Ball family papers, 1631-1895
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Description: 2 linear ft.

Creator: Ball family

General Note: Access restricted on some fragile items. Use microfilm (11/515-516).

Biographical/Historical Note: The Ball Family was established in South Carolina in 1698 with the arrival of the emigrant Isaac Ball (ca. 1675-1751). His first wife was Elizabeth Harleston (d. 1720). His son, Elias Ball (1709-1786), married Lydia Chicken, the widow of Capt. George Chicken (d. 1746), who was the son of George Chicken (d. 1727). Members of the Ball family owned numerous plantations in the Berkeley County area. John Ball (1760-1817), son of Elias Ball (1709-1786), owned Kensington, Comimgtee, Strawberry, and other properties; among his children were: Isaac Ball (1785-1825); William James Ball (1787-1808); and John Ball (1782-1834), who married first Elizabeth Bryan, and secondly, Ann Simons (1776-1840). William James Ball (1821-1891) was the son of Isaac Ball (1785-1825). The Ball family was related to the Harleston family through several intermarriages; the Bond family was related to the Harlestons and Balls through the marriage of Sarah Harleston and Dr. William Read (1754-1845), who was the son of James Read and Rebecca Bond (1730-ca. 1786).

Scope and Content: Collection contains correspondence, legal documents, wills and estate papers, plantation papers and slave records, accounts, receipts, genealogical material, plats, and other items pertaining to the Ball family and related families.

Collection also includes the papers of John Ball (1760-1817), William James Ball (1787-1808), Ann Simons Ball (1776-1840), John Ball (1782-1834), and William James Ball (1821-1891), as well as the journal (1715-1716) of Captain George Chicken (d. 1727).

Also included are releases (1645-1646) to John and Edward Harleston of England, and the epitaph (ca. 1699) of James Bond (d. 1699) of England.

Muniments include indentures, mortgages, deeds, marriage settlements, and other documents pertaining Ball family lands in Berkeley county and in Charles Town.

Other Forms Note: Collection is restricted. Please use microfilm (SCHS call #11/515-516)

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Series Overview:

**1134.01 FAMILY DOCUMENTS SERIES**

**1134.02 PAPERS OF INDIVIDUAL BALL FAMILY MEMBERS**

- **1134.02.01** Ball, John, 1760-1817. John Ball papers, 1680-1840. Ca. 415 items.
- **1134.02.02** Ball, William James, 1787-1808. James William Ball family correspondence, 1800-1824. Ca. 100 items.
- **1134.02.04** Ball, John, 1782-1834. John Ball papers, 1802-1895. Ca. 135 items.
- **1134.02.05** Ball, William James, 1821-1891. William James Ball papers, 1840-1891. Ca. 50 items.

**1134.03 BALL ALLIED FAMILIES**

- **1134.03.01** Harleston, Edward
- **1134.03.02** Bond family.
- **1134.03.03** Chicken, George, d. 1727.

Series Inventory with container listings:

**1134.01 FAMILY DOCUMENTS SERIES**

- **11/515/41-43** Receipts, 1730-1858 (65 items).
- **11/516/40-41** Letters, ca. 1770s-1790s (12 items).
- **11/516/42-61** Papers, 1708-1793 (55 items).
- **11/516/62-67** Papers, 1801-1849 (45 items).
- **33/083/01-02** Oversized papers, 1631-1842 (27 items).
- **47/001/01-04** Oversized papers, 1697-1804 (4 items).
- **47/020** Muniments, 1717-1834 (16 items).

**1134.02 PAPERS OF INDIVIDUAL BALL FAMILY MEMBERS**

- **1134.02.01** John Ball papers, 1680-1840.
  - **11/515/05-14** Plantation papers, 1720-1840 (72 items).
  - **11/515/15-40** Plantation and family papers, 1680-1856 (165 items).
  - **11/515a/15** Orderly book, 1779 (1 volume).
  - **11/516/01-09** Family letters, 1698-1799 (100 items).
  - **11/516/10-14** Letters, 1798-1802 (75 items).

