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## **Ball family papers, 1631-1895**

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**47/001, 47/020**

**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 Elias Ball (ca. 1675-1751), often referred to as Elias “Red Cap” Ball in family histories. 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, Comingtee, 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)

**Preferred Citation:** Ball family. Ball family collection, 1645-1895. (1134.00) South Carolina Historical Society.

**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.

1134.02.03 Ball, Ann Simons, 1776 1840. Ann Simons Ball family correspondence, 1819 1831. Ca. 40 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.**  
11/515/04 Journal, 1715-1716 (1 volume).
- 1134.05 Muniments and land records**  
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47-01  
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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 (Loose list of enslaved males, ca. 1750, on exhibit at the South Carolina Historical Society Museum. Reproduction available.)
- 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 1799 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 sentimentals.

**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**  
Letters relating to family matters sent between Edward Simons, Ca[roline] Simons, John and Elias Ball.
- 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 Plantation 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 Plantation 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 discuss 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 of Thomas G. Fincklea to John Ball, 1827-1833 (bulk 1833)**

Thomas Fincklea 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 Brisban 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**
- 50 Letters and notes, 1775**
- 51 Judith Ball Will, 1775**
- 52 Letters of Elias Ball, 1784 and a petition brought by Dorta James Brown to John Coming Ball for the sum of twelve pounds.**
- 53-56 Letters between Elias Ball III (“Wambaw”) and Elias Ball IV, 1784-1787**
- 58 Letter written by Elias Ball, 1788**
- 59 List of Jericho plantation stock, 1793**
- 60 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.
- 61 Fragments**
- 62 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.
- 63 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.
- 64 Ball family papers, 1810**  
Includes will of Elias Ball and estate papers of John Coming Ball, 1810.
- 65 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.
- 66 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.
- 67 Plat, Horse Savannah and miscellaneous land papers, 1840-1894, n.d.**
- 68 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.
- 69 Loose papers from John Ball plantation book**  
Include description of a trip to Old Dorchester in 1895, anecdotes and several slave lists
- 70 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.
- 33-83-1-08 Broadside containing Rules and Resolutions for St. John's Post, Strawberry Ferry, Berkeley Co., January 1842.
- 33-83-1-09 Copy of "An Additional Act for the Better Regulation of Indian Trade – Appointment of Commissioners of Indian Trade." Present by James Moore at the Charles Town Council Chamber, 19 September 1721.
- 33-83-1-10 Elizabeth Harleston power of attorney to David Edwards, attorney, 1 August 1659.
- 33-83-1-11 John Bryan and Lydia Simons conveyance of Charleston City lot to Benjamin Simons and John Ball, 31 January 1783.
- 33-83-1-12 Grant of Berkeley County lands to Elias Ball, 1714/15
- 33-83-1-13 Appraisement and division of the Negroes late of the Property of Elias Ball, 22 January 1787.
- 33-83-1-14 Will of Elias Ball, 13 May 1772.
- 33-83-1-15 John Coming Ball account with Maurice Simons, 20 February to 2 December 1775.
- 33-83-1-16 Tax return for Isaac Ball, 1 October 1824. Mentions Limerick, Cypress, Jericho, Quinby, Brick Yard, and Hyde Park plantations.
- 33-83-1-17 Indenture for John Ball, Jr. for Charleston Neck land, near the Quarter house conveyed by Master in Equity from the estate of John Wragg, 19 February 1711.
- 33-83-1-18 Copy of Mebkin plat, 17 June [1703].
- 33-83-1-19 Indenture for the Parsonage tract at Strawberry plantation conveyed from James and Jane Robinson to Isaac Child, 26 January 1719.
- 33-83-1-20 Division of Mrs. Jane Ball's Negroes made at Kensington between John Ball & Isaac Ball (her Sons), 20 January, 1818.
- 33-83-1-21 Indenture of "parcel of land situate lying and being on the North side of Elliott Street on Charleston Neck," from John Ball to his son, Isaac Ball, dated April 5, 1810.
- 33-83-1-22 Power of Attorney from Matthew Bryan, Merchant, to John Ball, Jr., Merchant, dated February 7, 1804.

**33-83-2 Ball family muniments, ca. 1631 - 1793**

- 33-83-2-01 Indenture for Charles Town lot number 98 conveyed by Robert Skelton to James Dugno, April 1692.
- 33-83-2-02 Inventory of John Harleston's household goods, [1631].
- 33-83-2-03 "A Memorial of Several Tracts or Parcels of Land belonging to Elias Ball of St. John's Parish in Berkly [sic] County in the Province of South Carolina," 5 May 1715.
- 33-83-2-04 Plat of Strawberry plantation lands of Thomas Stanyarne, 17 October 1680. Conveyance of two plantations, including Strawberry Plantation, from James Stanyarne to Thomas Stanyarne, 25 April 1681.
- 33-83-2-05 Appraisement at Back River of John Coming Ball's estate, 25 January 1793.
- 33-83-2-06 Indenture of Childsberry Town lots conveyed to Isaac Child by John Skinner, 19 July 1728.

33-83-2-07 Plat of John Ball's land at Old Field plantation in St. John's Parish, May 1791.  
Joseph Purcell, surveyor.

**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.

**47-20-09**

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.