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& household & kitchen furniture with all my plantation
tools & moveable property be equally divided between
my beloved wife & my Daughters Elisabeth Harris, &
my two sons Samuel & James Harris Item I constitute
Hoody Jones & Roland Jones my sole executors to this my
last will & testament In witness whereof I have set my
hand & seal this 15 Day of August 1798.

Signed, sealed, published & prov.

in the presence of

Saml Parks.

John Dowell.

Zephaniah ^{his} ~~son~~ ^{mark}

In the name of God amen! I John Howard of
Rowan County & State of N Carolina being sick &
weak in body but of sound & perfect mind & disposing
memory Do make & ordain this my last will & testament
in the manner & form following. That is to say first
of all I comit my soul to God who gave it & my body
to the earth to be buried in a christian like manner
at the discretion of my executors hereafter named &
as for worldly property it had been pleased God to bless
me with I give & dispose of the same in follow manner
that is to say after all my just debts & funeral charges
is paid the rest I give & bequeath following
First I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret
Howard second choice of all my horse, beards that is
to take one out of them at her choice of two cows

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& calf likewise her choice of one bed & furniture on table
her own saddle & bridle, six tea cups & saucers six delft plates
five chairs likewise my dwelling house & plantation for
the term of five years provided she will live on it if not
to be rented, by my executors & put to the use of my children
hereafter named.

Secondly I give & bequeath unto my beloved daughter
Elizabth Howard when she comes to the years of ma-
jority, one negro girl named Beck her & her increase for
ever except her first born live child that be given to my
son whose name will be hereafter mentioned that is to say

I give to the said beloved son Philman Howard when he
comes to the years of majority my dwelling house & plant-
ation whereon I now live & first choice of my stock of horse
& manumitting. Fourthly I give & bequeath unto my beloved
daughter Ann Howard one negro girl named Amy
& then the rest of my property to be sold & equally
divided among my wife & three younged children &
lastly I constitute & ordain my beloved Father William
Howard my whole & only executor of this my last will
& test. signed sealed & acknowledged to be my last
will & testament this second day of October 1802.

in presence of
Joane Hudson
John Prather.

John Howard ^{seal}