June the 20th 1779

In the name of God Amen I William Howerton of New County being
in perfect health & sence & memory do make my last Will & Testament in manner
& form following that is to say, when it shall please god to take me out of this
world I commit my body to the ground from whence it was taken to be Interd by
my Executors hereafter named, & my soul to god who gave it Humbly & of a full
& Pardon for all my sins past, & a Joyfull Resurrection at the last day, & my body
the mouth & Intercession of my Blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ. And as for
my Temporal Estate as it hath pleased god to bestow upon me I give & bequeath as
Follows I give unto my son John Howerton the Lands & Plantation I bought
of William Webb to him & his heirs forever, I give unto my son William Howerton
the Lands & Plantation I bought of John Webb to him & his heirs forever, I give
unto my son Thomas Howerton the Lands & Plantation my father gave me & the
Lands & Plantation I bought of William Watkins one hundred pounds to
him & his heirs forever. I lend unto my Beloved wife the Lands & Plantation I bought
of Arthur Tate, John Harper & Thomas Newbill & also my Negro fellow old
Tom & my Negro Woman Rose for & During her Life & after her Decease
I give the said Land to my son James Howerton to him & his Heirs forever

I give the said Land to my son James Howerton to him & his Heirs forever
& the said negro Tom & Rose with her Increase if any to be Equally Divided
among all my Children. I also lend my beloved wife one third part of all my
personal Estate consisting of household goods Stocks &c for & During her life
& after her Decease to be equally divided amongst all my Children. All the Remainder
of my estate Real or what kind or Quality soever soever should be equally Divided
amongst all my Children. The Executors I do own to be my wife Sally & my Beloved
Wife my son John & William Howerton. Given under my hand & Seal'd with
my seal the Day & Year above Written.

Sign'd Seal'd & Delivered
In Presence of
James Boothe
Fra.s Hodge
Thomas Dew
Williams Shackleford

Wm Howerton [Seal]

Orange Court held for Said County at Hillsb.o on the 19th Day of November 1787. This Last Will & Testament
of William Howerton Dec.d was proved into Court by the Oaths of John & William Howerton Exrs
thereon named who made oath thereto According to Law, & the same is ordered to be recorded by James
Booker Esq.r one of the Justices of the said Court & is accordingly Recorded

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