- **1134.02.02** James William Ball family correspondence, 1800-1824.
  - **11/516/15-22** Family letters, 1800-1824 (100 items).

- **1134.02.03** Ann Simons Ball family correspondence, 1819-1831.
  - **11/516/23-29** Letters, 1819-1831 (40 items).

- **1134.02.04** John Ball papers, 1802-1895. Ca. 135 items.
  - **11/516/30-31** Letters, 1821-1835 (27 items).
  - **11/516/32-34** Overseer letters, 1827-1833 (100 items).
  - **11/516/68-69** Plantation records and stories, 1831-1895 (1 volume).
  - **11/516/70** Plantation account book, 1812-1834 (1 volume).
  - **11/516/71** Account books, 1802-1812 (3 volumes).

- **1134.02.05** William James Ball papers, 1840-1891. Ca. 50 items.
  - **11/516/35-39** Papers, 1840-1891 (50 items).
1134.03  BALL ALLIED FAMILIES
1134.03.01 Harleston, Edward
     11/515/01-02 Releases, 1645-1646 (2 items).
1134.03.02 Bond family.
     11/515/03 Tombstone inscriptions, ca. 1699 (1 item).
1134.03.03 George Chicken journal, 1715-1716. 1 item.
1134.05 Muniments and land records
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Detailed Collection Inventory:

BOX 11/515

Folder(s)
01-02 Edward Harleston papers. 1645-1646 (2 items)
     Releases (1645-1646) to Edward Harleston, London England.
03 James Bond tombstone inscription (ca. 1699)
04 George Chicken Journal, 1715-1716 (1 item)
     Colonel in the Yemassee War. Journal of George Chicken’s daily experiences in battels
     with the Yemassee Indians in South Carolina (1715/1716) with mention of Cherokees,
     the South Carolina wilderness and other matters.
     *see Charleston City Yearbook, 1894 for transcription.
05-14 John Ball, Sr. Plantation papers, 1720-1840
05 Account and “Blanket book”, 1720-1778
     Account book includes lists of purchases, blanket given to slaves, and names/ages of
     slaves. “Blanket book” kept by Isaac Ball includes lists of blankets given out at Medway,
     names and dates of birth for slaves at Limerick, Quinby, Hyde Park and Jericho
     plantations
06 Account book of John Ball, Sr., 1788-1812
     * in very poor condition
07 Household account book of John Ball, Sr., ca. 1805-1817
     Account of expenses for household services and needs of the family. Includes
     expenditures on childcare, household items, allowances given to Mrs. Ball, and pulpit
     subscription to the Circular Church.
08 Account book of Mrs. Ann Ball, 1834
     Inscription on cover reads “Mrs. Ann Ball with W.L. Porter”. List of expenditures on
     household items such as sugar, coffee, oil, a box of raisins and candles. Account is with
     William L. Porter & Son and total expenditures for the year 1834 amount to $103. 91.
09 Slave registers and lists, 1758-1834 (3 items)
     Lists of slave names (with name of Mother and Father sometimes included) and dates of
     birth for Comingtee and Stoke plantations.
10 Slave register and blanket book, 1804-1821
11 Slave lists, 1783-1799 (5 items)
Includes lists of names, some including birth year, for slaves belonging to John Coming Ball, Elias Ball and Mrs. Judith Ball. Also included is a deed of gift dated 28 December 1784 in which Elias Ball gives his granddaughter, Elizabeth Bryan, a young slave girl named Rinah who is the daughter of “a wench called Binah.” Another item lists slaves from the estate of Judith Ball by name as well as the price at which they are valued.

11a  Slave lists, 1804-1810
Includes lists for Limerick, Back River, Hyde Park, Kensington and Medway.

11b  Slave lists, 1810-1814
Includes lists for Limerick, Back River, Jericho, Cypress, Hyde Park, Kensington and Medway. Several lists consist of names of persons working on roads.

