

APPENDIX IV
WILLIAM BALL'S WILL, 1747

(Aug 17, 1747)
- Will of William Ball

In the Name of God Amen, I William Ball of Mill Creek hundred, and County of New Castle, being thro the Abundant Mercy and goodness of God tho weak in body, yet of a sound and perfect understanding and memory, and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, I leave my Soul to God who give it and my Body to be buried where my friends think fit Nothing doubting but it shall be raised again at the Resurrection and as to my Estate and Effects in this World, I bequieath to my dear and loveing wife, the two Plantations I have now in Possession with all the Moveables until my two Eldest Sons comes of Age, and then the third part of all, both lands & moveables her life time, only she paying her share of the sums hereafter mentioned, I Bequeath to my son John the place I now live on and to my Son Joseph the other place, they are not to have have been in their own hands, until they arrive at the age of twenty one and then they are to have them, with the other two parts of the moveables. I likewise Bequeath to my son Jasper £ 30 curr. money of this government to be paid to him when he arrives at the age of 21 years by my wife & my two sons, she a third and they a two parts, and when he arrives at the age of 16 years, to be bound out to a trade whatsoever trade he fancieth, and if any one of my two old sons die, before they come of Age, my third Son Jasper, shall get his place, and not receive anything of the other, and he must pay what was to pay in the others stead, I likewise Bequeath to my two daughters, Mary and Sarah, £ 20 lawful money of this

government each to be paid to them, when they arrive at the Age of 18 years by my wife and my old sons, she a third and they a two parts, and if it be a boy she is now with I bequeath unto it £ 30 current money when he comes of Age, and if a Girl £ 20 when she comes of Age, to be paid after the above sd. manner, and all my Children are to be schoold, and brought up of the Whole Estate, and if any of the youngest dies, their portion must be Equally divided amongst the rest, and likewise there must be as much of my Moveables sold of the whole, as will pay debts and funeral charges, and for following and perfecting of all and every part of this my last Will and Testament, I do appoint and Ordain my Loveing Wife and Hugh Clarke to be my Executors truly to perform and doe as Executors after my Desease and that it may appear unto all that this is my last Will and Testament, I do here unto set my hand and seal this Seventeenth day of August in the year of our Lord God 1747.

Signed & sealed in the presence of us,
Hugh Clarke
Thomas Reese
William Forsyth

William Ball (seal)

(Clarke & Forsyth swear this is the will and they were present at its signing Oct 1, 1747.)