

In the Name of God Amen I Edward Ball of the Parish of St. John in the Province of Georgia, Planter being in health of body and of perfect mind & memory Thanks be given unto God, knowing that it is appointed for all men one to die , to make & ordain this my last will and testament. That is to say principally and first of all , I give and recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors and as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to help me with in this life, I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form-----

First, I give and bequeath to Rebecca Ball my dearly beloved wife the plantation I now live on in the province & parish aforesaid during her natural life, Item, I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Rebecca Ball an equal share with my child or children both of my real and personal Estate and it is my desire if my children should live that each of them should share alike of my Estate real and personal. Item it is my desire that John Smith should have a proper maintenance out of my Estate During his life, and likewise that my father Bartholomew Ball Should have a proper maintenance out of my Estate at the discretion of Executors - Item - it is my will that if in case my Children Should die under age that their part be equally divided between Sampson Ball, William Ball, (my brothers) and Elizabeth Thompson (Daughter of my sister Thomson) John Mikell (Son of my Sister Mikell) and the first born child of Hugh Giles by my sister ----- And lastly - I appoint and ordain Rebecca Ball my beloved wife Executrix, and John Bacon, Thomas Bacon, Sampson Ball, James Thomson and Andrew Walthour my Executors of this my last Will & Testament and impower them to bargain buy & sell as they shall think best. In witness whereof

I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Thirteenth Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy four --

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared  
by the said Edward Ball as his last Will & Testament  
in the presence of us, in his presence, and in  
presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names )

Edward Ball (L.S.)

Elijah Lewis  
Wm Armstrong  
John Smith

State of Georgia }  
County of Liberty }

I hereby certify that the foregoing and attached page of typewritten matter is a true and correct copy of the last will and testament of Edward Ball as the same appears of record in the office of Ordinary of said County in Will Book and Appraisements covering the years 1789-1823 at Pages 38-39.

Given under my official signature and the official seal of said office on this May 16, 1958.

Ordinary, Liberty County, Georgia

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