

Be it known to all Men That I William Baccard of Bedford  
County being at this time in health of Body & sound of Memory for which  
I desire to be thankful to the Lord and being now in the seventy seventh year  
of my age do make & declare this my Last Will & Testament. I dispose  
of all my ~~Only~~ Goods in form & Manner following (Wit). I Item I give  
& bequeath to my son Byron two hundred acres of Land lying in Orange  
County which he has paid me for & have made him a Deed for but  
fearing the Deed is not good do now bequeath the same to him this his  
for ever. I Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Frances Wilson three  
Pounds & six shillings in S<sup>t</sup> of a saddle and also one feather bed & furniture  
to her & her heirs forever. I Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary  
McKimmy forty shillings to make her saddle equal to her sisters. I Item I  
give & bequeath to my Daughter Delilah Caldwell twenty pounds to her & her  
heirs forever to make her equal to what I have given the rest of my children  
My Will is that whereas I have purchased a tract of Land of my son Byron &  
given it to my son Barclay I am directed twenty pounds to my son Byron for the  
same that it be paid out of my son Barclay part of my Estate after my decease.  
I Item my Will is that after my decease that the remaining part of my Estate

131 Be Equally Divided amongst all my children. I do constitute &  
Appoint my son Byron Ballard sole Executor of my estate to collect  
I pray of at his Discretion. I do Ratify & confirm this my Last Will &  
Testament. I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of the  
sixth month 1792.

Signed & Sealed -

William W. Ballard

In the presence of us  
Christopher Anthony

Mary Anthony

Christopher Anthony Junr.

At a Court continued thier for Bedford County at the Court house the  
29<sup>th</sup> day of April 1794 - This Last Will & Testament of

William Ballard Deceased was proved by the Solemn Oath of  
Christopher Anthony & Mary Anthony two of the Witnesses whose

names are thereunto subscribed & ordered to be recorded - And on the  
motion of Byron Ballard the Executor therein named who

affirmed thereto Certificate is granted him for obtaining probate  
thereof according to Law on giving security whereupon the said  
Byron Ballard together with William Davies his security entered

Byporn Ballard together with William Davies his recently entered  
into Acknowledged their bond in the penalty of three thousand pounds  
Conditioned for the said Byporn Ballards faithful administration  
of the said Decedents Estate & performance of his will. - Teste -

Jo: Steptoe Clerk

Wathins & Des. A Division of the above Land belonging to Thomas Wathins  
Division & Des. Divided this eighth day of March 1794. There was twenty one  
shears claimed by Thomas Wathins (to wit) John Wathins son  
of John Thomas Wathins son of John James Wathins William  
Wathins son of John Abner Wathins Elizabeth Branch Robert  
Ligon George Dameron William Hudson John Dickie William  
Dickie Moses Roberts Nathaniel Manen John Chapple  
William Chapple Robert Hall Benjamin Hall James Pullman  
James Turner William Atading Edward Gorington

Also a List of Legatees claimed by Abalom Wathins in the  
above Land (to wit) John Wathins son of William Abalom  
Wathins Elizabeth Wathins William Wathins son of Brubaker  
William Hall John Wathins all come in all at 7/30