

Daughter Susanna Lewis and the child my wife is now pregnant with (whether boy or girl) shall successively attain the age of twenty one years or day of marriage which ever shall first happen at either of which periods I will that my Executors shall separate my whole personal Estate into an many charges as there are children and deliver the share unto her or him who shall become of age or married as aforesaid and the remaining share or share shall continue to improve as aforesaid until the rest of my said children shall successively attain the said age or day of Marriage and should either or any of my children die before they attain the said age or are married) or should the child of whom my wife is now pregnant be brought born (in either of these Cases I give and bequeath her, his or their share or shares of my estate unto the survivors or survivor of my said children Item should the child my wife is big of prove a girl in that case I give and bequeath my said plantation or tract of land to my Daughters in general to be Equally divided among them share and share alike as well the child my wife is now big of, as the two now living Item I hereby constitute and appoint my n

executor of and assignee the same shall or may exist with my dearly beloved wife Sarah Ransom and the heirs of her body by me lawfully begotten but in case there should be no such heirs then to her right heirs Executors Administrators and assigns absolutely forever. And Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said dearly beloved wife Sarah Ransom to be sole Executor of this my last will and Testament hereby writing and making null and void all former and other wills by me heretofore made declaring these presents to be and contain my last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the said John Ransom have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twenty seventh day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Three John Ransom (Seal)

Witnessed by the said Catharine John Ransom in and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us, who in his presence and audit his request have subscribed our names as witnesses Here to

Elizabeth Dec } Signed before the Honorable Wm. Russ Esq. Justice of the Peace  
 Wm. Russ } 1764 by virtue of a Decree directed to George Johnston Esq. Judge  
 No. 3 Dec } Sarah Ransom Executrix 11th Jan. 1765 -  
 George Johnston

In the Name of God amen

I John Coming Ball of the parish of St John in Berkeley County in the Province of South Carolina Planter being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, blessed be God for the same do make my last will and Testament in form and manner following

First I commend my soul to God Hoping for the pardon and remission of my sins thro. the merits and mediation of our Lord Jesus Christ my body I commit to the earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned and as for such worldly

estate

Estate as it has pleased God to bless me with I give devise and bequeath the same as follows. I give devise and bequeath to my eldest son Elias Ball and his heirs forever the plantation whereon I now live bought of Richard Bough containing six hundred acres and also all the lands I purchased of Edward Hoale and Francis Bough in St John's parish where he shall have attained the age of one and twenty years, but I also will the use thereof to my beloved wife and my children in Common together with my said son till my Daughter Ann shall either marry or should attain the age of one and twenty years without impeachment of waste and I will that my son Elias in consideration of the same shall pay to each of his sisters Elizabeth and Catharine four hundred pounds at their marriage or full age respectively if he shall come to these lands then or otherwise so soon after as he shall but without any interest for the time past and shall also pay to himself and his sisters Elizabeth Catharine and Ann six hundred pounds in lieu of two negroes left amongst them by the last will of Mr John Soudron their uncle deceased. and also shall pay to each of his said sisters Elizabeth Catharine and Ann one hundred and twenty five pounds being their respective share of five hundred pounds left to them in the said will of their said uncle John Soudron and shall also take the said lands in full recompence and satisfaction of his own part of the said five hundred pounds, the four hundred pounds to be paid by him to his sisters Elizabeth and Catharine as aforesaid is intended to be in full satisfaction of so much left to them by my father and if my said son Elias should die under the age of one and twenty years leaving issue then I give devise and bequeath the lands before devised to my said son to such his issue and their heirs forever if more issue than one to be divided Equally between them, and if my said son should die under the said age and without issue then I give devise and bequeath the same to my son John Coming Ball and his heirs forever when he shall have attained the age of one and twenty years, and if my said son John should die under the said age leaving issue then I give and devise the said lands to such issue and their heirs forever.

