

Will of John Ballinger

In the name of God Amen I John Ballinger of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina, being weak in body but of perfect mind, and memory blessed be God, do this Sixth day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety two make and ordain this my last will and testament in the following manner and form first I recommend my soul unto God that gave it and my body to dust to a decent burial:

First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Ballinger one negro wench Lency 12 beds and furniture two cows and calves eight ewes and lambs one grey mare called Boney one sorrel horse called Button twenty year old hogs with four breeding sows running in the flock of the famifer and all my plantation tools and an equal division of my household goods at the discretion of my executors to her during her life afterwards to be equally divided between my children hereafter named.

Item To my daughter Polly Ballinger I give one negro girl named Treary five head of cattle, five head of sheep.

Item I give to my son Reddin Ballinger a negro boy named Samuel one cow and calf one shot gun one ewe and lamb.

Item I give to my daughter Sally Ballinger one negro which my wench Lency is now pregnant with if miscarried the first living child, she bears with one cow and yearling one ewe and lamb to each of them and their heirs forever. I will that all my just debts be paid by executors all of the most perishable part of my estate and the balance equally divided between my wife and children I make and ordain for my executors my beloved wife Elizabeth Ballinger Hardy Bryan and William Ballinger I hereby ratify and confirm this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said John Ballinger hath hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year above written signed, sealed, sealed, published and delivered by the testator as his last will and testament in presence of
 Shadrack Stallings.
 Kedar Bryant.
 William Wells.

John Ballinger (seal)