

In the Name of God Amen. I Joseph Balls of the County
of Lancaster by birth of the County of Hampshire in the Colony of Virginia
being sick & weak of Body but prayer be to almighty God
inbound & afflict me much doe make it my cop. will & Testament in
manner & forme following (That is to say) First & principally I
recommend my Soule to all mighty God my maker steadfastly believing
y^t through the merits of my savior & Redeemer Iesus Christ
I shall receive full pardon & forgiveness of all my sins by
true & sincere repentance for the same. And my Body
I commit to y^e Earth from whence it was first taken to
be decently interred according to y^e discretion of my Ex^{or}. Here
after named. And for my abledy I leave wth God in His
merciful hand bestowed upon me I give & dispose as followeth
I give & dispose of my Debts & funeral
rites be first fully paid & satisfied.

Item forasmuch as on y^e Eleventh Day of Feb^ry In the year
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seven I acknowledged a
Deed of Gift of divers goods & Chattels to my son Joseph Balls
my daughter Hannah Travers my daughter Anne Conway & my
daughter Esther Clark w^{ch} deed is upon the Records of this
County amongst other things therein contained I gave to my son Joseph
Balls a negroe woman named Ann Mearns & her Descendants Doe then
fore hereby declare that it then was my full Intent & meaning
I gave it my will & pleasure that she by the means of future In-
crease only of the sd Mearns to be to my sd Son and none of his Chil-
dren born of her Body w^{ch} by the sd Deed I have given wth
Anne Conway I sd Esther Clark (viz^t) Jack & Jeremy and one other
of her Children therefore some of her Body to be continued
to belonge to the sd Joseph Balls by virtue of the sd Deed.
Item I give & bequeath unto my loving wife Mary Balls the feather
Bed boug^t & a a the furniture thereto belonging w^{ch} on y^e
now lie in my own Lodging Chamber as is said & is now w^{ch} &
all the Chaires y^e in the Room y^e are single nailed.
Item I give & bequeath to my beloved wife a Chest of Drawers
in the Hall Chamber standing under the window and the Looking
Glass standing in y^e same Chamber with a narrow frame
Item I give to my sd wife her own Chest & the Cover of the Chest
I have standing in a Bed Chamber a pair two Tables stand-
ing in my own Chamber one a round Table the other an Oval
Table & her Cover of a pair of fire tongs.
Item I give to my said wife w^{ch} of Cath & none w^{ch} of

humbly & firmly following (What is to say) with a
recommend my Soul to all mighty God my maker & therefore believing
if through the merits of my Lord & Redeemer Jesus Christ
I shall receive full pardon & forgiveness of all my sins & a
true & sincere repentance for the same. And my Body
I commit to of Earth from whence it was first taken to
be decently buried according to the direction of my Ex^{or}. Here
after named. And for my worldly Estate with God in His
mighty hand bestowed upon me I give & dispose as follows
I give to my wife & pleasure of my Debts & funeral
rites be first fully paid & satisfied.

I then forasmuch as on the Eleventh day of Feb^r the year
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seven I acknowledged a
Deed of Gift of divers good & Chattels to my son Joseph Ball
my daughter Hannah Travers my daughter Anne Conway & my
daughter Esther Clark with deed upon the Records of this
County amongst other things therein contained I gave to my son Joseph
Ball a negro woman named Annarah & her Descendants Doeth
first hereby declare that it then was my full intent & meaning
to give to my wife & pleasure & her the means of future in-
crease only of the sd Annarah to be to my sd Son and to the Child
then born of her Body with by the sd Deed I have given to my
Anne Conway & my daughter Esther (with) Jack & Jenny and no other
of her Children therefore some of her Body to be continued
to be long to the sd Joseph Ball by virtue of the sd Deed.
I then give & bequeath unto my loving wife Mary Ball the feather
Bed bolster & a double furniture & her to be long to her son &
now be in my own Lodging Chamber as it stands & is now used &
all the Chairs of it in the Room of are single nailed.
I then give & bequeath to my beloved wife a Chest of Drawers
in the Hall Chamber standing under the window and the Looking
Glass standing in the same Chamber with a narrow frame
I then give to my sd wife her own Chest & the Chair of the Chamber
I have standing in the Cellar Chamber above two Tables stand-
ing in my own Chamber one a round Table the other an Oval
Table & her Chair of a pair of fine tapestry.
I then give to my said wife sixteen head of Cattle none wher of
under a year old, and the most of them to be breeders

Also I give her Eleven head of sheep & the most wether of wether
Dwys and one Ram to make up the number Eleven. I also give
her a white horse called Dragon with her bridles saddle & all
furniture & a Bay Horse called Buck. I also give her one half
of all the crops that shall be found upon my now dwelling planta-
tion to be divided as well in quality as quantity.

