

139 State of North Carolina Jones County

In the name of God Amen I Titus Howard of the County & State aforesaid being sound in body but of sound mind and attempting Calling to mind that must all die & for what worldly goods it is please God to bless me I give and dispose of as follows my desire is that I should be buried in the Burial of my Father as I shall hereafter appoint & shall off after all my just debts is paid

Item - I give unto my wife Sarah Howard one Negro woman named Coney and one Negro boy by the name of Tony and all my stock and household furniture to her and her heirs forever and appen

Item - I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Thundye one Negro woman named Cey with all the furniture she now has in her possession Except one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs & appen forever

Item - I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Roddy Howard one Negro & furniture that is in possession of John Thundye and twelve pounds in money

Item - I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Howard one Negro boy called Sam and twelve pounds in money to her & her heirs and appen forever

Item - I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Solomon Howard one Negro Girl Call Darcus with twelve pounds in money

Item - And them my Executors take back out of the money that is owing to my Estate

Item - I give and bequeath unto my son John Howard all my Town Creek lands or life fail to him and his heirs and appen forever

Item - I give and bequeath unto my son Titus Howard all my Land whereon I now live and one Negro boy by the name of Pompey to him and his heirs & appen for ever

Item - I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Howard one Negro woman called Dobby and one little Negro girl called Amy to her and her heirs & appen forever

Item - I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Fidelity Howard one Negro Girl call Phibe and one Negro boy call Sharper to her and her heirs & appen forever

Lastly I constitute and appoint for my Executors my son John Howard and Josiah Howard and Elizabeth Howard Executors And they all shall hereafter make by me and acknowledging this to be my last Will and Testament in

Witness my hand and Seal this Twenty ninth day of February One Thousand seven hundred & ninety three

In presence of

Titus Howard

Test
Jas Hall
Edw Gaskin

(And it is my Will and desire that my Cousin Sarah Howard take my son Titus Howard and bring him up as he think fitt and that my Cousin Fanny Gray take my Daughter Larry and bring her up as she think fitt and that my wife Sarah Howard take John Halcott with his Negro boy bring her up to the age of Eight years or married

Titus Howard

Test
Joseph Hall
Edw Gaskin

State of North Carolina

Jones County Court this 17th day of May 1811
Then was the within last Will and Testament of Titus Howard, deceased, proved & put on Court by the Oath of J. H. H. one of the subscribing Witnesses & records taken

Witness
J. H. H.

State of North Carolina Jones County April 18 1811
In the name of God Amen I Thomas Gray being sound and of sound body but of a perfect sound mind & memory do make this my last will & Testament Resolving all other Wills being that we must all die & do Commit my soul to the almighty God & to be Decently Buried at the Discretion my Executors to direct and bequeath my little Estate in the manner & form as followeth To wit

Item - first I Give unto my beloved wife Mary Gray one Negro woman by the name of Leah and all her increase during her natural life and then to be Equally divided amongst my four youngest Children Eliza William and Joseph and George Ray I Give unto my wife Mary Gray two feather beds and furniture during her natural life and then to my Daughter Eliza Mary William Ray & Joseph Ray