



Ball family papers, 1731-1988 **369.00**

Description: 12.75 linear ft.

Creator: Ball family

Scope and Content: This collection represents several generations of the Ball family of South Carolina, owners of plantations principally located in Berkeley County. Ball family documents (1733-1980) include correspondence (1774-1980), miscellaneous items, and writings. Correspondence includes transcriptions of Ball family letters dating from 1775 to 1894. Also included are papers of Mary Wilson Ball (1892-1984), Nan S. Ball (1893-1989), Jane S. Ball (1895-1984), Julia Cart Ball Bull (b. 1897), Elias Ball (1899-1985), and Robert Wilson Ball (b. 1900).

A plantation journal of William J. Ball, Jr. contains entries dating from 1865 to 1879 concerning conditions at Limerick and Cedar Hill plantations after the war; difficulties with rice crops and freedmen workers; births, deaths, and marriages in the Ball family; and the planting of a vegetable garden. The journal also contains an agreement between William J. Ball "and the laborers whose names are hereunto signed" (1874).

Ball family writings mainly consist of poetry (mostly copies), including much verse concerning the War Between the States. A manuscript poem (1861) by C.G. Poyas entitled "Our Banner," celebrates the first Confederate national flag.

Miscellaneous items include estate records (1825) of Isaac Ball; lists of family possessions, including an "Inventory of things at Limerick"; lists of bequests of Catherine Theus (died 1866); recipes and formulae for whitewash, soap, cough drops, rice bread, ginger beer, and other items; and "memorials of lands in St. John's Parish now belonging to Daniel Mazyck" (1733).

Papers (1917-1927) of Julia Cart Ball Bull consist of correspondence, including several letters written in French, and miscellaneous items, including poems written by Julia in honor of soldiers of World War I. Papers (1929-1981) of Elias Ball (1899-1985) consist of correspondence and miscellaneous items, including reminiscences (1950) about a canoeing adventure in 1919 "around the sea end of the jetties" in Charleston (S.C.). Papers (1931-1974) of Dr. Robert Wilson Ball include clippings, biographical data, and a few papers pertaining to his position as a public health officer in South Carolina.

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Series Overview:

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Container list:**BOX 1**

- 0369.01 Ball Family Documents
- 0369.01 (C) 01 Ball family correspondence, 1774-1890s

BOX 2

- 0369.01 (C) 01 Ball family correspondence, 1907-1980
- 0369.01 (C) 02 Copies of Ball family correspondence, 1770s-1894
- 0369.01 (M) 01 Miscellaneous Items
 - 0369.01 (M) 01-01 Artwork, cartoons, etc.
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 - 0369.01 (M) 01-03 Genealogical material
 - 0369.01 (M) 01-04 Hair clippings
 - 0369.01 (M) 01-05 Juvenilia
 - 0369.01 (M) 01-06 Lists of family possessions (includes Limerick inventory)
 - 0369.01 (M) 01-07 Memorabilia, programs, etc.
 - 0369.01 (M) 01-08 Memorial of Daniel Mazyck lands, 1733
 - 0369.01 (M) 01-09 Miscellaneous, arranged chronologically, 1731-1866
 - 0369.01 (M) 01-10 Miscellaneous, arranged chronologically, 1882-1960
 - 0369.01 (M) 01-11 Notebook of copied family letters, religious notes, etc.
 - 0369.01 (M) 01-12 Papers re Confederate States; wartime diary fragment

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- 0369.01 (M) 01-13 Receipts (recipes) and formulae
- 0369.01 (M) 01-14 Religious papers
- 0369.01 (P) 01 Plantation records: journal of William J. Ball, 1865-1879
- 0369.01 (W) 01 Writings
 - 0369.01 (W) 01-01 Poetry relating to the Confederate States of America
 - 0369.01 (W) 01-02 Miscellaneous writings
 - 0369.01 (W) 01-03 Poetry
 - 0369.01 (W) 01-04 School prose

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- 0369.02 Papers of Individual Family Members
 - 0369.02.01 Mary Wilson Ball Papers
 - 0369.02.01 (A) 01 Art-related papers (includes clippings, notes, printed material, etc.)

