

In The Name of God Amen I Paul Ballentine
of the Southern Branch of Elizabeth River in the County of Norfolk
in Virginia Being very Sick & weak but in Perfect Sense and
Memory Praise be Almighty God for it yet Knowing the time is
Uncertain when it will please God to call me hence have thought fit to
Order all my worldly Estate as I Desire with the Blessing of God
Shew First I Bequeath my Precious and Immortal Soul to God
in Lord Jesus Christ that gave it and my Body to be Buried
as my Executors shall in their Discretion think fitting And for my worldly
Estate I Give it both real and Personal as follows

Item First I Give and Bequeath to my well beloved wife Ann Ballentine
all my Land House Household Furniture Negroes Horses Cattle & Hogs & all
things that I am or shall be possessed with at my Decease During her Natural
Life or widowhood but and if my said wife shall Marry again then I Give
her the use of my Negro wench Jenny my Household furniture and Stock
During her Natural Life

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Son Jonas Ballentine after the Decease of my
said wife the Land I now live on with the Houses and Mill to him and his
Heirs forever but if he Die without Heirs then I Give it to my son Paul
Ballentine and his heirs forever

Item I Give and Bequeath to my eldest Daughter Abigail Ballentine one Negro
boy named Phenomus to her and her heirs forever

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Herzia Ballentine one Negro boy named
Tommy to her and her Heirs forever

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Ann Ballentine one Negro boy named
Cesar to her and her Heirs forever

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Betty Ballentine one Negro boy named Will
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Item I Give and Bequeath to my Son Paul Ballentine one Negro Girl named Hannah
With her Increase to him and his Heirs forever

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Item I Give and Bequeath all my Household Furniture and Stock at the Decease of my wife
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