

hereafter to be named to convey all my title and interest in any landed or other property which they may think proper to sell, and that the money arising therefrom be placed at interest during my son Oliver's minority: And it being my sincere desire that my children may receive a pious and liberal education which I would prefer might be at friends School and when the education of the male part of my children is accomplished that he or they may be placed under some judicious friend to learn a useful mechanical business, and that my executors may be at liberty to use either principal or interest of my estate to defray the expences of their education. - Item, I give and bequeath to Lucy Darke (an infant of my dear wife's raising) One hundred pounds to be paid her when she attains to lawful age or marries. - Item I give and bequeath the balance of my monied estate to be equally divided between my children to be paid them on their attaining to lawful age or when married. - Item I give and bequeath to my son Oliver at the death of his mother the plantation whereon I now live to him and his heirs forever, on condition however that he pay four hundred pounds in four equal annual payments, which I desire may be paid equally to such other of my children as may be living at that time. - Lastly I nominate and appoint my trusty and well beloved brothers Joseph Ladd, Benjamin H. Ladd and William H. Pleasant executors to this my last will and testament, and request that no security may be required of them for their faithful performance.

Signed sealed and delivered,
in presence of

Samuel Hargrave

Robert Crew

Henry Crew

James D Ladd 

At a Court held for Charles City County at the Courthouse the 19th day of February 1811 The aforeswitten last will and testament of James D Ladd deceased was presented in Court and proved by the affirmations of Samuel Hargrave Robert Crew and Henry Crew the witnesses to the same and Ordered to be recorded. - And on the motion of Benjamin H. Ladd one of the executors therein named who affirmed thereto according to law and entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Twenty thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs Certificated is granted him for obtaining a probat hereof in due form. - Liberty being reserved the other executors in said will named to join in said probat when they shall think fit

sworn to

Tste Wyatt Walker b.c.

In the name of God amen I John Ballard of disposing mind and memory do make my will in the following manner to wit, I give my land and plantation whereon I now live, and every other kind of property I now possess to my friend Wyatt Walker, on trust nevertheless for the payment of all my just debts, confiding in his integrity and faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him, and hope my creditors

will suffer my said friend to sell my land on a short Credit so as to get the best price possible for it, and out of the sales pay all my just debts, and the surplus of any after all my debts are paid I give to my sister Lucy Eppes's two youngest children to them and their heirs forever. Lastly I appoint my said friend and trustee Wyatt Walker my Executor to this my wife. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 18th day of May 1809.

John Ballard 

Signed sealed published and declared
In the presence of
R. Holdcroft
P. Eppes

At a Court held for Charles City County at the Courthouse the 21st day of April 1814. - The aforeswitten last will and testament of John Ballard decd was proved by the oaths of Robert Holdcroft and Peter Eppes the witnesses to the same and Ordered to be recorded. Wyatt Walker the executor in said will named appeared in Court and refused to take upon himself the burthen of the execution thereof: Whereupon on the motion of the said Wyatt Walker who made oath thereto according to law and together with William J Walker and Robert W Christian his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Seven hundred dollars conditioned as the law directs. Certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration on said decedent's estate with his will aforesaid annexed in due form

Teste Wyatt Walker b. b.
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Appraisement of the Estate of Benjamin Bradley decd made this 30th day Jan'y. 1810. -

parcel Com 80 barrels, merck 600 10 short	\$ 3.38
parcel blade fodder 3000 ft. @	1.-
parcel shucks	4.-
parcel straw	3.-
One gray mare	25.-
One bay horse	40.-
One sorrel	25.-
17 horned Cattle	133.38
14 Sheep	38.-
One Ox Cart	3.-
One humbler Cart	15.-
One desk	8.-
2 falling tables	5.-
One gun	4.-
One dozen Walnut Chains rush bottom	6.-
14 Small barrels	3.-
2 hogsheads	75-
parcel Cotton at \$1 flag 24 per pd	1.25
One pair flat irons	3.-
One pair Steelyards	3.-