

In the Name of God Amen I Edmund Howdell in y^e gift of
Southwards my County of Surry being in perfect Sound & memory but
weak in body prayed to God for y^e same & do make this my last Will
& Testament in manner following

First & principally above earthly things I comitt my Soule unto Almighty
God my Creator: Redeemer by whose Death & passion I hope to have
remission of all my Sinnes & to enjoy Eternall life, my body I
comitt to y^e Earth from whence it came to be decently buried, &
for such worldly good as he Lord of his Mercy hath given me my
debts being paid I give & bequeath y^e same as followeth
I give & bequeath my whole Estate unto my onely Son William
Howdell Excepting y^e Legacies following
Item I give & bequeath unto my God Son of Henry Baker one two
yeare old Heiffer: Item I give unto my Godson Gibson Son of Tho:
Gibson one two yeare old Heiffer: Item It is my Will and
pleasure hat George Foster shall be my whole & sole
Executor: To take a care of my Son & Estate till he cometh
of age and then to deliver the said Estate unto my Son
three feather Bedd one pair of Stolling Sheets one pair of
Curtains Shirts all my pewter & Iron pot & Iron Shillings
Sterling Money to be delivered in kind within my Son com to age
And in case my Son doe depart this life before he com to age then I
give & bequeath unto Henry Baker Planter one third part of my
Estate, I give & bequeath unto Geo: Foster one third part of my
Estate, And I give one third part unto Thomas from amongst his
Children, It is my Will that my Exor: doe bring up my Son
to read & write & cast account Item It is my Will that Henry
Baker plant: shall have my Land upon Grays Peecke untill
my Son com to age Rent free unto which I have sett my hand
this 22 day of Octobr in the yeare of our Lord 1679

Signed & delivered in the presence of

Tho: Pittman Senior

John Moring

I do find in Joseph

made unto be y^e overseer

of this my Will

And three good Rings to be

delivered in his death my

Son when he is of Age

signed

Edmond Howdell

At a Court held for Surry County 26th 4/1679

The above Will proved in Court by y^e oaths of Tho:

Pittman Sen: and Ju: Moring

Test William Edwards Secy

Vera Record: Oct: 29. 1679

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