

State of North Carolina }
 Macon County }

In the name of God Amen; I John D Howard of
 State and County being of advanced age but
 of sound mind knowing by the course of nature
 I must shortly depart this life I deem it right
 and proper as respects myself and family
 that I should make a disposition of the property
 which a kind providence has blessed me with
 I do therefore make this my last will and
 Testament

Item 1st I desire and direct that my body
 be buried in decent and Christian like
 manner suitable to my circumstances in
 life, my soul I trust shall return to God who
 gave it as I hope for salvation through the merits
 and atonement of the blessed Lord and Jesus
 Christ

Item 2nd I desire and direct that all my
 just debts be paid without delay by my executor
 hereinafter appointed

Item 3rd I give and bequeath and devise
 to my beloved wife Ann M. Howard with
 whom I have so long lived in the strictest qui-
 etude, if she should survive me, Lot of land
 No 4, the place where we now live including
 all the improvements during her widowhood
 or natural life and after her death to be sold
 and the proceeds equally divided between my
 children now living

Item 4th I also give and bequeath in the same
 unreserved manner to my wife all the household
 and kitchen furniture, together with all the farm-
 ing tools with the stock used on said farm incl.

of my children I name and my last will and Testament

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Item 4th I also give and bequeath in the same unreserved manner to my wife all the household and kitchen furniture, together with all the farming tools, with the stock used on said farm including Horses, cattle, mules, sheep & Hogs and after her death all the property then remaining to be sold and equally divided between my children then living

Item 5th As I have made former advancements to all my sons in land for which I have executed title I now bequeath and devise that my three daughters be made equal in real estate as to Amy Mrs. Ellen Allen in

in a trade for his land & give her fifty
dollars & also give her a place once divided
for a church but the deed reverted back to me
Item 6th I devise and direct that Martha
Ann Lunsford have part of lot No 11 including
the corner above E & B Padgett's as his share to
belong to her and her legal heirs

Item 7th I also desire and bequeath to my
loving daughter Susannah E B the balance
of lot No 11 to the state road including the
copper branch to her own proper use and
after her death to revert to her own legal heirs
the balance of lot No 11 on the west side of the
state road to be attached to lot No 4 in the same
unreserved manner as before stated

Item 8th I hereby constitute and appoint
David F Howard my Executor and Ann M.
Howard executrix of this my last will and Testam-
ent and to make good any obligation to the
Probate judge for the raising W & S Howard -
J B Boxer Son

Signed sealed and published by John
D. Howard as his last will and Testament in
presence of us the undersigned who subscribed
our hands and names hereunto in presence of
said testator at his special request and in
the presence of each other

Oct 23rd 1883

Michael Thormley

George T Bryson

John D Howard -

State of North Carolina }
Macon County }

Personally appeared before me this day David F
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Signed sealed and published by John D Howard as his last will and Testament in presence of us the undersigned who subscribed our hands and names hereunto in presence of said testator at his special request and in the presence of each other

Oct 23rd 1883

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George L Bryson }

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Personally appeared before me this day David F Howard and presented a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of John D Howard Deed. Whereupon the subscribing ^{witnesses} thereto Geo L Bryson and Michael Gormley being present and after being sworn each for himself deposes and says that the said paper writing offered for probate was signed by them as witnesses to the execution of said paper writing by John D Howard being called by him especially to witness his signing said instrument as his last will and Testament and

that each for himself saith that he believes
at the time said John D Howard acknowledged
said paper writing to be his last Will that he
was of sound mind and disposing memory
This July 9th / 885

George L Bryson
Michael Formley

Sworn to and subscribed before me. and
from the foregoing evidence the aforesaid paper
writing purporting to be the last Will and
Testament of John D Howard is admitted to
probate

This July 9th / 885

Sam L Rogers
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