North Carolina } In the Name of God Amen. I William Ward being weak and
Granville County } sick and weak of body but of perfect sense & Memory. Thanks be to God for it. Knowing the mortality of man that
it is appointed to men once to die to make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following
that is to say. Imprimis. I recommend my Soul to God who gave it me and as for such worldly Goods
as it hath pleased God to endue me with. I give & dispose in manner & form following. Viz.
Item I give & bequeath the use of all my Housing, Plantation & Lands whereon I do formerly live when I was in the County
Hertford unto my loving Wife Margaret Ward & my son Jonathan Ward shall arrive to the age of twenty years, & at that
age then improver his mate built & erect on the wood land Part of my said land and enter upon of the Mother of the
Ground already cleared during part Widowhood & after her Widowhood to be ended in a peaceable manner as is
above mentioned. Then my said whole dwelling & Plantation unto my said Son Jonathan Ward & unto
his Heirs for ever. Item I give unto my loving Wife Margaret one feather Bed & furniture, being the
Bed whereon she my said Wife & my Self used to lie, and five Cows & their Calves, & my own riding Mare
and two small Iron Pots, two Iron & Brass Pots, one black walnut Chest & one Hurd Yard of all my
Household Goods which is not already mentioned except my feather Beds during her natural Life & for Heirs for ever.
Item I give unto my loving Wife one feather Bed & furniture & one horse Colt, one Sow & Pigs, one Heifer three year old, one large
Iron Pot, one Young Sow unto him & his Heirs for ever. Item I give & bequeath unto my son Nathan
Ward one feather Bed & furniture & one horse Colt, one Sow & Pigs, one Heifer three year old, one large
Iron Pot, one Young Sow unto him & his Heirs for ever. Item I give & bequeath unto Leah due to me
from Robert Cartwright and twenty Shillings due to me from Nicholas Campbell and all the Stock
now upon Plantation of twenty Barrels of Indian Corn unto my Wife to pay my Debts
with, and also five hundred pounds of Shillings due to me from Nicholas Nichols for the use of paying
my Debts, and all the overplus of paying my Debts I leave may be left in Meal & Corn for the
use of my Family. All I give unto my loving Wife as aforesaid for the paying all my just Debts
and to perform my Funeral on a Christian Manner & the Remainder I give for the use of my family
I give & bequeath unto my Son Timothy Ward all the Remainder of my Estate of lands whatsoever
hereby innowering my Executors hereafter named to sell for the use all personable Estate of stock
and such money arising for such sale I leave may be put to Interest for his use until he shall
be of age. I constitute & appoint my loving Wife Margaret & my Son in Law Charles Alderman of the
County of Brunswick in Virginia my Sole & whole Executors of this my last Will & Testament
revoking & annulling all other & all Will & Testaments by me formerly made and declaring and
confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set
my Hand & Seal this twelfth day of December, one thousand seven hundred & sixty eight.

Published pronounced & declared
In the Presence of us }

Philip his mark Malbone

Peter his mark P Hawkins Jurat

Evan E Moore Jurat

William his mark Ward and a Seal

Recorded & Examined
24th March 1769

Test. W.m Mason Clk Cur.