

# Abraham Howard

In the name of God Amen. I Abraham Howard of the County of Jefferson, Territory South of the River Ohio, being very sick and weak in Body; but (or and) of perfect mind and memory, Thanks be given unto God calling unto 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 and Testament. That is to say, principally and first of all, I trust and recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it; and my body I recommend to the Earth, to be buried in decent Christian burial, at the discretion of my Executors: Nothing doubting but at the resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner of form. First. I constitute, make and ordain my Brother John Howard and Lydia Howard my wife, the sole Executors of this my last will and Testament.

Secondly, I leave all and singular my lands, goods and chattels to the use and behoof of my loving wife Lydia Howard, during her widowhood, at the disposal of the above named Executors, for the support of, and Education of my Children. Thirdly, I declare that at the time of her marriage (if any) that the whole of the above named Estate

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then remaining, shall be equally divided amongst my wife and  
Children. by them freely to be possessed and enjoyed, save  
only at that time, I will and cause the value thereof

To my eldest Daughter Elizabeth over and above said  
division. And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and  
disannul all and every other former Testament, Will  
legacies, Bequests and Executors, by me, in any way before  
named, Willed and bequeathed; Ratifying and confirming  
this and no other, to be my last Will and Testament. In  
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this  
twenty first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand  
seven hundred and ninety-five.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced  
and declared by the said Abraham Howard  
as his last will and Testament  
in the presence of us, who, in the  
presence of each other, and in  
his presence, have subscribed  
our names

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William Howard  
Joseph Stewart

Abraham Howard <sup>his</sup> 

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John M. Gown

In the name of God Amen I John M. Gown of Jefferson  
County and Western Territory south of the River Ohio  
being in perfect health, before be God for his mercy. Do  
make this my last will and Testament as follows. I im-  
pious I give to my Daughter Mary the sum of four shell  
and 7 pence.