11c  Slave lists, 1815-1818
Includes lists for Limerick, Quinby, Back River, Hyde Park, Kensington and Medway.

11d  Slave lists, 1819-1833
Includes list of persons purchased by John Ball, Jr. at public sale from the estate of John Ball, Sr. in February 1819. Other lists are for slaves living at Limerick, Hyde Park, St. John’s Santee, and Quinby.

12  Blanket book, 1835-1840
Yearly lists, many dated at Christmastime, of blankets given to slaves. Blankets are sometimes noted as being “first quality” or “second quality.”

13  Miscellaneous papers relating to slaves
Includes several bills of sale and lists of expenses paid to John Saunders for slaves coming and going on foot or horseback.

14  Foaling register, 1745-1777
Registers of horse purchases and births of colts.

15  John Ball, Sr. Orderly Book, 1779 (1 item)
Orderly book of Colonial Daniel Horry’s Light Dragoons (1779) kept by John Ball, Sr. during the Revolutionary War.

16  Memo book, 1726-1727
Largely blank

17  Memo book of John Ball, 1774-1780
Includes John Ball’s “washing” accounts for laundry and an “account of bacon made at Kensington in December 1779 and February 1780”.

18  Memo book, ca. 1780
1 small bound item containing lists of slave names and numbers corresponding to each, possibly representing money owed for food stores or hiring out?

19  Memo book, 1821-1824
Lists crops at Hyde Park, Limerick, Jericho and Quinby as well as specifications for a rice mill at Limerick. Dried, pressed tree leaves are compressed throughout between blank pages.

20  John Ball memo book, 1850-1851
Includes lists of crops at Hyde Park and the Villa as well as miscellaneous accounts for corking a dock, grass for cows, seeds for the garden, blue denim cloth, tobacco, ticking, shoes, molasses, tea and other household items. Also included is a list naming men defaulting on militia duty and patrol service for January, March and April 1851.

21  Memoranda miscellaneous, 1801-1833, n.d.
Includes a diagram of the “Plain Scale” dated September 29th, 1801. Horizontal axis is labeled “inclinations of meridians” and vertical axis is labeled hours. Various geometric shapes and lines such as chord, rhombus, tangents, secants, semitangents, longitudes and latitudes are drawn within the “plain” [sic]. Other miscellaneous items include a list of tools distributed to slaves, rules for measuring corn, and a detailed account on the methods used to determine the market price of Rough Rice by weight.

22 Surveyor’s notebook, 1767
Contains field notes, tables, conversion of liquid and cloth measures, and description of rules of “three direct” and “three inverse”.

23 Land records, 1680-1842, n.d.
Includes copies of land grants and deeds for Ball family plantations including an abstract of title for Pawley’s Plantation and several bills of sale for enslaved persons.

24 Tax returns, 1790-1819
Tax returns for Elias, John and Isaac Ball.

25 Miscellaneous inventories, 1813-1817, n.d.
Includes inventories of furniture, kitchen ware, clothing and other household decorations such as candlesticks, bookcases, shades, looking glasses and crockery.

26 Livestock inventories, 1788-1834.
Includes inventory of cattle at Jericho and Kensington.

27 Wills and miscellaneous estate papers, 1781-1793, 1840, n.d.
Includes a “list of negroes belonging to Mrs. Ann Ball purchased from the estate of John Ball. Persons are priced as family units. Also includes a list of “questions to ask the ordinary” made by John Ball in preparation for writing his Will, which is also included.

28 Travel expenses, 1806-1810
List of expenses kept by John Ball for travels to New York, Boston, Cambridge, Montreal, Quebec, Philadelphia, Bowling Green, Washington, Alexandria and Trenton, among other places. Expenses are kept for food, clothing, lodging, portage and notes indicate Mr. Ball’s rating for service and fare at hotels and taverns in various locations.

29 Overseer agreements, 1813-1818
Includes two articles of agreement between John Ball, Planter and John E. Moreton, Overseer for Backriver (1813) and Arthur McFarlane Overseer for Backriver (1818).

