

I Caleb Dena Howard of the town of Wilmington in the State of North Carolina and County of New Hanover, being in a low state of health, but of sound mind at this time, do make & ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, as follows; First. After all my just debts are paid, I give and bequeath all my property both real and personal, together with my stock in trade with William Tillinghurst, trading under the firm of Howard and Tillinghurst as merchants in the town of Wilmington in the county and State aforesaid, together with all the profits which has arisen on the trade in company with said Tillinghurst, I also give and bequeath to my said brother, my gold watch, my mahogany bureau, and all my wearing apparel.

I give and bequeath to my niece Sarah Dena Howard, a ticket which I have in Newport Masonic lottery; and I do most sincerely request that my brother, John H Howard before mentioned, will appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars of the money which he may receive from my estate by virtue of this my will toward the education of my niece Sarah Dena Howard before mentioned.

I request that my Executors will have two plain gold rings made and present one to each of my worthy friends, vizt, Mr David Jones and his wife Mrs Jones, as a small token of my regard for them.

It is my wish that I may be buried in the Masonic form, having always entertained the highest opinion of the masonic institution.

And lastly, I do by these presents appoint my brother, John H Howard Peter Pelham and Christopher Dualey, Executors to this my last Will and Testament, hereby declaring all former wills null and void and of no effect whatsoever. As witness my hand and seal hereunto fixed at the house of Mr David Jones in the County and State aforesaid on the twenty ninth day of July in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and three, July 29th 1803.

Signed, sealed and delivered

in the presence of

David Jones

J. Laroque

Caleb Dena Howard. (Seal)

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter, Sepious
New Hanover, County } September Term 1803

The within Will was exhibited to Court and proved by J Laroque one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, ordered to be recorded, John H Howard qualified as Executor,

Witness

Anthy B. Toomey, Clerk