

In the name of God, Amen, I John Howard of the
County of Richmond in the State of Georgia, do make my
last Will and testament in manner and form following
First, I desire that all my just Debts be paid by my executors
as soon as practicable after my decease.
Second, I give, devise and bequeath unto my affectionate wife
Louise M Howard, the following property, to wit, my dwell-
ing house in the village of Summerville in said County,
with the land thereto attached and on which it is situ-
ated, and all the appurtenances, and all the household and
kitchen furniture possessed by me at the time of my death,
also my body servant Joffe, my coat of arms and four other
waxed staves, namely, Watso, Little Watso and two children
Mary Ann and Richard. To have and to hold said prop-
erty and every part thereof unto my said wife, during her
widowhood or natural life, as the case may be. And in
case of her remarriage or death, the same is to be disposed
of as is provided in relation to the residue of my estate.
Third, I give, devise and bequeath unto my said wife my best carriage and pair of black horses
the value of fifteen hundred dollars, to wit,

in quarterly payments of three hundred and
dollars each from the time of my death, for and during
natural life, which sum is to be raised out of my estate
till the same is distributed, and is then to be charged in
equal portions upon that part devised to each of the legates
herein after named.

Third, All the rest and residue of my estate charged with
the said annuity to my wife I give, devise and bequeath
my son William S. Howard and my daughters Caroline
Thomas, Mary Ann Mc Carke and Elizabeth A. Bostwick to
be equally divided between them share and share alike.
And in the event of the death of any of my said children
leaving issue alive at the time of their death, their portion
of said estate is to go to and vest in the other legates or their
descendants or children standing in the place of their parents.
Fourth, It is my will that my executors hold in trust for the
sole and separate use of my daughters Mary Ann and Eliza-
beth, during their natural lives, their respective portions of my
estate, without the same being in any way or manner liable
for the debts or contracts of their present or after taken husbands
and after the death of my said daughters respectively for the
use and benefit of their children respectively, then in life, the
children of my deceased child to stand in place of their
ceased parents, their heirs and assigns forever. But if either
my said daughters have no issue alive at her death, her por-
tion shall revert and be disposed of as is provided in the
preceding item.

Fifth, I nominate and appoint my son William S. Howard
and my friend Squatius P. Garvin executors of this my will.
In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this third day of May, eighteen hundred and forty.
Signed, sealed, published
and acknowledged in pre-
sence of

John Howard (Jr)
Signed at his request
by A. J. Miller

A. J. Miller

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the said community to my wife
my son William J Howard and my daughter
Florence, Mary Ann Mc Coker and Elizabeth A Postwick to
be equally divided between them share and share alike.
And in the event of the death of any of my said children
leaving issue alive at the time of their death, their portion
of said estate is to go to and vest in the other legatee or their
descendants (children standing in the place of their parents).
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estate, without the same being in any way or manner liable
for the debts or contracts of their present or after taken husbands
and after the death of my said daughters respectively for the
use and benefit of their children respectively, then in life (the
children of my deceased child to stand in place of their de-
ceased parent) their heirs and assigns forever. But if either
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signed at his request
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A. J. Miller
Wm B. Bitchin
Geo. Little

I William J Howard do hereby renounce and decline the
office of trustee for Mr Elizabeth A Postwick and Mr
Ann Mc Coker as mentioned in the above will, and consent
to the appointment of some other person or persons in my
place. May 3. 1850

Witness
A. J. Miller
W. J. Howard

Georgia
Richmond County } Andrew J. Miller being duly sworn, says
that he was present when John Howard, then of sound mind
acknowledged the within instrument of writing to be his last
will and testament, which was signed and sealed for him
by this deponent and that George Lott, Nathaniel B. Bitchen
and this deponent then and there, in the presence of each
other and of the said John, and at his request signed their
names thereto as witnesses
Done to before us this
21st May 1840

A. J. Miller

B. H. Warren J. S. C. R. C.

John Sherman J. S. C. R. C.

Whereupon ordered that the same
be submitted to the next Court of Ordinary for record
Test

W. J. Walker Dep. Clk

At a Court of Ordinary held in and for the County of
Richmond on Monday the 6th day of July 1840, the fore-
going Will was presented in Court and having been
shown to the oath of Andrew J. Miller, a witness there-
to before this Honorable Benjamin H. Warren and John
Sherman, was admitted to record.

Test

George A. Walker, Clerk.