30 Double house plan, ca. 1760
31 St. John’s Berkeley Parish rules
32 Miscellaneous documents relating to religion
Includes a small book of “Prayers to be used at the Altar” as well as other prayers, an 1857 “extract from an address delivered by Bishop Cashburn before the diocesan convention of Massachusetts and a list of subscriptions to the “two percent fund, for the support of Biggin and Strawberry Churches.”

33 Recipes, 1797-1830
Includes recipes for spanish bake, tar floor and cold soap (medicinal).

34 St. John’s Berkeley Postal Service, 1808-1856
Includes a copy of the “Rules of St. Johns Post” in which participants establish basic agreements establishing a weekly postal service. Signatures for all benefactors of the service are included at the end of the document. Also included are two printed “Post Lists” for 1850 and 1855-1856 which list the names of Plantations on the postal route and the occupants at each.
35 “Dialogue on Phrenology”
Document transcription of dialogue between a “Mr. Learned” and Dr. [Franz Joseph] Gall on phrenology, a pseudoscience primarily focused on measurements of the human skull, based on the concept that the brain is the organ of the mind, and that certain brain areas have localized, specific functions or modules.

36 Verse, 1810-1814, n.d.
Includes writings titled “To a parent on his Birth Day”, “Lines written on the death of Mr. Black” and selections of toasts and sentimenitals.

37 Miscellaneous items pertaining to education, 1823-1827, n.d.
Includes a schedule for hours of recitation and Studies of rhetoric, history, greek, moral philosophy, mathematics and theology as well as a written lecture and a vocabulary list with definitions.

38 Genealogical materials
Includes copies of wills for Lydia Ball and Judith Ball as well as family tree of John Coming Ball with birthdates and deaths of descendants.

39 Clippings
Includes newspaper clippings from the Edinburgh Evening Courant (September 15, 1808) where the graduation of William James Ball is mentioned, The Florida Herald (June 10, 1835), The [Charleston] Times published by Thomas Cambell Cox (Monday, January 10, 1810) and The Columbia Herald and General Advertiser (January 7, 1792).

40 Miscellaneous, 1795-1836
Includes several indentures. The first is between Thomas C. Brown, a free black carpenter, and Benjamin Moncrief, a 14 year old free black man whose guardian was John Ball. The second is between Joseph Taylor, a free black bricklayer in Charleston, and William Morgan, also under the guardianship of John Ball. Other items include a copy of “Resolutions of the Board of Commissioners of Roads and documents relating to the property of J. Keating Simons.

41 Receipts, 1730-1748

42 Receipts, 1771-1800
Includes expense lists for items such as a plain gold watch, a Fahrenheit thermometer, legal services, dressmaking, etc. Also included is a full list of books ordered from England by John Ball as well as a detailed expense list for services of Dr. Sam McCormick, who administered medical care to slaves at Backriver.

43 Receipts, 1802-1858, n.d.
Receipts for medicine, jewelery, drygoods, newspaper subscriptions, tuition at the Academy of Fine Arts in Charleston, charitable donations to funds for widows and orphans, pew rents for St. Philip’s Church and carpentry work.

BOX 11/516

Folder(s)
01 Correspondence, ca. 1698 and 1763
Includes a letter (1698) from Affra Coming to her sister in which she describes her grief after the death of her husband, John Coming Ball, from “the gout, which seized him after a violent manner for several months with extreme fits of shaking and coldness…” She also expresses concern over her safety in her newfound status as a widow. A second letter
(1763) addressed to Elias Ball is signed “Your Humble Servant, Alexander Muryleas (sp?).” In the letter, the author discusses obtaining hats in town in a barter situation.

02 Correspondence, 1774
Mostly family correspondence between Elias and John Ball relating to business and family matters.

03 Correspondence, 1775

03a Correspondence, 1775
Letters relating to family and business matters, several of which are transcribed. VERY FRAGILE!

