

Appendix V

Some wills and probate inventories of the Balls of Berkshire

Probate inventory of Robert Ball of Barkham 1546

Will of William Ball of Wokingham, husbandman 1550

Will and probate inventory of Edward Ball of Barkham 1558

Will and probate inventory of Agnes Ball of Barkham,
widow 1572

Will of John Ball I of Wokingham, yeoman 1591 (proved 1599)

Will of John Ball of Knights, Wokingham, yeoman 1592

Will of Robert Ball of Holshot, gentleman 1639

Will of William Ball of Lincoln's Inn, esquire 1647

Archdeaconry Court of Berkshire

Berkshire Record Office ref. D/A1/175/14

The Invytores off the goods off Robertt balle off y.^e p[ar]y^fhe
off barkham takyn the ij day off Julij the xxxviij yere off
ower lorde kynge he[nr]y the viij suppreme hed in arthe next to
god off the churche off enland and y.^e lande Indented and
priffed by vs Rycharde chamilar Robertt bullok and Wylm norman

In the cham[ber]

Inprimys ij materis prise	iiij ^s iiiij ^d
It[em] a boifter and ij pilois prise	x ^d
It[em] ij cou[er]letts olde thy[n]gs	xx ^d
It[em] ij olde blankeatts	xvj ^d
It[em] iiiij par off shetts prise	vj ^s viij ^d
It[em] iiij olde tabyll clothys	viij ^d
It[em] the apparell off y. ^e body off Robart ball	vij ^s
It[em] olde coffers	xx ^d
It[em] ij bedfteds	vj ^d
It[em] a hangyng Alnys prise	iiij ^d
It[em] thre Ale tubbs	vj ^d
It[em] Sethyng potts	ij ^d
It[em] olde bolles & bolle dy ^f hys	ij ^s
It[em] a foldyng tabyll	ij ^s iiiij ^d
It[em] a plank tabyll	ij ^d
It[em] a old chyre	iiij ^d

It[em] thre cheys factts	iiij ^d
It[em] dyfhys & troncheris w. ^t tren Veffell	iiij ^d
It[em] bukcatts	ij ^d
It[em] braffe Veffell prise	ix ^s
It[em] in pewtter Veffell	iiij ^s iiiij ^d
It[em] candill stekks	iiij ^d
It[em] A thryfett	ij ^d
It[em] A pott hang[er] w. ^t pott hubes	iiij ^d
It[em] ij olde bofhett	ij ^d
It[em] vj hennes prise	xij ^d
It[em] ij brochys prise	xx ^d
It[em] a olde af[k]e w. ^t yron Weggs	iiij ^d
It[em] a olde byll	j ^d
It[em] x beys stallys prise	xx ^s
It[em] ij acars off otts prise	iiij ^s iiiij ^d
It[em] a cartte a olde thy[n]g	viiij ^d
It[em] a oxe prise	xvj ^s
It[em] sept kyen prise	iiij ^{li}
It[em] ij heafers prise	xx ^s
It[em] olde horffe prise	v ^s
It[em] a mare prise	vj ^s viij ^d
It[em] a colte prise	iiij ^s iiiij ^d
It[em] ij waynge caffs	vj ^s viij ^d

S[um]ma x^{li} viij^s j^d

WILL of WILLIAM BALL of Wokingham, husbandman 1550

Peculiar Court of the Dean of Salisbury

Wiltshire and Swindon Record Office, ref. P5/20Reg113

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN the firft day of / Maye in the yere of
o.^r Lorde god mv^c & 1 I / Will[ia]m Ball of Wokingham in the
countie of / Barks hufbandeman hole of mynde & memorie / but
sycke in body make my Laft wyll & teftament / in man[er] &
forme foloinge ffirft I bequefte / my Sowle vnto Almyghtie god
o.^r Lady saynt / mary & all the bleffyd compayne of heven / my
body to be buryed in the churche yeard of / All haloves in
Wokyngham Item I geve to the / Mother church of Sar[um] ij^d
Item to Alis my / Doughter I geve & bequefte iij^{li} vj^s viij^d /
Item to Blanche my Doughter iij^{li} vj^s viij^d / Item to Johan my
dowghter iij^{li} vj^s viij^d / Item to every god chylde that I haue
iiij^d / the Reft of my goods not geven I geve & / bequefte vnto
Alis my wyfe & [her] I ordayne / my trew executryx to dyfpofe
my goods for / my Sowle helthe as she thinkythe befte / Item I
wyll that my chyl ders chyl der shall / haue eche of them a lame
Item that Rafe / Bayle shalbe my overfear & to haue for his
payns xijd And Wyll.^m [Chaumandyne Jhon / Ponds Record barers]
of this my Laft wyll And teftamente) _____ R

Grant of Probate 13th April 1550

SUMMARY OF WILL

Testator: William Ball of Wokingham, husbandman

Date of will: 1st May 1550 per register copy

Date of probate: 13th April 1550

Court: Peculiar Court of the Dean of Salisbury

Depository: Wiltshire and Swindon Record Office,
Ref. P5/20Reg113

Executrix: Alis Ball, wife

Overseer: Rafe Bayle

Witnesses: William [Chaumandyne]
[John Ponds]

Bequests:

Mother church of Sarum	2d.
Alis (daughter)	£3 6s. 8d.
Blanche (daughter)	£3 6s. 8d.
Johan (daughter)	£3 6s. 8d.
Godchildren	4d. each
Alis, wife	residue
Grandchildren	a lamb each
Rafe Bayle (overseer)	12d.

