

APPENDIX III
WILLIAM BALL'S WILL, 1709

In the name of God Amen this Thirtieth Day of Janry in the yeare one thousand seven hundred and nine I William Ball of the County of New Castle on Delaware Blacksmith being sick and weak in Body but of perfect mind and Memory (praised be the Lord therefore) Knowing the Uncertainty of this life on Earth and Being desirious to settle things in Order, Doe make this my Last Will & Testament in Manner & forme following, that is to say first and principally I commend my Soul to Almighty God my Creator & being penitant & sorry from the Bottom of my heart for my sins past humbly desiring forgiveness for the same And hereby doe Revoke & adnull by these presents all & Every Will & Wills Testamt and Testamts heretofore made & declared Either by word or Deed or writeing & this to be taken only for my Last Will and Testament and none other, & as touching such worldly Estate as the Lord in mercy has lente me my Will and meaning is the same shall be Employed & bestowed as hereafter by this my Will'is Expressed (That is to say) First I will that all those Debts and Duties as I owe in Right to any manner of person or persons what soever and my funerall Charges shall be well and truly Contented & paid with Convenient time after my Decease by my Exuctrs hereafter named

Item I give unto my Eldest Son John Ball only the sume of one shilling Starling money of Great Brittain to be paid him or his Heirs within three months after my Decease by mine Exectrs hereafter named, and he the said John and his Heirs and all other persons in his name or any waise Claiming by or under him utterly to be debared thereby and forever Excluded boath in Law & Equatie from haveing any more or other Pt or parcell of my Lands Goods or Chattles of what nature or kind soever.

Item I give unto my Eldest Daughter Sarah Anderson only the sume of one Shilling Starling money of Great Brittain to be pd her or her Heirs in three months after my Decease by my Exectrs hereafter named & Shee the said and her husband & her Heirs & all other persons in her name or any waise claiming by or under her utterly to be debared thereby and Excluded boath in Law and Equaty from haveing any more or other Pt or parcell of my Lands Goods or Chattles of what nature or kind soever.

Item I Give to my youngest Son Thomas Ball the sume of Fourty pounds of lawfull money of Pensilvania to be levied of my Lands and paid unto him by my two sons George & Jeremy Ball or their heirs as hereafter shall be futher mentioned at the time he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years of age, and in meane time he to be bound out by my Exectrs to the Trade of a Saddler with Alexander Moore of New York but & if that cannot be then to be putt out to any traids that he shall like by & with the advice my Execrts

Item I give unto my two sons George Ball & Jeremy Ball & to their

heirs & assigns for Ever, my now Dwelling Plantation & Tract of Land being 400 acres (Equally to be Divided between them) with all its Rights members and previledges whatsoever to have & to handle the said Plantation Lands and premisses to & for the only proper use & behalfe of the sd George & Jeremy Ball their heirs and assigns for ever together with my Smith Tools & one pare of Plow Horses one yoke of Oxen two plows & plow Irons two Iron touthed Harrowes and all other the Geares tackling for Plows & Carte or Harrows belonging to the said Plantation at the time of my Decease they the said George and Jeremy Ball or their heires or Sume of them therfore yielding and paying the above said Sume of fourty pounds to my son Thomas or his Heirs at the time when he shall or should arrive at the age of twenty one years of age. Item I give unto my loving Wife Esther Ball all other my moveable Stock & household Goods & Chattles of what nature of kind soever and wherever the Saime is or may be found leaving it to her will & at her pleasure to bestow or give what or such pt thereof to my Daughter Marey McDonnell & Elizabeth & Anne Ball and my will & meaning is that my Esther Ball during her Widow hood shall Dwell on my now Dwelling plantation & have the use of all the Tools & Implements thereunto belonging and have and take to her use all the produce and prophits thereof for the bringing up of my young Children that shall be under Age at my Decease (and to give them learning when capable to take it) Soe that there pt or portion be no Lessened or charged therewith I likewise Constitute make & Ordain my loving Wife Esther Ball and my trusty friend James Robinson my only & Joynte Executrix & Executor of this my last Will and Testament In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and fixed my Seale the Day and year first above written

Will Ball (LS)

Signed Sealed published pronounced and Declared by the within written Testator as his Last Will & testament in the presence of us Edward Greene Tho Wollaston Richd Empson

By the Tenor of these presents I John French Exqr Deputy Register for the Probate of Wills & Granting Ltres of administracon for the County of New Castle upon Delaware by virtue of a Commission from the Honorable Charles Gookin Esqr Leuit Governor of the Counties of New Castle Kent & Sussex upon Delaware & province of Pensilvania Doe make known unto all men that the Thriteenth Day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and nine at New Castle in the County of New Castle aforesaid before me the Deputy Regtr aforesaid was proved approved and Insinuated the Last Will and Testament of William Ball late of the said County of New Castle Blacksmith to these presents annexed haveing whilst he lived and at the time of his Death Goods Rights & Creditts in diverse places within the same County by means whereof the full Disposition of all and Singular the Goods Rights and Credits of the said Deced and Granting administracon thereof as alsoe the hearing of accots Calculation or Reckoning of the same unto me are manifestly knowne to belong and the administracon of all and Singular the Goods Rights & Creditts of the said Decedt and his Last Will and Testament any wayes concerning was Granted unto Esther Ball and James Robinson Sole Exectrs in the same Testament named Chiefly of well and trully administring the same and makeing a true & perfect Inventory of all & Singular the Goods Rights & Creditts of the said Decedt & Exhibitting the same into the Regtrs Office at New Castle at or before the Day of next as alsoe of rendring a Just and true accot Calculation or Reckoning when thereunto required being solemnly sworne In Testimony whereof I have Caused the seale of the said to be affixed Dated at New Castle the thirteenth day of Februy in the Eighth yeare of the Reigne of Queen Anne over Great Brittain & Anno Dom 1709

John French