In the Name of God Amen,

I Abraham Simmons of Ann Arundell County in the Province of Maryland Planter being weak in Body but of Sound understanding and memory (thanks be to God for the same) do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, Imprimis, I commend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God, hoping for Mercy and Pardon through the Merits and Mediation of his Son Jesus Christ my most Gracious Redeemer, and my Corruptible Body I leave to be decently interrd as the Discretion of my Executors hereafter Named, and as for the worldly Estate wherewith it hath Pleased God to Bless me with I dispose thereof as followeth

Imp.d I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son and Daughter Abraham and Betridge Simmons all those two Tracts of Land that I had by my Wife Sarah Drury lying in Prince Georges County and known by the Name of Drury's good luck and Drury's Adventure to be equally divided between them together with all Dwelling Houses out Houses Orchards and Appurtenances thereunto belonging to them their Heirs & Assigns for ever.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Betridge Simmons a Certain Negro Woman known by the name of Dinah and a Negro Boy Jem, to be delivered to her at the age of Sixteen Years or at the day of Marriage,

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Son Abraham Simmons a Certain Negro Girl known by the Name of Amey and a Negro Girl named Ann to be delivered to him at the Age of Eighteen Years my further Will is that what increase those two Negroes (Viz.) Dinah and Amey shall hereafter Have be equally divided between my Daughter Betridge and Son Abraham aforesaid and their Heirs for ever.

Item I do hereby constitute and Appoint my Well beloved Wife Sarah Simmons whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament and to her my Said Wife I do give and Bequeath all my Personal Estate nevertheless upon trust and Confidence, and Provided that She my Said Wife do equally divide unto and between my said Two Children the one half of my Personal Estate which now is or hereafter may become due unto or Claimed by me to whome I give and Bequeath the same to be devided share and share alike

Item I do hereby appoint my two Brothers in Law Charles Drury and William Tillard Trustees to see this my last Will and Testament truly Executed,

And I do hereby revoke disannull and disallow of all and every Will or Wills Testament or Testaments, formerly or at any time before the date hereof by me made or ordained and all and every matter therein contained, ordaining this my last and only Will & Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty Eight Day of August Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty five

Abraham Simmons Jun.

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of

William Coale Senr.
Thomas Sheels
William Tillard

At the foot of the foregoing Will was thus written Viz.

On the 16th day of April 1746 Came William Coale Senr. Thomas Sheels and William Tillard Subscribing Witnesses to the within and foregoing Will and the Said William Coale being one of the People called Quakers did Solemnly and sincerely Affirm and declare the said Thomas Sheels and William Tillard being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God did depose and Say that they Saw the Testator Abraham Simmons Senr. Sign and Seal the foregoing Will and heard him Publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the Best of their Judgment and Apprehension of sound and disposing mind and Memory and that they the aforesaid William Coale Thomas Sheals and William Tillard Subscribed their respective Names as witnesses to the said Will in the Presence of the said Testator and at his Request

Affirmed and sworn to before me

W.m Rogers Dep.y Comr.y
Ann. County

6.d Fees

In the Name of God Amen

the Fifth day of February in the Year of our Lord God one thousand Seven hundred Forty five I John Howard of Elk Ridge in the County of Ann Arundell Gent. being very sick and weak in Body but of Perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore 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 give and recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my Body I commend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executrix and Executor, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the Same Again by the mighty Power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath Pleased God to bless me in this Life, I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Ruth Howard all my new Dwelling Plantation known by the Name of Valley of Barren also twenty five Acres called Little Worth during her Natural Life and after her Decease John Grimoff Howard and his heirs for ever,

Item. I give and bequeath unto John Grimoff Howard all that Tract or Parcel of Land called Mount Gilbert except my Wifes third in the aforesaid tract of land during her natural Life to him and his Heirs for ever,

Item I give and Bequeath unto Jafson Frizell all that Tract of Land called Frizells chance he Paying the sum of money that I have already paid for it within the Term of Seven Years from the time he arrives of age he paying the same to my Estate then the aforesaid Land to him and his heirs for ever, but if Default be made in Payment of the aforesaid money within the Term, then the Land above mentioned to Jafson Frizell to fall to John Grimoff Howard his heirs and Assigns for ever