

January Term 1837

In the name of God Amen, I Kenneth Stallings of the State of North Carolina County of Martin being in sound mind and memory do this day make and after this my last will and Testament beginning as follows.

my Son and my wife Sarah a Stallings the Land and Plantation whereon I now live and all my Stock excepting the Horse called Buck, also all my household and kitchen furniture and all my tools and one negro by name George having his legs and or widowed.

I give to my son Israel Stallings all my Land joining Reddin Ferry.

Also I give to my son Levi Stallings the Grassy Island tract of Land.

It is my wish at the death or marriage of my wife that my son Standley Stallings have the Land and Plantation whereon I now live also one Peafowl one feather Bed and furniture and one Clock also one horse it is my wish and desire that Standley have one Cow & Calf.

It is my wish that Kenneth Stallings have Fifty Dollars that if Noah Stallings and Kenneth Stallings doth come after their money after three years It is my wish and desire it be divided after the death of my wife or marriage.

It is my wish and desire at the death or marriage of my wife that Adeline Polson and Henry Selley and Lorenzo Stallings have one negro by the name of George.

It is my wish and desire that all my unmentioned property be equally divided between six of my Children namely - Lorenzo Stallings and Adeline Polson and Isaac Stallings and Sally Selley Levi Stallings and Standley Stallings I make and ordain Inhead of Polson and Humphrey Stallings my executor to this my last will & Testament, Given under my hand and seal this 26th of September An. then and eight hundred and thirty six.

Signed and Sealed in the presence of us
Humphrey Stallings
John m. Polson

Kenneth Stallings Seal

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The foregoing instrument purporting to be the last will & Testament of Kenneth Stallings was presented in open Court before me in due form of Law by the oath of John Polson a Subscribing witness thereto & paid to the seal & personal estate, whereupon Standley one of the Executors named therein appeared in open Court & was asked that the same be recorded

J. D. Riggs Ck

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In the name of God Amen I Elias Ballard of the State of North Carolina and County of Martin being weak in body but of sound disposing mind and memory thanks be to God for the same do on this twentieth day of July One thousand eight hundred and thirty six make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following viz I give unto my son Saml Ballard the one half part of a set of Blacksmith tools that belong together with him and my nephew him and his heirs forever.

Secondly I give unto my daughter Lucy Long and her son the son of Samuel to her and her heirs forever. Thirdly it is my will and desire that Joseph and Mary Ann Ballard have a certain tract or parcel of Land lying South of Gracks Creek and adjoining the Land where I lived I give to them Samuel Ballard he then the said Joseph and Mary Ann paying over to my before mentioned heirs Saml Ballard and Lucy Long the value of the value of the same at four dollars & a acre -

Fourthly it is my will and desire that my Executor sell my negroes viz Luke, Standley, and Peter, at his own discretion to be to endeavor to procure them suitable homes in this settlement as it is my wish they should not be conveyed away and the proceeds arising from the sale of said negroes together with the proceeds of all my personal estate not otherwise disposed of after paying my just debt to be equally divided between my son Saml Ballard, Lucy Long and my Grand son and daughter Joseph Ballard & Mary Ann Ballard -

I do constitute and appoint my beloved son Saml Ballard my Executor to this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date above written -

Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of us

Joseph H. Ballard
J. H. Kenville

Elias Ballard Seal.

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The foregoing instrument purporting to be the last will & Testament of Elias Ballard was presented in open Court and paid in due form of Law by the oath of J. H. Kenville a Subscribing witness thereto & paid to the seal & personal estate, whereupon Saml Ballard the Executor named therein appeared & was asked that the same be recorded

J. D. Riggs Ck