0369.02.01 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1907-1910

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0369.02.01 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1911-1933

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0369.02.01 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1934-1945

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0369.02.01 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1946-1961

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0369.02.01 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1962-1975 (and undated letters)

0369.02.01 (D) 01 Diaries, 1914-1925

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0369.02.01 (D) 01 Diaries, 1957-1971 (and undated diaries)

0369.02.01 (M) 01 Miscellaneous (includes address books, clippings, a commonplace book, and estate records)

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0369.02.01 (M) 01 Miscellaneous (includes notebooks, passports, topographical drafting logs, wills, writings, and school records)

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0369.02.02 Nan Ball Papers

0369.02.02 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1905-July 1918

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0369.02.02 (C) 01 Correspondence, August 1918-1920

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0369.02.02 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1921-1931

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0369.02.02 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1932-1941

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0369.02.02 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1942-1946

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0369.02.02 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1947-1950

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0369.02.02 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1951-1964

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0369.02.02 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1965-1979

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0369.02.02 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1980-1988 (and undated letters)

0369.02.02 (C) 02 Genealogical correspondence, 1920s-1939

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0369.02.02 (C) 02 Genealogical correspondence, 1940-1970s

0369.02.02 (C) 03 Genealogical correspondence re Izard family, 1933-1937

0369.02.02 (D) 01 Diaries, 1907-1915

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0369.02.02 (D) 01 Diaries, 1915-1930

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0369.02.02 (D) 01 Diaries, 1931-1939 (and undated diaries)

0369.02.02 (G) 01 Genealogical papers: Ashby and Ball families

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0369.02.02 (G) 01 Genealogical papers: Ball, Bull, Cart, Chicken, Coming, Delamare, Gendron, Gibbs (Gibbes), and Guerin families

BOX 24

0369.02.02 (G) 01 Genealogical papers: Guerin, Hall, Harleston, Izard, Laurens, Mazyck, Poyas, Ramsay, Shand, Shubrick, Simons, Wilson, and Wright families

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0369.02.02 (M) 01 Miscellaneous (includes art, mementos, autograph book, passports, papers re the Confederacy, domestic science notes, estate records, financial & professional papers, and notes on missions). There is also a large (oversize) scrapbook (1924-1925), wrapped separately, concerning Harriott Pinckney Home for Seamen; also, 2 oversize scrapbooks concerning U.S. servicemen (esp. South Carolinians) in World War I.

0369.02.02 (W) 01 Writings (includes poetry, and reminiscences about Comingtee, Cordesville, and Charleston)

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0369.02.03 Jane S. Ball Papers

0369.02.03 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1907-1935

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0369.02.03 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1936-1970s (and undated letters)

0369.02.03 (C) 02 Alice McRae letters, 1909-1914

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0369.02.03 (D) 01 Diaries, 1907-1924

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0369.02.03 (D) 01 Diaries, 1925-1936

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0369.02.03 (D) 01 Diaries, 1957-1964

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0369.02.03 (D) 01 Diaries, 1965-1976 (and undated items)

BOX 32

0369.02.03 (M) 01 Miscellaneous items (includes travel journals, address books, and a commonplace book). There is also an oversize European travel scrapbook (1931) wrapped separately.

BOX 33

0369.02.03 (M) 01 Miscellaneous items (includes printed material, an autograph album, and a school commencement book, 1913-1914)

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0369.02.03 (P) 01 Poetry and poetry files

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0369.02.04 Julia Ball Bull Papers (correspondence and miscellaneous items)

0369.02.05 Elias Ball Papers (correspondence and miscellaneous items)

0369.02.06 Robert Wilson Ball Papers