

John Ballards
Will

In the name of God Amen I ^{John} Ballard of the County
of Isle of Wight being weak in body but of a perfect mind and the
more thanks be to Almighty God for the same and considering
that this day of life I bear and that it is appointed for all persons
Once to Die I therefore think proper to make this my Last Will and

Testament in manner and form following Viz: First and principally
I give my soul into the hands of the Almighty God to
him hoping at the day of Judgment to inherit everlasting happi-
ness and for which I have no doubt.

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I have pleased the Almighty to
bless me with I give devise and Dispose thereof as follows (to Wit)

Item I Give and bequeath Forty four Pounds which is in my
own hand to be equally divided between my five

Children Sarah Ellen Eliza Elizabeth & Mary Augustus
Ballard to them or their heirs forever I have also bequeath

unto my daughter Ellen & Mr. J. M. Lloyd of the County of
Kent & to the said Eliza & Mary Augustus

per annum the sum of five pounds

Eliska L. Ballard (my son) One Gray Mare with fold One pair of Gold
Heave Buttons to him and His Heirs forever. Item. I Give and Bequeath
unto my son Robert M. Ballard One Colt known by the name of Pacolet
One pair of Double Rose Blankets to him and His Heirs for ever. Item
I Give and Bequeath unto my son Henry Augustus Ballard One Tract
of Land which I purchased of Gwinsthens containing some where a
Bout One hundred Acres be the same more or less one Bedstead and
bed to him and his Heirs for ever. Item. I leave all my stock of
Hogs and the present ^{Isle of Wight Co. Wills 1794-1803} ~~www.virginiapioneers.net~~ Nature or kind to be Equally Di
vided between my five children as before mentioned to them and
their Heirs for Ever. Also I leave all the Remainder of my Estate to
be also equally Divided between my said five children to them and their
Heirs for ever. I also Desire that my Daughter Ellen have the Care of
my son Henry Augustus in Raising and schooling &c. Until he arrive
to the Age that the Law directs also I lastly Nominate and Appoint
my Friend Mells Cluff my Whole and Sole Executor of this my last
Will and Testament I is anulling and Making void all their former

my Friend Mills Clay my Whole and Sole Executor of this my last
Will and Testament I am selling and Making void all their former
Wills and Testaments heretofore by me made. As Witness my hand and
affixed my Seal this Ninth Day of June one Thousand seven hundred and
Ninety and Eight. —

Signed Sealed and pronounced } Sally Ballard Seal
in presence of us,

Anne ^{Le} English
mark

At a Court held for Isle of Wight County the 5th

Day of December 1798. This Will was presented

Jesse ^{his} Hampton
mark

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the Executor therein named who

made oath thereto according to Law and the same

being proved by the Oaths of Anne English and Jesse Hampton the said

notary thereto and Ordered to be Recorded, And on the Motion of the

Executor who together with John Clay his ~~lawfully~~ ^{lawful} ~~attorney~~ ^{attorney}

acknowledged this Bond in the penalty of ten Thousand Dollars.

Witness as the Law directs in and before me

at the County of Wight

the 10th day of December 1798