04 Correspondence, 1776
Letters relating to family and business matters.

05 Correspondence, 1777
Letters relating to family and business matters.

06 Correspondence, 1778
Letters relating to family and business matters.

07 Correspondence, 1784-1790
Contains letters from Elias Ball IV of Limerick, S.C. to his loyalist cousin Elias Ball III of Wambaw in exile in Bristol, England. Letters discuss business, family and plantation matters as well as “Wambaw” Elias’ return to Charleston after the war.

08 Correspondence, 1784-1788
Correspondence addressed mostly to John Ball. Letter from 27 December 1786 from John Coming Ball to his brother-in-law, Elias Ball III (who was also his first cousin) discussing the estate of John Coming Ball, Sr.’s second wife, Judith Boisseau and other family members.

09 Correspondence, 1791-1799
Family letters addressed to John Coming Ball, Sr. and his wife Jane. Included is a letter from John Ball, Jr. to his father written while he was away at school in Charleston. The younger John thanks his “dear Papa” for the sweet potatoes and a bundle containing cake and ground nuts. He also mentions attending the races and reading Virgil on the weekends. Other letters relate to John Ball’s education at the Charleston Seminary, the estate of Catherine Hort and military instructions sent by Colonial Vanderhorst to Capt. John Ball relating to his commission as Lieutenant and ensign.

10 Correspondence between John Ball, Jr. and his parents, John and Jane, 1798
10a Correspondence written by John Ball, Jr. from Harvard University, Charleston.
11b Kensington Planation and Newport, Rhode Island relating to education, family matters, health, rice and plantation matters.

11-11a Correspondence between John Ball, Jr. and his parents, John and Jane, 1799
Correspondence written by John Ball, Jr. from Harvard University, Charleston, Kensington Planation and Newport, Rhode Island relating to education, family matters, health, rice and plantation matters.

12-12a Correspondence between John Ball, Jr. and his parents, John and Jane, 1800
Correspondence discusses South Carolina politics, the death of George Washington and Charleston news as well as family and business matters.

13-13b Correspondence between John Ball, Jr. and his parents, John and Jane, 1801
Correspondence discusses South Carolina politics, the treatment of slaves and Charleston news as well as family and business matters. Also included is a legal opinion of John J. Pringle regarding Bonneau Ferry in St. Johns Berkeley and letter from Peter Broughton regarding ferries.

14-14a Correspondence between John Ball, Jr. and his parents, John and Jane, 1802
Correspondence discusses South Carolina politics and Charleston news as well as family and business matters.

15 Correspondence between William James Ball and his parents, John and Jane, 1805
16-18 Correspondence between William James Ball and his family, 1806-1808
William James Ball was in Edinburgh studying medicine at the University of Scotland. Letters discusses courses at the University, yellow fever, the character of the Scottish people, health and political matters.

19 Correspondence, 1800-1809
Miscellaneous correspondence includes letters from Matthew Bryan and John Bryan to Elias Ball regarding Strawberry Ferry. Writings from Thomas Scott, Surgeon to the 2nd West India Regiment describe an herbal remedy for dysentery. Also included are letters from George Lockey, John Ball’s financial agent in England in charge of supervising money for William James Ball while in Scotland.

19a Correspondence, 1806-1809
Miscellaneous correspondence includes many letters from George Lockey and Michael Bryan as well as correspondence between John and Elia Ball written from Newport, Rhode Island.

20 Correspondence, 1810-1819
Miscellaneous correspondence includes letters from Lydia Bryan of Charleston, Keating Simons and farm manager or agent named James Hull.

21 Correspondence: Keating Simons to Isaac Ball, 1802-1805
22 Correspondence between Thomas Slater and Isaac Ball, 1810-1824
Letters from Thomas Slater of London discuss supplies and Elias Ball’s subscription to European Magazine.

23-28 Letters of Ann Ball to her husband, John, 1819-1831
Letters discuss plantation and family matters and health with mention of slaves at Kensington and COMingtee plantations throughout. A letter from 18 March 1825 describes Marquis de Lafayette’s visit to Charleston.

