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Waller & Ballard
I Waller Clifton Ballard of Halifax County in Carolina being much indisposed
of body but of sound disposing mind & memory do make this my last will
& Testament in manner following — I purport It is my will and desire that
my Gray stud Horse be put in good order and sold on a Credit of
Twelve months & the money to be applied to the payment of my debts but should
my Executors or Executor think it most to the Interest of my Estate to keep
the said Horse the ensuing season & then to sell him as aforesaid they
are at liberty so to do — Item It is my will and desire that my wife during
her Widowhood have the Loan and use of my Plantation negroes & other person-
al property together with what debts may be due me in order for the purpose
of paying what I owe and to Educate & maintain my Children and it is
my request that my son Benjamin may be Educated in a manner that
may fit & qualify him for the study of the Law, and when he is thus Educated
It is my wish & desire that he may be put to the study of the Law under
Judge Haywood who promised me to take him (provided the finances of
my Estate will admit of his being thus Educated for a Lawyer) —
Item I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Ballard the whole of my land
& one seventh part of my personal Estate when he arrives to lawfull age
as also one hundred Dollars to purchase him a Horse provided there is not
one belonging to my Estate of that value which he may like when he comes
of Age the Land to be subject to my wife's thirds during life should she marry
again or in case she should not marry to the use thereof for the Educating
& maintaining my Children as aforesaid until they arrive to lawfull
age or marry — Item It is my will & desire that upon my wife marrying
again that the remaining part of my negroes & other personal Estate after
taking out my son Benjamin's seventh part be equally divided between
her & my Children to wit Elizabeth, Emma, Lucy Taylor & Rebecca Taylor & she
shall like & I request that a division of my negroes may take place with-
selling any of them if practicable — Item it is my will & desire that in

should like & I request that a portion of my negroes may take part in
selling any of them if practicable. ~~Now~~ it is my will & desire that in
case my wife should ~~depart~~ ^{depart} this life before marrying again before
any of my ^{children} should arrive to lawful age in that case I desire that my
negroes & other personal property be equally divided among my daughters
after mentioning first giving my son Benjamin his seventh part as before
mentioned as also the hundred Dollars or a Horse of that value —
Item It is further my will & desire that as fast as any of my children
should marry or come to lawful age that they be entitled to draw
their share of my Estate — Item whereas I have a mortgage from
my brother William S. Ballard for a negro boy named Frank now
of my said brother shall pay or clear my Estate from all matters
sums of money for which I own his security in that case I do give all
my right in & to the said negro unto my said brother William S.
Ballard And as for what born what he may be charged to my
brother William Ballard since my purchasing negro whilst of him
I desire that my Executors may not demand of him any pay for it
is given him the same — Item I do hereby constitute & appoint my wife
Rebecca Ballard, Mr. Haywood, Mr. John Faulcon & John & Faulcon Executors
& Executors of this my last will & Testament in Witness whereof I have
signed hereunto. At my Hand Seal this 23rd day July 1801 —

Signed sealed & pronounced by Walter Clifton Ballard
to be his last will & Testament before us

W. S. Ballard Seal

W. S. Ballard, W. A. Eaton, James Thos. Arch. Fledges

High Court of the County of York 1801 Then this will was Exhibited in Open Court
and duly proved by the Oaths of William Allen Eaton & James Thos. Arch. Fledges
Subscribing witnesses thereto and an Oath was made to be sworn in witness whereof
Ballard the Executor thereto named came in & was duly qualified thereto

W. S. Ballard

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