

In the Name of God, Amen the Thirtieth day of April 1796, I Philip Hurd of the County of Elizabeth the City, being very sick and weak in body, destitute of perfect understanding and Memory, thank be given unto God, therefore calling unto mind the Mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all humans once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament that in to my friends and kind of all, I give and Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that give it and my body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial, at the Direction of my Sons, Nothings (save things but at the general Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the Mercy power of God, and as touching such things I state when with it has pleased God to bless me in this life. Give power and portion of the same in the following Manner and Form —

First I give and bequeath unto My Son Samuel Howland My House which I now possess and twenty five Acres of Land forming the said House also I give and bequeath unto my two Sons William, and Richard Howland the balance of all my lands to be equally divided between them, and that my three above Mentioned Sons shall have free sweep and Liberty, of Cutting wood or Yall timber on any part of the said Lands so long as they may live and I give also to my said Sons an equal portion of all my Negroes, Slaves of Color and Negro, House, Shop and Stationary Furniture, and all other things which I

Marion Milley which I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Mary Rowland to her and her heirs for ever, also one young cow I give unto my said Grand Daughter, such as she may think best for my Home, and also it is my will and desire that my said Grand Daughter Mary Rowland may and shall consider the above mentioned House her Home and to enjoy it heritable and divisible as her Home, so long as she continues to live a single life - also I give unto Edward Dolez or his Heirs one Shilling Sterling and also to Penwile Crook one Shilling Sterling - and this I do give to be my last will and Testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and Year above written.

Signed Sealed & pronounced and declared by
the above mentioned Mary Rowland
last will and Testament in the presence

Phily Hurst

of us

John Simpson

At a Court held for the County of Eliza
July June 26th 1800 This Will was presented in
Court and proved by the oath of the witnesses
therein and ordered to be Recorded.

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