

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Howard of the County of Craven
in the Province of South Carolina Saint Marks parrish Doctor of
Physick being about to take ^a Journey and Calling to mind the
mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men
once to die Do make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament that
is to say principally and first of all I Give and recommend my
soul into the ^{hands} of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recom-
mend to the Earth to be buried in a Decent Christian burial at
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of God and as touching such worldly Estate where with it hath
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of the same in the following manner and form In the first place
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ren Schooled sufficient for any of the Country business in the
part where they dwell and then my Will is as follows- Item I give
and bequeath to my daughter Jerusha Howard that tract of land
that I bought of Hodges More that James McCormack formerly dwelt
on that was granted to John Fletcher and a tract of fifty Acres
Joining to it that I bought of James Rivers which said land I
give to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten, and far-
ther I give her a negroe man named Gilbert and a negroe woman
named Nanny and a negroe girl named hannah and a negroe boy named
Toney, these negroes I give to her and the heirs of her body, law-
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a negroe man named Nero & another negroe man named Tom & a negro
boy named Mindy & a negroe Girl named Betty which said negroes
I give to him and the heirs of his Body lawfully begotten and in
Case he should Die without Lawfull Issue, My ^{will} is that the said
Negroes shall return to his Sister & Brother Jerusha Howard &

James Howard to be Equally Divided between them. Item I give & bequeath unto my son James Howard the plantation whereon I now live of all the premises thereof ~~and~~ Excepting one half ~~of~~ of my Will & half of the premises thereunto belonging which said half Excepted I give to my son Heli Howard I farther give to my son James Howard a negro woman named Rose a Negro boy named Peter & another negro boy named Jacob & a negro girl named Fanny to him & the Heirs of his body lawfully begotten & in Case he die without lawful Issue my Will is that the said Negroes return to his Sister & Brother Jerusha Howard & Heli Howard to be Equally Divided between them. Item. I lend to my beloved Wife Sarah Howard my Negro man Simon, & my Negro woman Gill and I give her the Choice of my beds & the furniture belonging to it & my Dapple Horse & riding Chair & the furniture belonging to it & ~~and~~ ^{after} ~~my~~ ~~Wifes~~ ~~decease~~ or Marriage I give the the Negroe woman named Gill to my son Heli Howard & the negro man named Simon to my son James Howard & in the next place I give a hundred & fifty acres of land that I bought of John Appell to be Equally Divided, my Will is that lotts be cast by ~~by~~ two indifferent persons chose by them & Each to take his part by lot & last of all I give my moveables after my Children is Schooled all to be Equally Divided between my three Children Jerusha Howard, Heli Howard & James Howard excepting my still, which I give to my son Heli Howard. Item, my Will and Desire is that my aged father should be found such Instance as he stand in need of as to his daily living, on my plantation & live in my House as long as he sees fit--I like wise Constitute make & ordain my beloved wife Sarah Howard my

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Executrix & my son Heli Howard my Executor of this my last Will
& testament & I do hereby hereby utterly disallow revoke & dis-
annull all & every other former testaments, Wills legacies, Be-
queaths & Executors by me in any wise before named Willed & bequea-
ed ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will
and Testament In Witnefs whereof I have hereunto set my Seal and
Subscribed my name this Twenty fifth day of November in the year
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ^{Twenty} ~~Twenty~~ three. Signed

~~published~~
Sealed pronounced & declared by Joseph Howard this to be his
last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence
& in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our
Names-----

Mathew Pattison

William Howard
his
Asbany X Silvester
Mark

Joseph Howard (SEAL)

(Not recorded in Will Book)

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