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In the Name of God Amen. The twentieth day of
December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred and Ninety five. I William Ballance of North
Carolina in the County of Currituck aforesaid
Tantre being weak in body but of perfect mind
(and memory thanks be given unto God therefore
calling unto mind the Mortality of my body and
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die
I do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament
that is to say Principally and first of all I give and
recommend my soul into the hands of God that give
it and body I recommend to the Earth to be buried
in decent and Christian manner at discretion of my
Executors Nothing doubting but at that General
Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the
almighty power of God and touching such word
be testate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless
in this life I give demise and dispose of the same
in the following manner and form —
I have one hundred acres of land laying at the end
of the hills near Hattoras Intet to be sold at
Publick Auction for one half of the Money arising
from the sale of said land to goe in discharge of my
Debts & the other half to be Equally divided amongst
all my Children. I give & bequeath to my dear
beloved Wife Barbara Ballance twenty acres of
Land out of the same tract during my Wife
Widowhood. I give & bequeath to my son William
Ballance one hundred acres of land joining
my son John Ballances land that I before gave
him a tract.

I give and bequeath unto my son Caleb Ballance one
hundred acres of land joining my son William
Ballance, I give unto my son Aron Ballance
one hundred acres of land joining my son
Caleb Ballance, I give unto my son Wallace
Ballance one hundred acres of land joining
my son Aron Ballance, I give unto my son
Joshua Ballance one hundred acres of land
joining my son Wallace Ballance, I give
unto my son Lyban Ballance the housing
& plantation whereon I now live to have that
my Wife Barbara Ballance is not by him to be
interrupted in respecting the housing or lands during
her Widowhood. I give & bequeath unto my Wife
Barbara Ballance my smallest pasture during
her widowhood & my largest pasture to be sold
at publick Auction & the money arising from the
sale to be Equally divided amongst all my
Children. I give all my moveable & Estate with
in doors & without doors to my Wife Barbara Ballance
during of her Widowhood. I give unto my
two Daughters Barbara Ballance & Cortana Ballance
each of them one feather bed & furniture —
I give unto my son Thomas Ballance twenty
two acres of land joining on the land whereon
Thomas Ballance now lives. I have one hundred
acres of land situate in Rd Currituck to be sold at
publick Auction one half to my Wife of the Money
arising from the sale of said land during her
widowhood & the other half to be Equally divided
amongst all my Children. I likewise have
Twenty five acres of land that I bought of Japh
Jennet on the Cape to be sold at publick Auction
William Robinson
William Laidley