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 bequeath the same as followeth. Infirmis I give devise and  
 bequeath to my eldest son Elias Hall and his heirs forever  
 the Plantation whereon I now live bought of Richard Dought  
 containing six hundred acres and also all the lands I purchased  
 of Edward Heale and Jacques Dought in St. Johns parish when  
 he shall have attained the age of one and twenty years, but  
 I also will the use thereof to my beloved wife and my children  
 in Common together with my said son till my daughter Ann  
 shall either marry or shall attain the age of one and twenty  
 years without impeachment of waste and I will that my son  
 Elias in Consideration of the same shall pay to each of his sisters  
 Elizabeth and Catharine four hundred pounds at their marriage  
 or full age respectively if he shall come to these lands then or otherwise  
 so soon after as he shall but without any Interest for the  
 time past and shall also pay to himself and his sisters Elizabeth  
 Catharine and Ann six hundred pounds in lieu of two negroes  
 left amongst them by the last will of Mr. John Gendron their  
 uncle deceased. and also shall pay to each of his said sisters  
 Elizabeth Catharine and Ann one hundred and twenty five pounds  
 being their respective share of five hundred pounds left to them  
 in the said will of their said uncle John Gendron and shall  
 also take the said lands in full recompence and satisfaction  
 of his own part of the said five hundred pounds, the four  
 hundred pounds to be paid by him to his sisters Elizabeth  
 and Catharine as aforesaid is intended to be in full satisfaction  
 of so much left to them by my father and if my said son  
 Elias should die under y<sup>e</sup> age of one and twenty years leaving  
 issue then I give devise and bequeath the lands before devised  
 to my said son to such his issue and their heirs forever. if more  
 issue than one to be divided Equally between them, and if my said  
 son should die under the said age and without issue. then  
 I give devise and bequeath the same to my son John Coming  
 Hall and his heirs forever when he shall have attained  
 the age of one and twenty years, and if my said son John  
 should die under the said age leaving issue, then I give  
 and devise the said lands to such issue and their heirs  
 forever.

forever if more than one to be divided equally between them  
and if he should die under the said age and without issue  
then I give and devise all the said lands to my four daughters  
Elizabeth Catharine Ann and Jane and their heirs for  
ever as tenants in common and I will that to whomsoever  
the lands aforesaid shall go by virtue of this my  
last will the same shall be chargeable with the legacies  
above mentioned left by my Father's will and by the will  
of Mr John Gendron aforesaid Item I give devise and bequeath  
to my said son Elias and his heirs forever, when he shall  
have attained his full age as aforesaid, two tracts of land  
adjoining called Five mile head in the said parish  
of St John devised to me by my late father one being an  
each square of five hundred acres and the other a tract  
of two hundred and seventy acres and if he dies under the  
said age leaving issue then I give and devise the same  
to such issue and their heirs forever if more issue than one  
as tenants in common and if he dies under the said  
age and without issue then I give and devise the same to  
all such children of mine as shall be then living and their  
heirs forever as tenants in common. Item I give  
and devise to my said son John Coming Ball and his  
heirs forever when he shall have attained his full age  
as aforesaid a tract of five hundred acres of land being  
also at Five mile head being a long square which was  
also devised to me by my late father and if he should  
die under age leaving issue then I give and devise the same  
to such issue and their heirs forever if more than one as  
tenants in common and if he should die under age and  
without issue then I give and devise the same to all such  
children of mine as shall be then living and if his for-  
ever as tenants in common. Item I give and devise  
to my said son Elias and his heirs forever when he shall  
have attained the age of one and twenty years all those lands  
I purchased

I purchased of the heirs of Coll<sup>d</sup> Gendron and from Legac  
Marquet Leg<sup>d</sup> and which were formerly belonging to the said  
Coll<sup>d</sup> Gendron and are now in the parish of St Stephen and were  
formerly in St James. Since excepting only one hundred acres  
thereof devised to my daughter Jane after such form and manner  
as shall be then mentioned and if he should die under  
the said age leaving issue then I give and devise the same  
to such issue and if his forever if more than one as tenants  
in common and if he should die under the said age and without  
issue then I give and devise the same to such children of  
mine as shall be then living and if his forever as tenants  
in common. Item I give and devise to my daughter Jane  
and her heirs forever as soon as she shall either marry or at-  
tain the age of one and twenty years one hundred acres of  
Oak and Hickory land about a pond well known by the name  
of the big Pond parish which has been cleared by me and is  
that excepted out of the lands I just now devised to my son Elias and  
whose form and bounding lines shall be fixed by any one of my Executors  
and in case my said daughter Jane should die under  
full age and also unmarried then and in such case I give and  
devise the same to my son John Coming Ball and his heirs forever  
when he shall have attained the age of one and twenty years  
and if he should die under the said age leaving issue then I  
give and devise the said one hundred acres of land to his issue  
and if his forever if more than one as tenants in common  
and if he should die under the said age and without issue then  
I give and devise the same to such children of mine as shall be  
then living and their heirs forever as tenants in common.  
Item I give and devise to my said daughter Jane and her  
heirs forever when she shall either marry or shall have attained  
the age aforesaid a tract of five hundred acres of land which  
I bought of Capt Boyd in Shell Hole Swamp and was formerly  
Rothmatters and if she dies unmarried and under full  
age then I give and devise the same to my son John Coming Ball  
and his heirs forever when he shall have attained the age one  
and twenty years and if he dies under the said age leaving  
issue then I give and devise the same to such issue and their  
heirs



