

John In the Name of God amen I John Howard of the
County of Brunswick being at this time very sick and weak in Body but of
Will & perfect mind & memory Therefore calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make this my last will
and Testament in manner & form following (that is to say) first I bequeath my
Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me trusting through the
Merits and mediations and intercession of my dear Redeemer Jesus Christ
to find Salvation for the same and my Body I commend to the Earth to be Buried
in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named
and I do hereby constitute make and ordain my loving friends Robert Howard,
John Carter, and John W. Kendrick to see this my last will and Testament duly
and truly performed Item my will & desire is that a Tract of Land whereon

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I live containing three hundred & forty seven Acres lying on the North Side of
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Fountain Creek be equally Divided between my two Sons Jesse Howard and
Henry Howard ~~Item~~ my will & Desire is that my personal Estate ^{shall} be sold to
discharge my lawfull debts but in case the personal Estate (Meaning Stocks of
Cattle Household furniture in Kitchen Furniture Bosh Debt &c) do not
Satisfy all my Creditors then my will & Desire is that a Negro man named
Bob shall be sold to discharge my Debt ~~Item~~ I lend to my loving wife
Jane Howard the one third of my Estate after all my Just Debts are
Satisfied during her natural Life and at her Decease to be Equally
Divided among all my Children then Surviving. ~~Item~~ my will & Desire
is after my Just Debts are satisfied and my wife taken the one third
part of the Residue of my Estate; then my will & Desire is that all
the Residue of my Estate be Equally divided among all my Children.
In Witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and affix my seal
this Twelfth Day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand

This Twelfth Day of January in the year of our Lord one Thousand
Seven Hundred & Sixty eight

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Signed Sealed & Acknowledged
In presence of

John Howard (SS)

John M. Clary

Joseph Freeman

John Ray

At a Court Held for Brunswick County the 26th Day of
September 1768

This Will was proved by the Oath of

John M. Clary Joseph Freeman and John Ray the

Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded And Robert

Howard & John, the ^{executors} therein named personally appearing in Court and
refusing to Qualify as such And at a Court Held for the said County
the 21th Day of October following no person appearing to take upon
themselves the Adminⁿ of the said Howard's Estate the same was Ordered
to be administered upon by the Sheriff and accordingly it was Done
according to Law