

I R H Ballard of the State of North Carolina and County of Henderson being mindful of death and of the uncertainty of this transient life, do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following to-wit:- First after the payment of all my just debts by my Executor herein named, I will and bequeath the amount of Six Hundred Dollars to my wife Sarah E. Ballard and the three children and the three children that I have by her George F Ballard, Ruben K. Ballard and Mary E. Ballard to be paid to my wife by my Executor out of debts due or owing to me for certain land sold to William Jones and wife Nancy and Alexander Jones the same to be used or appropriated by her as she may think best for the Education & sustenance of the above named children or so much as may be due or owing to me at the time of my death, and in case said moneys should not be collected by the time the youngest child comes of age, then the same to be divided equally between my wife and the three children.

Secondly, I do constitute and appoint E. F. Cook Executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this January 14th 1879
R. H. Ballard

Wit.

W R Woodward
A R Garren.

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In the Probate Court,
April 7th 1880.

A paper writing purporting
to be the last will and testa-
ment of R. H. Ballard is 27
-mitted before me in open Court
by E. F. Case the executor therein
named and the due execution
by the said R. H. Ballard is
duly proven by the oath and
examination of W. R. Caswood
and A. R. Garraway the subscribing
witnesses thereto. It is therefore
considered by the Court that the
said Paper writing and every
part thereof is the last will
and Testament of R. H. Ballard
deceased and the said E. F.
Case is duly qualified
by taking and subscribing
to the oath of office. Pro-
-scribed by law and let the
Testamentary Act be signed.
R. M. Dale
Judge Probate