

In the name of God Amen this Twenty  
first Day of February One Thousand seven Hundred and  
Eighty Two I James Ballard of Elizabeth City County Town  
of Hampshire beinging at Point to the Schooner Point  
being of sound mind and memory and calling to mind  
the uncertainty of this transitory Life as the Danger and  
Hazard of the Law do make and declare this my last  
Will and Testament by I have made my Last to Almighty  
God, and my Body I commit to the Earth, or Sea as  
opportunity shall serve And as Touch such Worldly Goods  
as it has pleased God to bless me withal I dispose of  
of the same as follows viz

Impersonal I Give and bequeath unto my Brother  
Edward Ballard my Heir and Heir in the County  
of Hampshire the said Edward Ballard paying to my  
Elder Brother Francis Ballard One Third of the Value  
Thereof to be valued by two Good and Honest Men to be  
chosen by two Good and Honest Men to be chosen

Item I give unto my Cousin or Next of Kin  
Ballard Daughter of my Brother Edward Ballard  
Certain Money just named I give to her and her Heir  
God will further my will and desire that my Brother  
Edward Ballard shall enjoy the said above named  
Money and the Use of her Money for ever  
Lawful together forever

I do hereby nominate and appoint my Brother Edward  
my whole and sole Executor of this my last will and  
Testament in Matters whereof I have knowledge at  
my Hand and Seal the Day & year above written  
John Chapman

William Dunn

James Ballard  
Ballard