

In the name of God Amen the third day July one thousand seven hundred & ninety eight, I John Howson Sr. of Holloway County being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind & memory, do make and ordain this my last will & Testament, in manner & form following Viz Impimus. I my will and desire is that all my just debts be paid - and that my estate both real and personal be kept together under the directions of my executors for the support of my beloved wife Sarah Howson during her natural life and widowhood, but in case she should marry I lend her one third part thereof during her life, reserving to her my present situation of residence in her lot included, and from the profits arising from the estate aforesaid I will that my youngest children be educated, that all my children be supported with my wife Sarah so long as they remain unmarried. Item I give and bequeath unto my sons John Howson & Peter Howson, as also to my daughters Ann & Lucy Howson's one hundred pounds Virginia currency each, and to my son Richard Howson forty pounds, which several legacies are to be paid to them as soon as the estate aforesaid will admit thereof from the crops & arising therefrom reserving the above mentioned supports, which I give to them and their heirs forever. Item I have delivered in possession of my son Richard Howson one Negro called & known by the name of Liberty which I now give & bequeath unto him the said Richard and his heirs forever. Item it is my will and desire after the death or marriage of my wife Sarah Howson if the said Cash legacies be raised and if otherwise that my estate aforesaid be kept together until the same be done. Then I give and bequeath unto my two sons William & Thomas Howsons my tract of land whereon I now live to be equally divided between them under the management of my executors to them and their heirs forever. provided that if either my said ^{sons} ~~son~~ or Thomas should depart this life before he arrives to lawful age or marries it is then

right together until the same be done. Then I give and bequeath unto my two sons William & Thomas Howsons my tract of land whereon I now live to be equally divided between them under the management of my executors to them and their heirs forever. Provided that if either my said ^{son} ~~W^m~~ or Thomas should depart this life before he arrives to lawful age or marries it is then my will that his enclowment of said tract of land descend to the surviving one thereof to him & his heirs forever. Item my will & desire is that after the death of my Wife that whatever ever estate she may have in possession and after the legacies aforesaid be raised, that the whole thereof accept the lands before devised be equally divided amongst all my children then living or their lawfull issue if any they have. Item my further will and desire is that should any of my children die without marriage or issue that what I have given them shall be equally divided betwixt all the survivors or their children if any they have. Item I will that nothing herein contained be misconstrued for want of term or form in law, and should any diversity of sentiment arise as to this my will it is my desire that my executors herein after mentioned whither they qualify or not, a majority of them decide thereon, whose judgment shall be binding and final. And lastly I constitute and appoint my friends William Jones, Edward Ward, Peter Jones (Jr) and James Dupuy Junr. executors of this my last will and testament. In Witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand & cause my seal to be affixed the day & year within written

Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of

Richard J. Mansfield

Richard Jones (B)

Peter ^{Jr} Webster
mark

John Howson Seal

P.S. the words of residence was interlined before signed, as also the word each was an omission interlined and acknowledged to be the intent

Peter Randolph b & b

Truly recorded
Feb

Thomas Waringford H

Agreable to an order of the County Court of Mottoway bearing date the first day of June 1797 we the subscribers have inserted and appraised the estate of Francis Gooch dec^d in manner following to wit,

Will a negro man

Bay horse

Bay Pholley

Watch

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to chest

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16 earthen plates 6/6 Coffee pot 9. Pitcher 9

Pepper box & salt seller & 6 knives & forks 6/

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