Signed sealed and published
and declared as the last will
and testament of the presence of } John Howard (Seal)

James B Garrish
Joseph Williams

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas and quarter sessions
Martin County } December term 1832. I Certify
that the will of John Howards was this exhibited into open
Court and duly proved by the oath of James B Garrish one
of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who, swore that he believed
testator at the time of signing and sealing to be of sound
disposing mind and memory, and Ann Howard the
executrix therein named qualified as such and on motion ordered
that letters testamentary issue accordingly.

A true Copy
G Rumley C.C.

Signed } G Rumley C.C.

In the name of God Amen I Culpepper Pigott being of sound
mind and memory do make and ordain this as my last
and testament in manner and form as follows Big I lend
wife during her natural life or widowhood the plantation where
we now know live the mansion house including with our household
and kitchen furniture also my negro woman plantation and
negro man, and two women, such as she may choose, two Cows
and Calves, one yoke, of oxen, one horse and one mare
I lend to my beloved son Culpepper Pigott a negro boy named
Christopher during his natural life and then to his lawful
heirs forever, I also lend to my son Simmons Pigott Chicken
during their natural life all the claims that I hold against
said Simmons Pigott both in notes and in account to then
then to their lawful heirs for ever, My desire is that those of
Chickens that have not had a Cow and Calf that they have one
such as have not had a sow, will take each of them one,
and after my wife shall have taken the negro allotted to her
My desire is that the rest of them be valued by three good

judicious men and equally divided between James, Elijah, Champerton
Abraham, Elitia, Joseph, and David, to each his share, I also wish my
stock stock and ~~my~~ this shares in Hamlins Creek Canal equally divided
between James, Elijah, Champerton, Abraham, Elitia, Joseph, and David,
each their shares, and at the death of my wife my wish and desire is
that all my lands in Martin County, be equally divided among my
five sons (Big Elijah, Champerton, Abraham, Joseph, & David, to each of them
their shares, and three of the negroes with the furniture and other articles
left to my wife, be equally divided among James, Elijah, Champerton,
Abraham, Elitia, Joseph, and David, to each theirs shares then may be
farm stock and other Articles that I wish divided in the following
manner (Big, between Elijah, James, Champerton, Abraham, Elitia,
Joseph, and David, to each his share, should there be any money left
after paying my just debts should there be any my desire is that it be
converted to the general use of all my heirs and be paid to them
by the Discretion of my executors
I hereby appoint as my executors to this my last will and testament
my five sons (Big, Elijah, Champerton, Abraham Joseph and David
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
twenty first day of December one thousand eight hundred and
twenty two

Witness Ambrose James

Culpepper Pigott (Seal)

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas and quarter sessions
Martin County } March term 1833. I Certify that
the foregoing will of Culpepper Pigott was this exhibited into
open Court and duly proved by the oath of Anson Chadwick
the subscribing witness thereto, and on motion ordered that
letters Testamentary issue accordingly, Elijah C Pigott, Abraham
Pigott, Champ Pigott, and Joseph Pigott the executors therein
named qualified as such according to law.

A true Copy
G Rumley C.C.

Signed } G Rumley C.C.