

Thomas & Thomas Ballard of the County of Stokes State of North Carolina being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory Calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all one to die do make and ordain this my last will & Testament that is to say

As touching the worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise & bequeath of the the same in the following manner

First my devise & Will is that all my Just debts be legally discharged

Second, that the tract of land whereon I now live containing one hundred thirty two Acres belong to my son Thomas with all buildings houses or barns and all other appurtenances provided nevertheless that my beloved wife Elizabeth shall have for & during the possession of the house & plantation whereon they now stand during her life or widowhood together with all plantation utensils & house hold furniture & at her decease or Marriage my son Thomas to become proprietor of said and all plantation utensils with all live stock Horses sheep Cattle and Hogs and further that my wife to have all house hold furniture together with certain young Sows Hogs and young red Bunch Huffer as her own private property Vield in her then apices without Molestation

Lastly that reposing special confidence in my beloved wife Elizabeth & Son Byram Ballard

I do constitute and appoint them my sole executors to execute this my last will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 28th day of the twelfth month one thousand eight hundred & thirty.

Signed Sealed & pronounced
in the presence of us who in
the presence of each other have
hereunto set our hands

Thos Ballard seal

Caleb D. Garrett

Joseph Bond

Samuel Bond

Stokes County March term 1804

The execution of the last will & Testament of Thomas Ballard Dec^d of which the foregoing is a true Copy was duly proven in open Court by the affirmation of Joseph Bond and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done

Robt Williams Clk

J. H. Armstrong Secy

State of North Carolina
Stokes County

Noting the shortness of life
and the certainty of Death and being in a low state
of health at present but in perfect mind & memory do
constitute & appoint this my last will & Testament in order
to divide my property among my beloved wife & children
and that to be as follows to wit I give and bequeath

- to my beloved son in law ~~George~~ John Thomason five
 shillings to him this heirs forever
- 2^d I give & bequeath to my beloved son in law George Thomason
 five shillings to him this heirs forever
- 3^d I give & bequeath to my beloved son Philip Howell
 five shillings to him this heirs forever
- 4th I give & bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Rebecca
 Howell one Gray Colt formerly belong to Daniel
 Barham to her this heirs forever
- 5th I give & bequeath to my beloved son John Howell one
 Good filly foal Mr. Howell in the Spring 1803
 to him this heirs forever
- 6th I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Polly Howell
 thirty five Dollars money of the United States on a Coll to
 the Valuation of that money and the Coll not to wear
 seven months old to her & her heirs forever
- 7th My Just debts to be paid of funeral Charges and the
 remaining part of my Estate I lend to my beloved
 wife during her Natural life and after her Death
 to be equally divided between Rebecca John & Polly
 Howell.
- 8th I do constitute & appoint My beloved wife
 Executor and my son in law John Thomason Executor
 of this my last will & testament
- Signed sealed and published }
 pronounced by the said William Howell }
 & testifies this to be his last Will and }
 testament this 18th October 1803 }
 Signed in the presence of the subscribers }
 Daniel Barham Jurat }
 • Nicolas ^{his} Hendricks }
 marks }

Hoke County. March term 1804

The execution of the last will & testament of
 William Howell dec^d of which the foregoing
 is a true Copy was duly proven in open
 court by the oath of Daniel Barham a
 subscribing Witness thereto & was agreed to be
 recorded which is accordingly done

Robt Williams CC
 P. Robt. Armstrong

In the name of God Amen I William
 Wagoner son of Hoke County and State of North
 Carolina being of sound and perfect mind & memory
 (blessed be God) do this Nineteenth day of September in
 the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
 and three make and publish this my last will
 & testament in manner following that is to say
 First I desire my stock of Brants to be sold and
 all my just debts paid out of the money arising
 therefrom then I give & bequeath to my beloved
 wife Sarah all my estate both real and personal
 during natural life and widowhood but if she
 marry to have only thirty acres of land including
 the dwelling house I now live in and one third
 part of the household furniture only (for life) then
 a division to take place of all my estate among
 my children as follows (to wit) I desire my son