

Ann Ballard's Will

"South Carolina Richland District, In the name of God Amen. I Ann Ballard Wife of William S. Ballard, by virtue of the right and power in me vested and deserved for that purpose do make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others, if any there should be. Having for many years experienced the greatest and constant assistance and friendship from Robert and Jonathan English, Planters on the Wateree river, and for the love and affection that I otherwise bear them, they and their families have become objects of my Bounty, Esteem and affection. I therefore, do hereby and herein give devise and bequeath to them and their heirs forever equally the whole and every part and parcel of my worldly Estate, Consisting of about twenty two negroes and some Stock of cattle. It is my Will and desire however and so do hereby in cumbers my Estate with a moderate Maintenance and Support of my Husband W. S. Ballard, during the term of his natural life and no longer. And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint the said Robert and Jonathan English as Executors to this my last Will and Testament. Ann Ballard (Read)

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of us who in the presence of the testator and at her request have put our hands and names as Witnesses thereto the words "for ever" being first inserted this 18th of May A.D. 1822. E. Croft, John B. Jones, Daniel House"

The State of Alabama, Dallas County, Personally appeared in open Court, John B. Jones, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing and hereto attached Will of Ann Ballard whose name is subscribed to the same who being duly sworn depose and swear that he saw the said Ann Ballard whose name is thereto subscribed, sign Seal, and execute the same as and for her last Will and Testament, that the said Testatrix was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of executing the same, that he this deponent signed the same in presence of and at the request of the testatrix and that he saw E. Croft and Daniel House the other subscribing witnesses to the same, sign the same in presence of and at the request of the said Testatrix, on the day and here therein named. John B. Jones -

Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court this 15th day of Sept, 1832. Attest James Strong Clerk

The foregoing last Will and Testament of Ann Ballard, with the accompanying probate, was seen by the Court, and ordered to be recorded, See minutes & page 7.

Recorded 3rd January 1833 -

James Strong Clerk

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A Deed of partition between Robert English and Jonathan English was on the 3rd day of January 1833. filed in this office for Record in the words and figures following to wit-

"A Deed of Partition made this second day of January in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty three between Robert English of the County of Dallas and State of Alabama of the one part and Jonathan English of the County of Monroe and State of Alabama of the other part. Witnesseth, That whereas Ann Ballard by her last Will and Testament now of record in the Orphan Court of Dallas County did bequeath unto the above named parties all the negroes of which the said Ann died possessed, and the parties hereto for the purpose of dividing said slaves do by this presents make the following divisions to wit, Robert English retains the following negroes to wit, Sally, Bob, Sigh, Martin, Milo, Pefey, Patty, Mary, Fanny, Betty, and Mason. And the said Jonathan English is to have for his part and share Dave, Jack, Mully, Louisa, Belia, Jese, Sicy and Ralph. And the said parties do hereby severally convey, release and let over to each other the said negroes above designated as their share and part. And do severally warrant to each other the title to the same. In testimony whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands and sealed the day and year above written.

Attest
J B Clark

Robert English *Seal*
Jonathan English *Seal*

Rec'd Alabama 3rd January 1833 of Robert English, the following of the negroes named in the annexed deed of partition, to wit, Dave, Jack, Mully, Louisa, Belia, Jese and Sicy. As witness my hand and seal.

Attest J B Clark — The State of Alabama Dallas County Before me James H Craig clerk of the County Court of said County personally appeared the above named Robert English and Jonathan English whose names are subscribed to the above and foregoing deed and Receipt, who severally acknowledged that they signed sealed and duly executed the same on the day and year therein named. Given under my hand and seal this 3rd day of January 1833. — James H Craig *Seal*

Recorded 3rd January 1833

James H Craig *Seal*