I purchased of the heirs of Coll<sup>d</sup> Ludron and from Legac  
 Mazuch Esq<sup>r</sup> and which were formerly belonging to the said  
 Coll<sup>d</sup> Ludron and are now in the parish of St. Stephen and were  
 formerly in St. James Parke excepting only one hundred acres  
 thereof devised to my daughter Jane after such form and manner  
 as shall be then mentioned and if he should die under  
 the said age leaving issue then I give and devise the same  
 to such issue and if he should die under the said age and without  
 issue then I give and devise the same to such children of  
 mine as shall be then living and if he should die under the said age  
 in common, then I give and devise to my daughter Jane  
 and her heirs forever so soon as she shall either marry or at  
 tain the age of one and twenty years one hundred acres of  
 Oak and Hickory land about a pond well known by the name  
 of the big pond park of which has been cleared by me and is  
 now excepted out of the lands I just now devised to my son Elias and  
 whose form and bounding lines shall be fixed by any one of my Executors  
 and in case my said daughter Jane should die under  
 full age and also unmarried then and in such case I give and  
 devise the same to my son John Coming Ball and his heirs forever.  
 when he shall have attained the age of one and twenty years  
 and if he should die under the said age leaving issue then I  
 give and devise the said one hundred acres of land to his issue  
 and if he should die under the said age and without issue then  
 I give and devise the same to such children of mine as shall be  
 then living and their heirs forever as tenants in common.  
 Item I give and devise to my said daughter Jane and her  
 heirs forever when she shall either marry or shall have attained  
 the age aforesaid a tract of five hundred acres of land which  
 I bought of Capt Boyd on Hell Hole Swamp and was formerly  
 Rothmellers and if she dies unmarried and under full  
 age then I give and devise the same to my son John Coming Ball  
 and his heirs forever when he shall have attained the age one  
 and twenty years and if he dies under the said age leaving  
 issue then I give and devise the same to such issue and their  
 heirs

Heirs forever if more than one as tenants in common  
 and if he dies under the said age and without issue  
 then I give and devise the same ~~unto~~ to such of my children  
 who shall be then living and their heirs forever as tenants  
 in common. Item I give and devise to my son John  
 Coming Ball and his heirs forever when he shall have  
 attained his full age two tracts of land devised  
 to me by my late father in Well hole swamp one of them  
 of five hundred the other of three hundred acres also one  
 tract of five hundred acres near Well hole swamp aforesaid  
 purchased by me from Samuel Thomas Esq<sup>r</sup> and Edward  
 his son and if he dies under the said age leaving issue  
 then I give and devise the same to such issue and their  
 heirs forever if more than one as tenants in common  
 and if he should die under the said age and without issue  
 then I give and devise the same to such children of mine  
 who shall be then living and their heirs forever as tenants  
 in common. Item I give and devise to my beloved wife  
 Judith during the time of her natural life two tracts  
 of land I bought of John Nicholson containing in  
 the two tracts two hundred and twenty eight acres  
 excepting only so much thereof as was formerly sold off to the  
 Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Russell the remainder after her death to my son  
 John Coming Ball and his heirs forever when he shall have  
 attained his age of one and twenty years and if he should  
 die under the said age and without issue then I give  
 and devise the same to my daughter Jane and her heirs  
 forever when she shall either marry or attain her full  
 age, but if my son John Coming Ball should leave  
 issue behind him then I give and devise the same  
 to such issue and their heirs forever if more than one  
 as tenants in common and if my daughter Jane  
 should die before she either marries or attains her  
 full age then I give and devise the said lands bought  
 of John Nicholson to such of my children as shall be  
 then living and their heirs forever as tenants in common  
 Item