I also give to my wife a negroe man named Fay and a negroe
woman named Deniah to her & her heirs for ever.

I also give to my wife an Irish woman for the time she has to
serve to her & her assigns wether woman is known by the name
of Ellen Traffon.

I also give to my wife one full third part of the Linnin I have in my
house made up or made up.

I also give to my wife a full third part of the Carters Iron & Brass
if it is in the kitchen & a third part of all my light Caskes.

I also give to my wife if she has of the whear on of Ground
now growing upon my plantation.

I also give to my wife one third part of all the Earthen ware
if it will be found in of house as also one third part of the
wooden ware as pails tubs piggins &c.

It is my will & pleasure if my wife have one half of all the
provisions & Corn if it is now in the house for her better sup-
per & maintenance.

I also give & bequeath to my daughter Mary four hundred acres of Land
lying in the said County in of the River being part of a
patent for sixteen hundred acres of Land to her & her heirs
the heirs ~~of her Body~~ of her Body lawfully to be begotten for ever.

I also give to my son Joseph Ball all the rest residue & remainder
of the said Land belonging to me included in the said patent & granted
by the said Governor four hundred acres over & above the said four
hundred acres given to my daughter Mary to him the said Joseph Ball
& his heirs for ever.

I also give to my son Joseph Ball my daughter Anne Conway & my
daughter Esther Chinn all the rest of my stock of neat Cattle
(Excepting one & thirty head) sixteen wether of I have given to my wife
& the other sixteen I give & bequeath to my daughter
Mary. (to be equally divided between them the said Joseph Ball
Anne Conway & Esther Chinn) as also the remainder of my
sheep to be divided ~~between them~~ between them the said Joseph Ball
Anne Conway & Esther Chinn.

Item I give to my sd wife a negroe man named Fay and a negroe woman named Deriah to her & her heirs for ever.

Item I give to my sd wife an Irish woman for the time she has to serve to her & her heirs wch sd woman is known by the name of Ellen Grafton.

Item I give to my sd wife one full third part of the dinner. Place in my house, made up or unmade up.

Item I give to my sd wife a full third part of the Porter Iron & Brass if in y^e Kitchen & a third part of all my light Cargue.

Item I give to my sd wife y^e half of the wheat on y^e Ground now growing upon my plantation.

Item I give to my sd wife one third part of all the Earthen ware y^e will be found in y^e house as also one third part of the wooden ware as pails tubs piggins trays &c.

Item It is my will & pleasure y^e my wife have one half of all the provisions & Corn y^e now in the house for her better support & maintenance.

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Mary four hundred acres of Land lying in the said County in y^e shires of Rappahannock River being part of a patent for sixteen hundred acres of Land to her & her heirs & the heirs ~~of her~~ of her Body lawfully to be begotten &c.

Item I give to my son Joseph Ball all the rest residue & remainder of the sd Land belonging to me included in the sd patent & the sd four hundred acres given to my daughter Mary to him & his heirs for ever.

Item I give to my son Joseph Ball my daughter Anne Conway & my daughter Esther Chase all the rest of my stock of neat Cattle (excepting one & thirty head) sixteen whereof I have given to my sd wife, & the other fifteen I give & bequeath to my daughter Mary. (to be equally divided between them & the sd Joseph Ball Anne Conway & Esther Chase) as also the remainder of my sheep to be divided as aforesd.

Item I give & bequeath to Elizabeth Johnson the daughter of my Beloved wife one hundred acres of Land on what is now or has been bought of 10th tax of this County to her & the sd Elizabeth Johnson & during the term of her natural life.

