

In the name of God Amen, I Dennis Ball, a Free man of color being of Sound and disposing mind and body, do make this to be my last will and Testament, as follows, I desire that my body may be buried at the direction of my Executor, herein after named, and I desire that all my just debts be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as may be convenient. First I give and bequeath unto my wife Rachel all of my estate both personal and real for her own personal use and benefit during her lifetime, and after her death I desire it to be sold both real and personal by my executor and be distributed between my three children unto them and their heirs forever, namely Hannah Spindler who was sold some years ago in the State Alabama, Louisa Johnson who belongs to Mr Jacob Spens in Richmond, Milley Blakey who belongs to Mr Preece now living in Staunton. And I do hereby nominate and appoint Com A Barker to be executor of this my last will and Testament hereby not requiring him to give any security. I do hereby revoke and make void all former last will and testaments by me at any time or times heretofore made, and do declare these presents to be and contain my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of August 1864
 Signed, sealed and delivered
 in the presence of
 J. B. Smith
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who was sold some years ago in the State Alabama, Louisa Johnson who
belongs to Mr Jacob Spens in Richmond, Milley Blakey who belongs to
Mr Purse now living in Staunton. And I do hereby nominate
and appoint Wm A Barker to be recorder of this my last will and
Testament hereby not requiring him to give any Security. I do hereby
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I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 18th day of August 1864
Signed sealed and delivered

in the presence of

Isaac Burnett

John Mantle

Wm A Barker

Dennis X Ball (Seal)

Stamp

At a Court of Quarterly Session held for Hanover County
at the Court House on this day the 23rd of April 1867

This last will and Testament of Dennis Ball deceased
was proved by the oaths of Isaac Burnett and William A Barker
two of the witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded

John R. D. D. D. D. D.

Truly recorded