

In the Name of God Amen, I Francis Ballard
of the County and Parish of Elizabeth City, and Town of
Hampton in Virginia, Possessing my proper Reason and
Senses, And Considering the Uncertainty of Life do make
Constitute and Confirm this as my last will and tes-
tament agreeable to the form following Revoking and
Disannulling all Others —

Supremis I do hereby Recommend my soul to God who gave
it, hoping at my departure from this world to experience Eternal
Felicity Desiring that my Executor hereafter Named will have
me decently Buried And as to what Property it has
pleased Providence to bestow on me I have it as follows

Item ~~As~~ my ~~wish~~ desire that my Negroes Namely Jim Barber
Charloth. Nell Thos and Beliah the two last Named being
Children of Charloth, Should after my death be free — and
I lend to them during their lives the Use of my Kitchen

Item I give Unto Jane Lattimore the Youngest daughter of
James and Priscilla Lattimore and to her heirs my house
and Lot in the Town of Hampton with all the Appurtenances
and advantages thereof forever

Item its My wish that at my death that all my Personal
Estate except my Negroes, Should be sold, and after my
Executor paying all just debts out of the Amount of what
it may See for, the Balance I wish equally divided
between my two faithfull Servants, Jim Barber, and Charloth

I do hereby Appoint my friend Ch^r James Lattimore as
Executor of this my last will and Testament in Witness
Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand And Seal this 25th Nov^r 1802
Signed and Sealed } Benjamin Brown
In presence of the { Rachel G. Brown

Fr^s Ballard

Hence do my wife and desire that my negro Man Jim
arber should have all my wearing apparel further my Executors
will take notice that the land from the west corner of the
lotter in a direct line to the bottom of the Lane belongs to
my Lot witness my hand and seal this 24th Nov 1802.

This was signed in presence
of us as att of ~~the~~ wife

Frederick B. Smith

Benjamin Brown

Rachel G. Brown

This Will of Francis Ballard dec. was pro-
duced in the County Court of Eliza City 26th
April 1804. And proved by the oaths of the two
subscribing witnesses thereto. And adjudged to be
Recorded & H. J. J. J.

W. Hestwood Jr. Clerk C.

Francis Ballard

Proved April Court 1804

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