Item I do give & bequeath unto my Beloved wife as aforesaid for
her Power during her natural life so much of y^e tract
of Land whereon I now live as shall be included within y^e
following Bounded Tract there is a straight line to be drawn
at y^e head of a branch in y^e next valley immediately by y^e west
side of y^e young Orchard thence to run a straight line
crossing the Road y^e head to marriagee at a valley proceed-
ing from the head of a branch running up along the side
of John Motts old field that lies towards y^e plantation where
on I now live. all the Land houses & appurtenances there to
be lying except y^e young Orchard aforesaid to y^e Eastward of the
D Line Comprehended Between y^e D Line Motts Line & plain
Line & ~~the~~ ^{the} line & fences line to be peaceably enjoyed
during her natural life. & the same more or less

Item If y^e my will & pleasure that my wife shall have & have
of the negroes to Jenny that I formerly gave to my daughter
Elizabeth Carnegie until my grandson Joseph Carnegie
shall come of the age of one & twenty (the my sd wife looking
after her children (if she shall have any in y^e time) for
my grandsons future benefit.

Item I give to my sd wife a & my crop of flax dressed & undressed
& all the profits thereof to her own use.

Item If y^e my will & desire y^e y^e negroes now on y^e plantation y^e
are under the care of John Hogan my Overseer may
proceed to finish y^e crop now putting forward & that the
same when finished shall be equally divided between my
son Joseph Ball & my wife.

Item I give to my daughter Mary my negro Boy James and
the negro Jo. & such that formerly were belonging to
Carnegie dead.

Item I give to my daughter Mary all my feathers that are in y^e
Kittling Cofe to be put into a Bed for her.

Item I give to my son Joseph Ball my side with y^e Tubb &
worms & all other its appurtenances desiring him to
let my wife have y^e use of it as her occasion shall require.

Item If y^e my will & pleasure that all the rest of my Estate
not here by before given in what nature or quality soever
is or consist of I give to be equally divided Between
my son Joseph Ball my daughter Anne Conway & my
daughter Esther Childers.

1000 of young orchard & hence to run
crossing the Road of lead to marriage at a valley from
ing from the head of a branch running up along charde
of John mott old field that lies towards of plantation where
on I now live all the land house & appurtenances thereto
be lying except of young orchard & field to of Edward of the
to line comprehended Between of to line mott line plain
line. Pr. & line & line to be specially enjoyed
during her natural life. & the same more or less
Item If my will & pleasure that my wife shall have & have
of the negro girl Jenny that I formerly gave to my daughter
Elizabeth Carnegie until my grandson Joseph Carnegie
shall come of the age of one & twenty (the day to wife looking
after her children (if she shall have any in time) for
my grandson's future benefit
Item I give to my wife a & my crop of flax dressed & undressed
& all the profits thereof to her own use
Item If my will & desire if I regret now, on of plantation
are under the care of John Hogan my overseer may
proceed to finish of crop now putting forward & that the
same when finished shall be equally divided between my
son Joseph Ball & my wife
Item I give to my daughter Mary my negro boy Fannie and
the negro Jo: & that that formerly were belonging to
Carnegie dead
Item I give to my daughter Mary a & my feathers that are of
Kerlin Cofe to be put into a Bed for her
Item I give to my son Joseph Ball my sick with of Tabb &
worms & all other ill appurtenances desiring him to
let my wife have of use of it as her occasion shall require
Item If my will & pleasure that all the rest of my estate
not here by before given in what nature or quality soever
is or consist of I give to be equally divided Between
my son Joseph Ball my daughter Anne Conway & my
daughter Esther Chinn
Item If my will & pleasure that what Deeds I have formerly
made & being delivered to my son Joseph Specially, or to him
& his sisters for Land slaves or any sort of goods wares money
or merchandises be for ever hereafter deemed & taken to be good
& valid according to their tenors

I do hereby by order & appoint what my executor hereafter
named do pay to my daughter Hannah Travers in full for her
share of the said shall or hereafter my claim from my
Estate the sum of four thousand pounds of tobacco & Coney.

I do nominate & appoint my son Joseph Ball Exr &
of my last will & testament hereby revoking all
former or other wills or wills by me heretofore made
and this only to stand & abide as my last will & testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand &
affixed my seal this twenty fifth Day of June 1711

Signed sealed & published
in presence of

Jos. Ball

the words for ever in my weekly
presence one of the said witnesses
sworn out before of testifying
hereof

George Finch
Chas. + John Finch
Margt. M. Miller

Job Taylor

W. C. A. for Ball
1709

Probat fait hereof Testant in Cur. Com.
Lancaster & adiciendo Juty an^o Dom. 1711
of parents Georg Finch & Mary Finch Margt
Miller & Joseph Taylor, Jrs in Cur.
et Record.

Job Taylor