

39 In the name of God amen I know all men by their presence
that I Beziah Ballard of the County of Martin and State
of North Carolina doth make and ordain this my last will and
testament (1813) I being but weak in body but sound in mind and
memory thanks be given to Almighty God for for after Communing
my soul in the hand of my Beloved Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and
my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian like manner
according to custom of the Country I give my worldly goods after
this manner (1813) I give and bequeath unto my son John Ballard one
County by the name Bonny Vale give unto my son John Ballard one
Heater bed and Furniture & then as per my daughter Patience Edwards
her bedding I hereby send unto my wife Sarah Ballard all
my property as I now possess with in during her life then to be
equally divided between my daughter Elizabeth Ballard and my son
Beziah Ballard I nominate & appoint my worthy friend James
Moore executor to this my last will and testament and if he should
die or remove in any way I nominate my friend James Mappins executor
in his stead In witness whereof I the said Beziah Ballard have
signed at my hand & seal my seal to this my last will & testament
renewed 20th of September 1813
John Ballard Senr
Beziah Ballard Senr

Beziah X Ballard senr
mark

Martin County This will was proven in open Court by
John Tamm 1813 Thomas Obair one of the Subscribing Witnesses and
ordered to be recorded H. B. Painter C. H.

In the name of God amen This twenty sixth day of September in thousand
and eight hundred and three that I John Ballard of the County of Martin and
State of North Carolina being in perfect health mind and memory demeane
and ordain this my last Will and testament in manner and form as
following (1813) First I recommend my soul unto the hand of Almighty God
who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian like
manner first that my last debts be paid and the balance of my property
to be divided as following (1813) I give unto my loving wife Elizabeth Ballard
my gray horse and chain & harness and two bed and furniture and my desk
and one third of all my other property for life time except five hundred
dollars I give unto my brother in law William McGowen in Gafford
for taking care of my mother all my lands I have bequeath to my son
John Ballard but my wife Elizabeth Ballard to have her share in them
for life time one lot of ground in the town of Plymouth I give
to Kenneth Clark the above named person the other lot one lot of ground
in the town of Plymouth I give to Kenneth Clark the land well known
the other lots of ground in the Town of Plymouth being before named
lands soon I give to my son John Ballard I later gave my
widow wife two cows & calving all those I give her is at her disposal
but the one third of the property mentioned above is only for her life time
at her death to return to my son of alive if not to William McGowen
in Gafford I likewise nominate and constitute and appoint

John Clark and William Mc Clark my two best friends
executors to this my last will and testament making necessary
and making void all others parts so made testifying and conjuring
This to my last will and testament in witness whereof I have
signed set my hand and seal this 26th day September 1813
it is my will if my son John Ballard live for W. H. Clark
to be his Guardian and I give said Clark liberty to sell his lands
at any time if there is not property sufficient to give him Exem-
ption as I want him to have that as much as W. H. Clark thinks
proper

John Ballard senr

Witnesses John Brooks

Henry Anderson

P. S Should I not return again it is my desire that William
Mc Clark shall act in my place along with William Clark
agreed to an instrument of writing same Every signed &
recorded in Court that will show what it is

22nd Augt 1814

John Ballard

Martin County The last will and testament of
September 26th 1813 John Ballard senr was recorded by me
Mc Clark one of the executors therein named and it being necessary
to the satisfaction of the Court that John Brooks & Henry Anderson
witnessed the subscribing witnesses were dead and that this handwriting
could not be denied and it being heard by Elizengar Hause Justice
Kingsley & Clark Atf that the whole of the said Will and the
Signature was in the writer hand writing of the said John Ballard
it is agreed that the said Will be recorded

John Ballard senr