

In the name of God Amen I James Ballard of the
County of Lincoln & State of North Carolina do make
this my last will and testament in manner
and following, first I give my soul into the hands
of Almighty God, hoping and believing in a remission
of my sins by the merits & mediation of Jesus Christ
his only Son, I commend to the earth to be buried at the
discretion of my Executors hereinafter named, I do
my worldly Estate I give and devise as follows.
First I give and devise to my son Reuben Ballard all
of my lands & tenements which lying & being in Lincoln
County and State of North Carolina, to have & to hold unto
my said son Reuben Ballard, his heirs & assigns forever.
Also I give & bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Ballard one
cow & two hogs and one dish & two iron plates & three
spoons & two knives & two forks, one small pot & one cake
pan, two chairs and one bed and furniture & bed
boards, one tall chest, & all the rest residue of my
personal Estate whatsoever, and give unto my sons John
Ballard & Katia Ballard and my daughter Miss
Mary, all the rest of my property is to be equally
divided between these three children & my daughter
Nancy Jones. I give unto her twenty shillings current
money. And hereby constitute and appoint my son
Reuben Ballard & Thomas Henry sole Executors of
this my last will & testament, in a trust whereof I
have hereunto set my hand & seal this 30th day of
July 1838. James Ballard Seal
Signed, sealed, published by the said Mark
testes as per his last will & testament under presence; and in the
presence of witnesses have subscribed our names and

James Ballard

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