

In the name of God Amen I James M. Howard being  
 low in bodily health, But sound in mind and <sup>memory</sup> after I have  
 committed my body to the dust and my Soul to God that gave it  
 I dispose of my earthly substance as follows  
 I give and bequeath to my wife Eliza. Fifty dollars in money  
 I lend unto my wife during her widowhood or natural life  
 the lands whereon I now live or that part of it that lies  
 between the main Road leading from Wilmington to New Bern  
 and the Black Swamp. One half of a piece containing  
 Sixty acres lying above the Black Swamp and joining the  
 Nichols lands. Also my horse and Carriage, Buggy, Stock  
 of cattle & hogs, household and Kitchen Furniture and  
 forming utensils.

I give and bequeath to my son Jayments  
 my lands lying below the said main Road, and the residue  
 of the above Sixty acres piece. And if I shall die possessed  
 of any money due me by note or account, after my just  
 debts is paid I give it to my said son.

With the marriage or death of my wife it is my will that  
 that the property lent to her shall go to my son Jayments.

I hereby appoint my Brother Joseph C. M. Howard  
 Executor to this my last, will and Testament, as witness  
 my hand & Seal May 10th 1838.

James M. Howard

John Howard

James M. Howard (Seal)

State of North Carolina  
 New Hanover County Court. September Term 1838.

This paper purporting to be the last will & Testament of  
 James M. Howard, is exhibited in open Court, and offered  
 for probate, and is duly proved by the oath of James M. Howard  
 and John Howard Subscribing witnesses thereto, and as such  
 considered by the Court to be and contain the last will  
 and Testament of James M. Howard. And sufficient  
 to carry the requests therein made. Let the same  
 be registered, at the same time Joseph C. M.  
 Howard the executor therein named appearing in  
 open Court and was duly qualified as such.  
 According to law. Dated

Saml W Bunting clk