

In the name of God Amen. I, James Howard of New Hanover County, State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, praised be God for the same and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs while I have strength and capacity to do so, do make and publish this my last will and Testament,

First and principally, I commit my soul into the hands of my Creator, who gave it; and my body to the earth; and as to such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to interest me, I dispose of the same as followeth,

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Hester, my bay horse money, chain and harness, my bay horse Paddy, and one bed and furniture, also all my stock of cattle, sheep and hogs, I also lend my said wife Hester, the plantation wherewon I now live, my negro man Kent and his wife Rose and my negro boy Archibald, also all my household and kitchen furniture, and plantation utensils during her widowhood or natural life,

I give and bequeath to my daughter, Rebecca Hall, her heirs and assigns the sum of one Spanish mill dollar,

I give and bequeath to my son John his heirs and assigns one hundred acres of land in Sloop Point neck, which land I purchased of Daniel McLauney. I also give to my said son John, his heirs and

assigns one hundred and seventy acres of land, bought of James Moore and Samuel Legoin, lying on the southward and westward of Sloop branch, joining Stohely, Liabury, and John Legoin's lands,

I also give and bequeath to my son John his heirs and assigns my negro boy David. I also give and bequeath to my son John his

heirs and assigns one hundred dollars, I also give to my son John his heirs and assigns, my mare Mourad and a colt named

Starling, shot gun, bridle and saddle,

At the marriage or death of my wife Hester, I give and bequeath to my son James, his heirs and assigns the plantation wherewon I now live containing one hundred and twenty five acres more or less. I also give unto my said son James his heirs and assigns

a part of a tract of land bought of James Moore joining the said plantation to the southwest and westward containing fifty acres more or less. I also give unto my said son James his heirs

and assigns two hundred acres of land be the same more or less, purchased of Stohely, Liabury, joining my plantation wherewon I now live. I also give and bequeath unto my said son James his

heirs and assigns my negro boy Hardy. I also give and bequeath unto my said son James his heirs and assigns one hundred dollars,

I also give and bequeath unto my sons John and James, their heirs and assigns, two year old filly called Rosetta, bridle and saddle,

I also give and bequeath unto my sons John and James, their heirs and assigns, two hundred acres of land above the public road in

Wolf trap ridge, I purchased of Daniel McLeamy, to be equally divided between them.

I give and bequeath to my four youngest children Isaac, Hester Ann, Mary Augusta and Clarissa their heirs and assigns, the following negroes, viz. Ann, Bob, Hannah, Dick, Sam, Milly, Charlotte, Amy, Serena, Sophy, Alfred, Rose, Gabe, and Albert, all which negroes it is my will shall be equally divided with their increase amongst my said children, Isaac, Hester Ann, Mary Augusta and Clarissa, as they shall respectively marry or come of age. It is my will that in case either of my children named in this clause shall die before they marry or come of age, that the negroes bequeathed to them shall be equally divided between the survivors of them four mentioned in this clause.

I also give and bequeath to my son Isaac his heirs and assigns three hundred dollars in a note due from Stokely, Sidbury, and the interest arising therefrom.

I also give and bequeath to my said four youngest children Isaac, Hester Ann, Mary Augusta and Clarissa, their heirs and assigns at the marriage or death of my wife Hester, my negro man Kent, and his wife Rose with their increase, and my boy Achibata. Also all the household and kitchen furniture, which she may have to be equally divided amongst my four youngest children.

I give and bequeath to my three youngest children Hester Ann, Mary Augusta and Clarissa, their heirs and assigns, what money I may have by me at my death, and all that's due me by note judgment or account, herein undevise, to be equally divided amongst them.

It is my will and desire that what horses I may die possessed of, undevise shall be sold and the money arising therefrom together with the money arising from the sale of such other property which is herein undevise and which my Executors & Executors may think proper to sell, shall be by my said Executors and Executors applied to the maintenance and schooling of my children John, James, Isaac, Hester Ann, Mary Augusta and Clarissa.

It is my will that at the death of my wife, all the plantation utensils she may die possessed of shall be equally divided between my sons John and James.

It is my will that in case either, or both of my sons John and James should die before they come of age or have lawful issue then and in that case the land or lands herein devise to them or either of them, I give and bequeath to my son Isaac his heirs and assigns.

It is my will in case either, or both of my sons John or James should die before they come of age or have lawful issue, then and in that case the negro or negroes devise to them or either of them shall

be equally divided between my three youngest children Hester
 Ann, Mary Augusta and Clarissa,
 thereby appointing my loving wife Hester, my executor and my
 worthy friend Nicholas Nixon and my son John Executors to
 this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I the testator
 have set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of September
 in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixteen.
 Signed, sealed, published and
 declared by the above James Howard
 as and for his last Will and Testa-
 ment in the presence of us, at his
 request, and in his presence have
 subscribed our names as witnesses
 whereof
 Bath Batson
 Thomas Howard

James Howard (Seal)

New Hanover County } County Court. February Term 1817.
 This will was exhibited in open Court
 and proved by Bath Batson one of the subscribing witnesses and
 ordered to be recorded
 Witnesses
 Tho. H. Davis. Ck.

State of North Carolina }
 New Hanover County }

I, John Henry, of the County
 and State aforesaid being weak, of body, but of sound and
 perfect mind and memory, do make and ordain this as and
 for my last Will and Testament in manner and form following
 that is to say
 Inprimis, it is my desire that the lands I now possess, be leased
 out till my two children are of age, but the lease of the same
 be for such a term of years as my executors may think proper
 and upon the expiration of a lease, the same to be renewed from
 time to time, till my children are of age
 2^d of the stocks of all kinds, household and kitchen furniture, it
 is my request that my wife have one third part, and the remaining
 things to be sold, and the money arising from said sales to be
 equally divided between my two children (with the interest it may
 accumulate) when they arrive at twenty one years of age
 3^d All my just debts to be paid before a division is made, and
 after payment of my debts, the money I may die possessed of to be