

James deceased my wife the wife that has been
to us since. December 7th 1706

Samuel Clay
Joseph Ligon
Joseph Townes

At a court held for Mecklenburg County the 7th day of July 1707.
This Division being returned into Court was ordered to be recorded
of
John Brown Clerk.

In the name of God Amen I John Ballard of the County of Mecklen-
burg being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my
last will and testament in manner and form following.

First and principally I recommend my soul unto God my maker my
body I commit to the earth to be buried in a decent manner at the
discretion of my Executors hereafter named as to my estate I dispose
thereof in the following manner

I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid and satisfied. I lend to my beloved wife Fathie during her life all my estate both real and personal and at her death to be disposed of as follows.

I lend to my daughter Lucy Holmes during her life a boy named Matt, a girl called Paddy, a man named Harry and a girl named Lizzy and at the death of my said daughter I direct that the said Negroes and the increase of the females be equally divided amongst all my said daughter's children to whom and their heirs I give them for ever.

I lend to my daughter Betsy Hollaway a negro woman named Ruth and her children Fintotte, Lucy and Doll and a negro man named Charles during her life and at her death I direct the said Negroes and the increase of the females to be disposed of by my executor in such manner as he may think most best to contribute to the support of my said children by my said daughter Betsy until her death.

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and children by my said daughter Becky until her youngest sur-
viving Child shall arrive at lawful age and at that time, that the
said negroes and ^{the} increase of the females be equally divided amongst
my said daughters Children to whom and their heirs I give them for
ever. I also give to my said daughter Becky a good feather bed and
furniture.

I lend to my daughter Martha Hollaway five negroes named
Fanny, Bessy, Lenny and Dick during her life, and at her death
I direct that the said negroes and ^{the} increase of the said females be
disposed of by my executor in such manner as he may think will
best contribute to the support of my grand Children by my said
daughter Martha until her youngest surviving Child shall arrive
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best contribute to the support of my grand children by my said
daughter Martha until her youngest surviving Child shall arrive
at lawful age and at that time that the said negroes and the increase
of the said females be equally divided amongst my said daughter's
Children to whom and their heirs I give them for ever.
I lend to my daughter Betty Beck two negro boys named Jacob
and

and Stephen during her life and at her death I give the said negroes to
such child or children as she may then have equally to be divided between
them, to them and their heirs forever. But if my said daughter Betty
shall die without leaving any child then I give the said negroes to my
son John Ballard and his heirs forever. I also give to my said daugh-
-ter Betty one hundred and twenty five pounds specie.

I give unto my son William Ballard two negro men named Jacob
and Lemmy negro woman named Kate and also named Martin
to him and his heirs forever. Further I give to my said son William
negro boy named Sandy during his life and at his death I give the
said negro boy to my grandson Francis Ballard and his heirs for-
ever. I give and bequeath to my son Robert Ballard two negroes, Isaac
Anthony and Bob the land and plantation whereon he now lives and

and new feather. Obed to him and his heirs forever.

I give to my son Robert's eldest son living at the time of my death negro boy named Lige to him and his heirs forever: but if my son Robert should have no son alive at my death then I give the said negro boy's son Robert and his heirs forever.

I give to my grand daughter Mary Hartland Ballard and ane grace as named Branche to her and her heirs forever.

All the rest and residue of my estate I give to my son John Ballard and his heirs forever.

I do nominate and appoint my son John Ballard sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore made. In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 26 day of August 1783.

Sealed published & declared by

The testator as of his last will & testament in our presence.

John Ballard

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A account held for Mecklenburg County the 4th day of July 1707

This will was proved by the Oaths of John Brown & Lewis
 Parkman at which there's no record take notice. And on the motion
 of John Brown & Lewis the Court ordered it to be read with
 the will and together with William Keptown, William Johnson &
 David Stokes in it contents and acknowledged their bonds
 in the fourth of June. The said parties & witnesses at the la-
 st testified was granted now for obtaining a probat of the
 will in the Court.

Teste John Brown & Lewis

In the name of God Amen James, Clerk of the County
 of Mecklenburg being first sworn and of sound and full

Age and mine. Thank ye to Almighty God for the same calling