29 Correspondence: Eleanor and Keating Simons, Ann and John Ball, 1821-1831
Eleanor and Keating Simons were the parents of Ann Ball and in-laws of John Coming Ball, Jr.

30-31 Miscellaneous correspondence, 1821-1835
Letters to John Ball, Jr. and others. Correspondents include Elias Octavius Ball, Isaac Ball, various overseers at Kensington, Quinby and Limerick plantations. Also included is a letter from Eliza Laurens describing repairs needed on a bridge at Mepkin plantation. Correspondence from John J. Tscheedy (?) regards plantation matters and the whipping of a domestic slave is described in a letter dated 16 February 1834. Another letter dated 25 May 1831 from John Ball, Jr. condemns a neglectful overseer.

32-32a Letters f Thomas G. Fincklea to John Ball, 1827-1833 (bulk 1833)
Thomas Finklea was the overseer at Stoke plantation. Letters discuss crop, plantation operations and the health and demeanors of enslaved persons. Letter from 26 February 1833 describes an incident with runaway slaves.

33 Letters of William A. Turner to John Ball, 1830-1833
William Turner was the overseer at Quinby plantation.

34-34b Letters of James Coward to John Ball, 1830-1833
James Coward was the overseer at Kensington and Hyde Park plantation.

35 Correspondence, 1840-1848
Miscellaneous correspondence of William James Ball.

36 Correspondence, 1861-1864
Letters to William James Ball from Eliza C. Ball, Edmund Ravenel and Mrs. E.A. Poyas.

37 Correspondence, 1866-1869 and miscellaneous items
Includes several letters between William James Ball and Mrs. E.A. Poyas, one of which contains a poem entitled “Strawberry Ferry.” A letter from the accommodation wharf firm of Cart, Kopff and Jervery to William J. Ball discusses the quality and value of rice and asks “how are you getting on with the freedmen?” Also included is a letter addressed to Eliza C. Ball from a Mrs. A.R. Young of Pendleton, an insurance policy on the roof of a home situated at the northeast corner of Vernon and East Bay Streets made out to Eliza C. Ball and a 1868 conveyance of property between Charles S. Darby, Catherine Lowndes Darby, James Lowndes Brisbane and Mrs. Annie Boyd Glover.

38 Correspondence and miscellaneous items, 1871-1879
Letters to William Ball from his cousin Alwyn Ball of New York, a statement of rents collected by T. Grange Simons for the estate of Elias Ball and tax statements.

39 Correspondence and miscellaneous items, 1880-1891
Letters to William J. Ball from H.W. Howe of Summerville, Henry L. Barker of South Mulberry, Keating S. Ball and P.D. Hay of St. Helena’s Rectory. Also included are several receipts and a letter written by William J. Ball addressed to “Mary.”

40 Correspondence, n.d.
Includes letters written by Caroline Simons, Elias Ball, A. Waring, Benjamin Simons, Mary Simons and Lydia Simons

41 Fragments

*Addenda to original collection, arranged chronologically (still Box 11/516)

42 James Childs papers, 1708-1712
Includes the Petition (1708) and Will of James Child (1743)

43 Child family papers, 1719
Includes a loan agreement between James and James Robinson and Isaac Child.

44 Ball family papers
Includes Child family papers dated 1743, a 1763 note of Daniel Huger and the will of Elias Ball

45 Will of John Coming Ball, 1764

46 Ball family papers, 1772-1774
Includes the will of Judith Ball, a note from Robert Quash to Elias Ball and two letters between Elias and John Ball discussing family and business matters

