

37. Martin County { This instrument of writing purporting to  
be the last will and Testament of  
Elizabeth Rance was proven in open Court by the Oath of  
Samuel Moore one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto and  
an election ordered to be recorded.  
Test H. B. Hunter Esq

In the name of God Amen I cedar Dillay of the County of  
Clinton and Province of North Carolina being in a ill  
state of health at present but thanks be to god for it  
in my perfect senses do make and Ordain constitute  
an Appendix to my last will and Testament Revoking  
and Disannulling all former wills by me made, appearing  
the same no other to be my last will and Testament known  
to man nor and form following that is to say first and principal  
I recommend my soul into the hands of the Almighty  
God that gave it my body to be decently interred  
at the discretion of my Executors and Touching such  
Worldly property as it hath pleased God to bless me with  
I will and bequeath in manner and form following  
that is to say I give to my wife Patty Dillay the house and  
plantation whereon I now live, one bed and furniture  
and all my Stock and household Furniture both within  
doors and without during her life time or wear an hood  
and no longer. Item I give to my son Thomas one acre of land  
or Tract of Land begining at the mouth of the first  
Branch below the House running up the various courses  
of the said Branch to the back line all the Land below  
the branch to Dillay an Robeson boundary to him and his heirs  
for ever. Also one Cow and Calf one pecker  
Pig. Item I give unto my son Joseph one acre of land  
or Tract of Land begining at the mouth of the first branch  
about the House running up the various courses of said  
Branch to the fork thereof up the left hand prong to  
great pond thence a west course to the back line it  
being the Land deeded to me by Timothy Dillay to him  
and his heirs for ever. Also one Cow and Calf one pecker  
Pig. Item I give to my son John at his pleasure Dec<sup>d</sup>  
all the land between them as Joseph Boundary —  
including the House & plantation the wife one Cow  
and Calf. Item I give all my land lying on Swains  
precinct to my two sons Simon & Elmer to be Equally  
divided between them. The will of them one  
Cow and Calf my desire is that Elmer to one  
half of the estate & also my will & desire is that my son  
Simon has one work steer =

38. Item I give to my three sons William Miles, Daniel all the Land  
lying the the right of an Survey line that belongs to me to be  
Equally divided between them. Item I give to my Daughter Mary  
one Cow and a Calf one bed and furniture one bed and  
two pates. Item I give to my daughter Mary one bed and  
furniture and one Cow & yearling one two pates. Item I give to  
my Daughter today one bed and furniture one Cow and Calf  
an two pates. Item I give to my son Miles one Cow and Calf  
two cows and pigs one large Pig. Item I give to my son Miles  
one cow and pigs one pecker house and two pates my  
will & desire is that all the remainder of my property both  
within doors and without, to be Equally divided between  
Simon Elmer or William Miles and Daniel an I nominate  
and appoint for my Executors my loving friends Joseph  
Diggs Th<sup>d</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1812  
Signed sealed & pronounced  
to be my last will & Testament  
In the presence of us  
William Elmer  
John Roberson

Martin County { This instrument of writing purporting to  
be the last will and Testament of cedar  
Dillay was proven in open Court by the Oath of Samuel Moore  
one of the Subscribing witnesses and an election ordered to  
be recorded.  
Test H. B. Hunter Esq

Samuel Johnston resident in Martin County made this my last Will and  
Testament in manner following to wit I give devise and bequeath to my four  
children namely James Cathcart Johnston, Francis Anne and Elmer Johnston  
all my Real Estate & Personal of what nature soever soever exclusive the  
what place situated convey'd to my son to have their and enjoy for ever  
It is my will and desire that my Son Johnston to himself all such sum of  
money as he may actually deserve & expend in erecting & furnishing a dwelling  
House & other for the maintenance of him self and others on my plantation  
call Quarry out of the Banks of my Little Latty Snake & adjacent my only  
son James Cathcart Johnston Executor of this my last Will & Testament here  
mentioning all former Wills by me at any time written made to witness  
whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty six of November in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fourteen  
Signed Sealed & Published  
in the presence of Joseph Black

Samuel Johnston and Sealed  
Joseph Black  
Martin County { This instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament  
of Samuel Johnston was filed for probate by James Cathcart  
Johnston his son named and duly heard in open Court by Wm. Black & Saml  
Rogers the Subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.  
Test H. B. Hunter Esq

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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. H. Hunter 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 deade  
and desirous that my last Will and testament in manner and form of  
following (1813) first I Command my Soul unto the handes of Almighty God  
who giveth me and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian like  
manner first that my Last debts be paid and the余额 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 McGawen in Guttin  
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 McGawen  
in Guttin 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 or made testifying and conjuring  
This to my last will and testament in witness whereof I have  
presented my hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Susten-  
tation as I want him to have that as much as W. H. Clark thinks  
proper

John Ballard senr

Witness Elisha 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 James Everett signed as is  
recorded in Court that will show what it is

22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 1814

John Ballard

Martin County This last will and testament of  
September Twenty 1813 John Ballard senr was recorded by me  
Mc Clark one of the executors therein named and it being known  
to the Justicature of the Court that Elisha Brooks & Henry Anderson  
witnessed the subscribing witnesses were dead and that this handwriting  
could not be known and it being heard by Elisha Brooks since  
hearing & before me that the whole of the said Will and the  
Signature was in the regular hand writing of the said John Ballard  
it is agreed that the said Will be recorded

John Ballard senr