

Last Will and Testament of Joshua HOWARD (1738); Baltimore Co., MD

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Joshua Howard (d1738)

Will

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Baltimore County Maryland

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In the name of God Amen. I Joshua Howard of Baltimore County in the Province of Maryland Planter being sick & weak of body but of sound Sense & memory Do make & Ordain this to be my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following that is to say First I give my Soul to God who gave it me & hope through the merits of my beloved Saviour & God Mercy to be Saved and as to my Body I desire it may be buried in Christian & Decent manner at the Discretion Execr hereafter named as to my Estate in this World I Give the same as followeth Vizt

Item I give and Bequeath unto my beloved son Francis Howard a Tract of Land called Howards Inheritance Containing One Hundred Acres to him & the heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten for ever & one Shilling Sterling & no more. Whereas my son Francis is now abroad & should not make his Personall Appearance with a design to Settle & Enjoy the foresaid Track of Land Then it is my Will & Desire that the foresaid Track of Land called as above said be my Loving Son Cornelius Howards & the Heirs of his Body lawfully

Item I Give & Bequeath to my Loving Son Edmund Howard one pair of Handmill Stones & Irons & one Shilling Sterling & no more.

Item I Give & Bequeath to my Loving Daughter Sarah Gist one Shilling Sterling & no more.

Item I Give & Bequeath to my Loving Daughter Mary Gist one young Cow & Calf & one Shilling Sterling & no more.

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Loving Daughter Elizabeth Wells one Cow & Calf & one Shilling Sterling & no more.

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Loving Daughter Violate Gist one Cow & Calf & one Shilling Sterling & no more.

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my dear & well beloved Son Cornelius Howard my now Dwelling Plantation & a Track of Land Containing One Hundred & fifty Acres called Howards Square to him & the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten for ever.

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my said beloved Son Cornelius Howard after all my just debts & Legacies are paid all my whole Personall Estate of what nature or kind soever(?) it be to him & his Heirs Executors Administrators & Assigns for ever.

Item I appoint my said Loving Son Cornelius Howard to be whole & sole Exect of this my last Will & Testament In Witness of the truth hereof I have hereunto sett my hand & Seal this third day of July 1738. Joshua Howard (seal)

Signed Sealed & Declared by the said Joshua Howard to be his last Will & Testament in Presence of us the Subscribers being Evidences specially called for that purpose Josephus Murray George Ogg Jos Murray jr.

On the back of the foregoing Will was thus written Vizt
George Ogg & Jos Murray junr two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the above & foregoing Will being duly Sworn Depose on the holy Evangelists That they Saw Joshua Howard the Testator Sign the foregoing Instrument & heard him Publish & Declare it to be his last Will Testament That at the time of his so doing he was of sound & desposing mind & memory to the best of their Judgement & Apprehension & that they Subscribed their names as Witnesses in the Presence of the Testator and Josephus Murray being one of the people called Quakers upon his Solemn Affirmation doth Affirm & Declare That he saw the Testator Sign the foregoing & heard him Publish & declare it as his last Will & Testament That at the time of his so doing he was of sound & disposing mind & memory to the best of his Judgement & Apprehension And that this Affirmant Subscribed his name as a Witness to the said Will in the Presence of the Testator.
Sworn & Affirmed before me September 14 1730
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