47 Letter, Isaac Ball to John Ball, October 1774

48 Letter, Elias Ball, Jr. to John Ball, 12 November 1774

49 Letter, Elias Ball, Jr. to John Ball, 11 February 1775
Letters and notes, 1775
Judith Ball Will, 1775
Letters of Elias Ball, 1784 and a petition brought by Dorta James Brown to John Coming Ball for the sum of twelve pounds.
Letters between Elias Ball III ("Wambaw") and Elias Ball IV, 1784-1787
Letter written by Elias Ball, 1788
List of Jericho plantation stock, 1793
Ball family papers, n.d
Includes a petition to the St. John’s Berkeley Roads Commission, receipts, excerpted copies of Trott’s Laws and other philosophical writings.
Fragments
Ball family papers, 1801-1806
Includes receipts, a letter from John E. Calhoun regarding William Pringle’s opinion on making and repairing ships at Bonneau’s Ferry, a letter from Elias to John Ball and a letter from George Lockey in London regarding family business matters.
Ball family papers, 1810
Includes a Carpenter’s tool book for Comingtee which tracks which tools were used by which slaves, a description of land values for 1810 taxes.
Ball family papers, 1810
Includes will of Elias Ball and estate papers of John Coming Ball, 1810.
Ball family papers, 1821-1833
Includes a letter from young Ann Ball at Lewisfield to “Dear Papa & Mama”, assignments for the “Strawberry Post Route” in 1833, a list of slaves with task quotas for Comingtee and Stoke plantations and contracts for overseer Samuel Lynes (Pimlico Plantation) and Britton Bunch (Midway) including detailed articles of agreement and salary dispositions.
Ball family papers, 1834-1840
Includes papers relating to the auction and sale of slaves that were part of the estates of John Ball and Keating Simons as well as a codicil to the will of Ann Ball and other estate related items.
Plat, Horse Savannah and miscellaneous land papers, 1840-1894, n.d.
John Ball plantation records, 1831-1845 and Ball family genealogical notes
Includes records of clothing and blankets given to slaves at Comingtee, Kensington and Midway Plantations with some notation of occupations and tools given out. Occupations include boatman, carpenter, blacksmith, driver, gardener, herdsman, hostler, miller, stableman, swineheard, wagoner, cook, dairy, house, midwife, nurse, patron, seamstress and washer. Also includes genealogical notes on Ball, Harleston, Simons and Moultrie families. Volume also includes material gathered by Ann Simons Ball such as stories, traditions and extracts from magazines.
Loose papers from John Ball plantation book
Include description of a trip to Old Dorchester in 1895, anecdotes and several slave lists
John Ball Plantation account book, 1812-1834
Indexed account book including accounts kept by overseers at various plantations. Names include John Cox, Arthur McFarland, Samuel Lynes, Alexander McKnight, Britton Bunch, John Dickson, Thomas Fincklea, James Coward and John Page. Of particular
interest is an account with “Free Nancy”, a free black woman at Limerick who was buying and trading rice and sugar.

71 John Ball account books, 1803-1811 (2) and Carolina O. Ball account book, 1812

OVERSIZE DOCUMENTS
BOX 33/83
01-02 Oversize papers, 1631-1842 (27 items)
Summary:
Oversize legal and other estate papers (1631-1842) of the Ball family. Included are the wills of John Gough (1738), John Ashby (1729) and Elias Ball (1750 and 1772) as well as indentures, plats and other miscellaneous documents.

**Indentures included are of:**
Catherine Simons (1706),
Elizabeth Harleston (1659),
Elias Ball, for land in Berkeley County, 1714/1715
Issac Child for Strawberry Plantation, 1719
James Dugno for lot # 98 in Charleston, 1692
James Child for Strawberry Plantation, 1696
Issac Child for Childsberry Town lots, 1728

**Plats include lands of:**
Elias Ball, 1768
Thomas Stanyarne for Strawberry Plantation, 1680
John Ball for Oldfield Plantation (Berkeley County), 1791

**Also included are:**
Accounts of John Coming Ball, 1775-1793
Lists of slaves, 1793-1802
Broadside regarding Rules and Resolutions of St. John’s Post, 1842
[Copy] Indian Trade Legislation, 1721
Tax return of Isaac Ball with amounts of acreage for six St. John’s Berkeley plantations
Memorial of lands of Elias Ball
Inventory of good belonging to John Harleston, 1631

