

In the Name of God Amen. Joseph Ballenger of the parish and
County of Essex being weak in Body but in perfect sense and
memory and considering the frailty of this mortal life do make and
Institute this my last Will and Testament as followeth Viz.
First I bequeath my Soul to God that gave it and my body to be
Sensibly buried in a Christian manner and all my worldly Debts to
be Justly paid and after my worldly Debts and funeral Charges paid
the Remainder of my Estate I give and Bequeath in manner and
form following Viz.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Wade a Negro boy named
Cobey to her her heirs and assigns forever and a low and calf.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Charity Wade a Negro girl named
Phillis and a low and calf to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Abigail a Negro girl named Nell
and a side saddle of five pound price and a low and calf to her her
heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Susannah a Negro girl named
Samah and a side saddle of five pound price and a low and calf to

- her heirs and assigns forever.
- Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth a Negro boy named Guy and a side saddle of five pound price and a Cow and calf to her her heirs and assigns forever.
- Item. I give and bequeath to my Son Joseph fifty pounds current money to be paid to him at the age of twenty one years.
- Item. I give and bequeath to my Son Richard fifty pounds current money to be paid to him at the age of twenty one years.
- Item. I give and bequeath my tract of Land lying in Goodland County on the Bird to be sold by my Executors hereafter mentioned and the money to be equally divided among my seven Children before mentioned.
- Item. I give and bequeath all my tract of Land lying at the Mountains to be equally divided between my two Sons Joseph and Richard to them their heirs and assigns forever.
- Item. I give and bequeath to my loving and well beloved wife Charity Ballinger five Negroes named Jack Dick Nell Bess and Bridgett I say to my aforesaid Wife during her Natural life or Widowhood and afterwards to be given by her to my Children at her Discretion and all the Rest of my Estate in what manner and form soever it be give

and I do appoint my two Sons in Law Jeremiah Wade and Pease
Wade and my loving friend Thomas Cawthon and my loving
Wife Charity Ballenger all Joynt Executors of this my last Will
and Testament.

Signed with my hand and sealed with my Seal the fifth day of
June Anno Domini. 1744.

W. Street.

James Smith

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Joseph Ballenger. Seal.
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At a Court held for Goochland County feby 19. 1744.

William Street & Nicholas Seal proce this to be the last Will
and Testament of Joseph Ballenger and it was Ordered to be
Recorded.