Inventory: Not extant

Archdeaconry Court of Berkshire

Berkshire Record Office ref. D/A1/39/136

In the name of god Amen the xxvj daye of August the yere of our lorde god A thowsand fyve hundryth lviiij and in the fyfte and sixte yeare off philipe and maree by the grace of god kyng and quene off england fraunce & nables jerusalem and Irland defenders of the faith &c I edward ball of the paryshe of barkham in the contie of berk beyng seke in my body but hole in my mynde thanketh be to god maketh this my last wyll in forme folowyng In the first I bequeth my soule to Almyghty god to our blessed lady and to All the holy sanctes In heauen and my body to be burred in the churche yearth of god and Sancte Jamys the apostyll at barkham **It[em]** I geve and bequeth v^s to the byng of A ~~erose~~ crosse to goo Afore the procession at barkham churche **It[em]** I geve and bequeth my landes named buttels lyng and beyng within the paryshe of ockyngham in the contie of berk to Agnes ball my wyfe to have and to holde to the seid Agnes ball my wyfe as longe as she kepeth her selfe A wedow paynge to the cheyff lorde therefore that y^t is dwe by the lawe **It[em]** I geve to Wylm pyper A shertte of canmes **It[em]** I geve ~~to~~ too sherttes of canmes to two chylderen of mathew lyforde **It[em]** I geve and bequeth to euery one of my god chylderen ij.d **It[em]** I geve

and bequeth to my doughter katrian ball A branded heafer of A
yeare olde with the Avantage A plater of pewter A poteger A
sawcer w[ith] A brasse pot **It[em]** I geve and bequeth to my
dought[er] Johane ball A browen heafer of A yeare olde wyth
the Avantage A plater of pewter A poteger A sawcer with a
brasse pot **It[em]** I geve and bequeth to Elezabeth haywode A
heafer of A yere olde of sede color **It[em]** I geve and bequeth
to christofer haywod vj^s viij **It[em]** I geve and bequeth to
Andrew fynche A kow that is in his keyynge **It[em]** I geve and
bequeth Avis fynche my doughter A brasse pot my dettes payed
my legaces fulfilled and my burryall expences discharged the
Resydewe of my goodes I geve and bequeth to Agnes ball my wyfe
also I orden and make the seid Agnes ball my wyfe my sole
exequatrice and to this I have put to my seyll Also I orden
and make Robert bullocke and Wylm chundler my sup[er]visors to
see that this my last my befulfelled to the plessur of god and
the helthe of my soule Wetnes Robert bullocke Edmonde
bullocke

P[er] me Johanis langrige Rectore de barkham

Grant of Probate 8th October 1558

The Invitore of the goodes of Edwarde ball
of the paryshe of barkh[a]m in the contie
of berk taken the iiij daye of october the
yeare of our lorde A thowsande fyve
hundryth lviiij

In the chamber

In the first too beddes of flockes with the apparell	xx.s
It[em] A matteras wyth a cou[er]ynge	vj.s viiij.d
It[em] the apparell of his body	xl.s
It[em] iiiij olde coffers	iiiij.s
It[em] fyve pare of shettes	xx.s
It[em] tabyll clothys	v.s
It[em] iiiij napkyns	xiiiij.d
It[em] [pelsWes] w[ith] the [beryth]	ij.s viiij.d

In the hall

It[em] A cupburde price	iiiij.s
It[em] A foldynge tabyll price	iiij.s iiiij.d
It[em] A Rownde tabyll	xx.d
It[em] A forme iiij stoylles w[ith] A chare	ij.s iiiij.d
It[em] hang[er]es of the hall	iiiij.s
It[em] A tabyll price	ij.s

It[em] in pewter vessell ij dossen	xxx.s
It[em] six sawcers	xij.d
It[em] thre pewt[er] pottes	xij.d
It[em] salt sellers	viiij.d
It[em] in brasse [price]	xxxij.s
It[em] candylstekes	ij.s
It[em] A chafyn dyshe	ij.s
It[em] thre yron wegges	xij.d
It[em] Axis and bylles	ij.s
It[em] Augurs wombyls and cheselles	
Reep hokes	iiij.s
It[em] ij broches price	ij.s
It[em] Andyres price	ij.s
It[em] pot hangers price	xij.d
It[em] A gredyron A treyffat	xij.d
It[em] Wolle shares	xij.d
It[em] a mattoke a showles	xij.d
It[em] in chese price	xxvj.s
It[em] A pane for Wastyng	xij.d
It[em] in Wolle price	vij.s
It[em] Ale vesselles	v.s
It[em] A yottyng fat	ij.s
It[em] mylke botles chese fattes	iiij.s iiiij.d
It[em] A butter cherne	viiij.d
It[em] A cocke and xij hennes	iiiij.s
It[em] geasse price	ij.s viiij.d

