

Extract from the last Will, Testament & Codicil
of
Joseph Howard late of St. Mary's County deced.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Howard all my negroes, to wit: one negro woman named Phillis aged about fifty years; one other negro woman named Lucy aged about twenty five years; one negro man named John Lewis aged about twenty one years; and one ~~other~~ negro child named Chloe about three years of age; to her during her life, and at her death, that is to say, at the death of my beloved wife Elizabeth Howard; it is my will and desire that all the above named negroes, to wit: Phillis Lucy, John Lewis and Chloe and their increase shall be free.

Extract from the Codicil of Joseph Howard
Whereas by my said will I gave and bequeathed unto my wife Elizabeth Howard all my negroes namely; Lucy, John Lewis and Chloe; to ~~serve~~ serve her during her life, and at her death, to be free; now that she is dead, it is my will and desire, that the said servants, Lucy John Lewis and Chloe at my death shall be free to go where they please, or wherever it may be necessary for them to go in order to have their freedom secured to them; and I hereby authorize and require my Executors herein after named, to set them at liberty immediately after my death, and upon the establishment of ~~this~~ my said will and this Codicil, and that no account be taken of them whatever by my Executors in any Inventory or other return they may find it necessary to make of my property to the orphans Court.

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