Item I give and devise to my son John Coming Ball and  
 his heirs forever when he shall have attained his full age a  
 tract of sixty one acres of land lying by Mr. Hangers bridge  
 bought lately from my brother Elias such said tract of sixty  
 one acres of land I give and devise the use of to my said wife  
 Judith together with my said son during the term of her  
 natural life without impeachment of waste as also I will  
 that the lands I bought of John Nicholson and gave her the  
 use of during her life shall be without impeachment of waste  
 and if my said son should die under age leaving issue then  
 I give and devise the said sixty acres of land to such issue  
 and their heirs forever if more than one as tenants in common  
 and if she should die under age and without issue then I give  
 and devise the said sixty one acres of land to such of my  
 children who shall be then living and their heirs forever as  
 tenants in common. Item I give devise and bequeath to  
 my three daughters Elizabeth Catharine and Ann when  
 they shall respectively marry or respectively attain the age  
 of one and twenty years and their heirs forever as tenants  
 in common all my undivided half of three thousand acres  
 of land on Wambaw Swamp in the parish of St Jamesantee  
 now held in common between Col<sup>l</sup> Henry Laurens and  
 myself and also three thousand acres of land not long ago  
 granted to me and lying between Wambaw Swamp and  
 Well hole Swamp into the last of which it reaches and if one  
 or more of my said daughters should die unmarried and  
 also under the age of one and twenty years then and in  
 such case I give and devise such her or their part of said  
 lands to the survivors and survivor of them and her and  
 their heirs forever if more than one as tenants in common  
 Item my wife is that notwithstanding what lands I have  
 given in this my last will to my wife or the use thereof to my  
 wife is given to her without impeachment of waste yet I intend that  
 the same shall continue so only while she remains single but if she marry  
 she shall be liable to be impeached for waste and if she should  
 come to be single again and so while she remains so, the said  
 lands





declare these presents to be and contain my only last will and Testament and in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of March and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty four

John C. Wall (seal)

These three sheets were signed sealed published and declared by the Testator John coming Wall to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us

John Gentie } Proved by virtue of a License  
John Charleston } granted to me George Johnston Esq. by the Honble J<sup>ts</sup>  
Jane Boiesseau } Hall Esq. Clerk of the Superior Court Nov<sup>r</sup> 1764. At the same time qualified Elias Wall within named Executor of the said will.

South Carolina per In the Name of God amen. The ninth day of January in the third year of the reign of our sovereign Lord George the third and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty four I Margaret Kennedy of Johns Island in the Colony of South Carolina widow being of sound mind and disposing understanding as well as in bodily health thanks be to Almighty God considering the uncertainty of this transitory life and the certainty of death do therefore make publish and declare this my only last will and Testament hereby nominating constituting and appointing my loving friends Thomas Humphreys Sen<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>r</sup> William Stanyarne (son of Joseph) my Executors and do utterly revoke cancel and make void all and every other and former will and Testaments by me made or declared either by word or writing heretofore and allowing and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament that is to say principally being truly sorry for all my sins and humbly asking pardon for the same I commend my immortal spirit into the hands of God who gave it trusting for the pardon and remission of all my sins and for

Eternal

Eternal life and salvation in and thro' the infinite mercy merits and mediation of Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour and Redeemer and my body at death I commit to the earth to be interred in a decent Christian like manner at the discretion of my said Executors at the burying ground of Mr Thomas Humphreys plantation from and as to my worldly estate and all such lands and Tenements Goods and Chattels money and other things which it has pleased God to bless me with and bestow upon me I will and ordain that the same shall go and be disposed of in such manner and way as hereafter is and by this my said last will and Testament is respectively given or directed concerning every part and parcel thereof and no otherwise that is first I will and direct all my just debts and funeral charges shall be duly and as soon as possible paid and discharged after my decease I give and bequeath unto John Humphreys son of Tho<sup>s</sup> Humphreys Sen<sup>r</sup> & young sister aged about three years coloured and unbaptized to him and his heirs and assigns forever Also unto my loving friend M<sup>r</sup> William Stanyarne's son named Roger Stanyarne a year old the gift to be taken from out of my stock Cattle and the child to him his heirs and assigns forever. All the rest and residue of my estate here or elsewhere I give and bequeath unto my loving friend Tho<sup>s</sup> Humphreys Sen<sup>r</sup> and the child of Rebecca Story named or to be named Mary Story to be equally divided share and share alike the part that belongs to the said Mary Story shall be put out at interest by my said Executors towards the maintenance of the said child untill it arrives to the age of fifteen years or day of marriage and in case the said child should die or depart this life before the terms aforesaid then the said child's legacy and Estate shall go to the mother of the deceased Infant Rebecca Story her heirs and assigns forever. The other half part of my Estate that I have bequeath unto M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Humphreys is for himself his heirs Executors or assigns forever. In witness whereof I the said Margaret Kennedy have to this my said last will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written Signed sealed published and declared by M<sup>r</sup> Margaret Kennedy as and for her last will and Testament in the presence of us who in the Testators presence and at her request and desire here herunto severally subscribed our respective names as Witnesses.

M<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> }  
Commons Clerk }

Proved before the Honble J<sup>ts</sup> from Hall Esq. Clerk of the Superior Court 15<sup>th</sup> day Dec<sup>r</sup> 1764 at the same time qualified Tho<sup>s</sup> Humphreys Sen<sup>r</sup> & son of the said Will