John Howard should die without heir then the Negroes given him to be property of his Brother Samuel Howards Sons.

I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Samuel Harvey Howard and his heirs Negro Harry and Easter --

I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Howard Negro Beck & Lydia.

I Give and Bequeath unto my sons Philip Howard Charles Howard Thos Howard five pounds --

My Will is that the remaining part of my Estate be Sold to the Highest Bidder without any appraisement by my Executors and what monies is more Then pays my debts to be equally divided amongst all my Children. I do hereby appoint my two Sons Samuel Howard and John Howard Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I Samuel Howard have to this my last Will and Testament affixed my hand and seal this 1st day of December 1766. Samuel Howard (seal)

Caleb Dorsey Moses Maccubbin John Davidge Wright Mills

Anne Arundel County to Wit

The 10 day of January 1767 came Moses Maccubbin and John Davidge two of the subscribing Evidences to the within will and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God That they saw the Testator herein named sign and seal this will and heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and Testament and that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of Sound and desposing mind and memory and that they subscribed & their respective names to said Will in the presence and at the request of the Said Testator and Also in the presence of each other –

And being asked what they know about the oblillnations appearing on the face of this will, they say that they nothing about it having(?) only(?) be allowed after the Latter part of the Will and further say not

Sworn before Elie Vallette ? AA County, Examined