33-83-1 Ball family muniments, 1659 - 1842
33-83-1-01 Conveyance of land to Elias Ball, 26 January 1714
33-83-1-02 Will of John Gough, 29 November 1738.
33-83-1-03 Elias and Lydia Ball conveyance to Catherine Simons, 1706
33-83-1-04 Will of John Ashby, 12 May 1729.
Account and reckoning re John Ashby Will, 14 May 1729
33-83-1-05 Will and codicil of Elias Ball, 1 August 1750.
33-83-1-06 Articles of agreement between Elizabeth Ashby, John Vivaridge, and Philip Dawes, 9 February 1729.
33-83-1-07 Bill of sale for six negroes from the estate of Collins Purredan by Robert Guerin, 27 April 1802.
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**47-01**  Ball family muniments, 1697-1804 (4 items)

**47-01-01**
Survey of Berkeley County lands located in the west side of the Cooper River, 1697. Survey of 1,200 acres of land formerly owned by Thomas Stanyarne on the west side of the Cooper River. Mepkin Plantation is mentioned as an adjacent property. Document is on vellum; Ink is very faint.

**47-01-02**
Survey of Midway Plantation lands owned by John Ball, Esq., 1790
Purcell, Joseph
Shows locations of rice fields, canals, dams, a flood gates, pinelands, reservoirs, banks, the settlement situated on high land, roads, and Lanneau’s Ferry.

**47-01-03**
Marriage Settlement between Keating Simons and Eleanor Wilson, October 1793.

**47-01-04**
Indenture between Richard Dennis, William Calhoun, Robert Flemming, and John Williamson for sale of a lot of land on the south side of Hasell St., 1804.

**47-20**  Ball family muniments, 1717-1835 (16 items)*
*Addenda to original collection.

**47-20-01**
Indenture between Jane Bonoist and Isaac Child, 17 March 1717.

**47-20-02**
Indenture between James Child and Isaac Child, 30 September 1718.

**47-20-03**
Indenture between Elias and Lydia Ball and Catherine Simons for Berkeley County lands, 1765.

**47-20-04**
Indentures between Elias and Catherine Ball of Hyde Park and Elias Ball of Kensington for Lot 49 in Charles Town, 4 and 9 February 1769.

**47-20-05**
Tripartite indenture between John Bryan, Lydia Simons Bryan, Benjamin Simons, and John Ball, 1 February 1783.

**47-20-06**
Judith Ball estate papers.
Power from Charles Lining for John Ball and John Coming Ball to administer the estate of Judith Ball, 7 March 1784. Judith Ball’s will states “Elias Ball of Wambaw, Elias Ball (son of Elias) and Robert [Quash?]” were appointed Executors, but “the said Elias Ball of Wambaw and Elias Ball (son of Elias) have withdrawn themselves from this State, and have joined the enemies thereof & the said Robert [Quash?] hath refused to qualify.” In the absence of Elias Ball and Elias Ball, his son, John Ball and John Coming Ball sued for Letter of Administration re the Judith Ball estate.

**47-20-07**
Indenture between Keating Simons and John Ball for Moncks Corner plantation, 1 May 1795.

**47-20-08**
Indenture and mortgage between Keating Simons and John Ball, 1 May 1795.
Release between John Williamson and John Ball, Jr. for lands on the south side of Hassell St., 25 April 1805.

47-20-10
Elizabeth Deniss (Dennis) renunciation of dower, 16 July 1805.

47-20-11
Release in fee and renunciation of dower between John Bryan, Lydia Simons Bryan, and Isaac Ball, 1812. Refers to tripartite indenture dated 1 February 1783 (47-20-05).

47-20-12
John Ball disbursement of assets, including Pew No. 96 in Saint Pauls’ Church in Radcliffeborough, named slaves to John William Payne, and land by appointed executors, February 1819.

47-20-13
Conveyance of Comingtee and Midway plantations to Anne Ball, widow of John Ball (d. 1834), January 1835.

47-20-14
Report of a commission regarding rebuilding of the St. James Goose Creek Church, n.d.