

In the Name of God Amen I William Ballou of Brunswick
Albemarle County in the Province of North Carolina being very sick
and Weak of body yet having my perfect Senses and Reason sound
thanks be to God for it do make this my Last Will and Testament in
Manner and form following I making void all Other Wills which
I formerly made by these Presents Just I commend my Soul into the
Protection of Jesus Christ hoping and believing that he by his Meritorious
Death and Passion hath purchased Eternal Salvation for the same &
my body to the Earth to be buried after a Christian Manner at the Dis-
cretion of my Executors hereafter Mentioned And as to my worldly
Goods I dispose of in Manner and form following I have stiled herein
and make my Loving Wife Mary Ballou my whole & sole Executrix
of all my Goods and Estate to the paying all my Debts and Liabilities
According to the Tenor of this my Will and of my said Estate first
I Give unto my Son Samuel Eight Hundred Acres of Land with my
now Dwelling Plantation Upon it with him the said Samuel
and the Skin of his Body Lawfully begotten former I Give unto my
Daughter Mary One Hundred and fifty Acres of Land I Give unto
the said Eight Hundred And at that End I Give the said Hands unto
her the said Mary and to heirs of her body Lawfully begotten - forever

her the said Mary
I give unto my Son William my Plantation at the Swamp and one
half of the Land belonging unto it to him the said William and the
Heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten forever and the other half of the
said Tract of Land I give unto my Son Richard and to the Heirs of
his Body Lawfully begotten My Desire is that the said Tract of Land be
Divided between William and Richard by a Person Whom they shall
choose I give unto my Daughter Sarah one half of my Land
which Joseph Chen surveyed for me unto her the said Sarah and to
the Heirs of her Body Lawfully begotten forever and the other half
of the said Tract of Land I give unto my Daughter Catherine
unto the Heirs of her Body Lawfully begotten forever and further
my Will and Desire is that if any of my Children do die without
Issue as is before mentioned that then the Plant shall be sold
his or her Inheritance of Land so Demand or the Plant shall be sold
begotten of him or her Body Surviving And as for the Rest of my Goods
and Chattels I give unto my Loving Wife Mary Richards during
her Life or so long as she Remains a Widow and also the
Whole Use and Profit of my New Dwelling Plantation and

I give unto my said Wife during her life or so long as
she shall remain a Widow And at the expiration of the Term of
her said Widowhood my Desire is that all my ~~General~~ Estate
Equally I divide amongst all my Children Only I give unto my
Daughter Sus and two Yearolds Sister more than her Equal Share
And further it is my Desire that if any Children or or any of them
do come of Age or be capable of taking for them where they shall
not have Power to Disturb or claim any Part of my Estate -
Neither Real or Personal during the Term of their Mothers Life or
Widowhood But this may Save by her Upon the Several Divisions
of Land belonging to them And further it is my Desire that my
Wife shall have Possession of all my Whole Estate Immediately
after my Decease And it is my desire that my Children shall
have Possession of their Equal Shares of my Whole Estate both
Real and Personal According to their Several Shares Immedi-
ately after their Mothers Decease or term of her Widowhood -

ately after their Mother's decease or term of her Widowhood -
It is my desire that if my Children survive their Mother that
then the Eldest of them take care of the rest of them and what
belongs to them and to have the ^{sole} management of their estate for
maintaining of them until they come of age. It is my desire
that Mr. Isaac Branch, Mr. William Allen and William
Batesman shall see this my Testament Equally satisfied amongst
myself and according to the Tenor Above mentioned And to
the Intent and Meaning of this Within mentioned Will
I here set my hand and Seal this 25th day of November

1700

Signed, Sealed & Delivered
before us Underwritten

And signed
Made & fashioned
his Mark

John F. Ward
his Mark

William Batesman

William Batesman
his - D. Mark, P. Seal

The Above Will proved in Court by
Oaths of Wm Batesman, John Ward and
Andrew Markfashion the 20 of January

1700

Testes Wm Swannell &c

This Will recorded the 27 April 1701

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This Will was by Mr. Prichard and Ballantyne Exhibited to Court the 4th day
of July Anno Domini 1752 Who requested that same might be recorded
the former Prichard not being to be found Wherefore it is desired to be
Recorded And was accordingly Recorded in the Records of
Court By *J. Martyn*

Norfolk } At a Court held the 19th day of July 1751
County }

William Ballantyne Will dated the 25th day of November 1700
was this day produced in Court by Mary Brudenell and prayed that the
same might be Recorded It is therefore desired that the Clerk Record
the said Will as far as he can perfectly read it the same being much
defaced and torn to pieces — *Sam^r Brudenell*

Mary The above Will was plain & to be
read then I signed — *Sam^r Brudenell*