It[em] duckes	xvj.d
It[em] In wheat corne and Rye	iiij.li ij.s vii[j.d]
It[em] in barly price	xij.s
peysse	xij.s vj.d
It[em] in otts price	xvj.s
It[em] in haye price	xxvj.s
It[em] A plowe yokes and cheynes	vj.s viiij.d
It[em] thre hawrowes price	v[j]s
It[em] A cartte price	xx.s
It[em] iiij oxen price	iiij.li vj.s [viiij]d
It[em] too steres price	xl.s
It[em] viij kyen price	viij.li
It[em] A kowe in Andrew fynches kepyng	xx.s
It[em] ij heafers price	xxvij.s viiij.d
It[em] iiij bullockes of ij yeres Age	xxxvj.s
It[em] vij yerelynge bullockes	xlvj.s viiij.d
It[em] fyve cawes price	xx.s
It[em] ij horsse beestes priced at	xl.s
It[em] sheppe and lambes priced	xxvj.s viiij.d
It[em] bees and Wexe priced	xxv.s
It[em] hogges priced at	xxvj.s
It[em] in Wood bylles and fagots	xx.s

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Richarde Symmes

Wylm chaundler and

Robert bullocke

SUMMARY OF WILL AND INVENTORY

Testator: Edward Ball, [yeoman]
Date of will: 26th August 1558
Date of burial: 21st August 1558 (per transcript of Parish Register)
Date of probate: 8th October 1558
Court: Archdeaconry Court of Berkshire
Depository: Berkshire Record Office, ref. D/A1/39/136
Executrix: Agnes Ball (wife)
Supervisors: Robert Bullocke
William Chundler
Witnesses: Robert Bullocke
Edmond Bullocke
Scribe: John Langrige (rector)

Bequests:

Barkham Church		5s. to buy a cross
Agnes	wife	land called Buttels in parish of Wokingham, so long as she does not remarry
William Pyper		a shirt
Matthew Lyforde's 2 children		2 shirts
Godchildren		2d. each
Katrian	daughter	a heafer, pewter plater, poteger, saucer, brass pot
Johane	daughter	ditto
Eliazbeth Haywode		a heafer
Christoper Haywod		6s. 8d.
Avis Fynche	daughter	a brass pot
Andrew Fynche	husband	a cow

Agnes Ball wife residue of goods

Inventory:

Date	3rd October 1558	
Appraisers	Richard Symmes William Chaundler Robert Bullocke	
Sum total	£49 9s.	
Chamber	£ 4 19s. 6d.	10%
Hall	£ 4 6s.	9%
Tools & kitchen equipment	£ 1 13s.	3%
Farm equipment	£ 2 12s. 8d.	5%
Grain	£ 6 9s. 2d.	13%
Animals	£26 9s. 8d.	54%
Cheese, bees	£ 2 11s.	5%
Poultry	8s.	1%

Archdeaconry Court of Berkshire

Berkshire Record Office ref. D/A1/40/4

In the name of god amen The ixth daye of marche In the yeare of our lorde god 1571 In the xiiij yeare of the Raigne of our souraigne ladie Elisabeth by the Grace of God of England ffraunce and Ireland Queene defendor of the faithe &c I annes ball wedow of the paryshe of Barckam In the countie of Barkes beinge secke of body But wholle In my mynde Thanketh be geuen unto God making this my last Will and tastament In maner and forme folowing **first** I bequeth my soulle to almighty God the father and to y.^e sonne and to y.^e holy Ghost and my body to buriyed In the churche yearde of Barckham **Item** I geue to the mother Churche of Sarum ij.d **Item** I geue to the Reperacion of my paryshe churche xij.d **Item** I geue to mother [durrige] x.d **Item** I bequeth to my sonne hewes fynche if he be aliue ij kyne one of the best the other of the worste kyend and ij yow shepe **Item** I geue to my doughter Cateryen ball my best Christening shete a flocke bed the beste beynge new weth a bolster to the same bed belonging A white tester of linin for A bed A canmas shete a coffer and one cow **Item** I geue to Jone [bonrue] my doughter one cowe ij shep my best kercher a canmas shete atabell clothe a dowble Rayle of holland my best ffrocke and my best peticotte **Item** I geue alys fynche a heyfor iiij

yearas of age **Item** I geue frances ball ij shepe of the best
Item I geue to my doughter alys simmes my best dowble Raylle
of holland **Item** I geue annes Simmes the doughter of alys
Simes my best Single Rayle **Item** I geue to my doughter in law
alys balle ij Kerghers of the best **Item** I geue and bequeth to
frances simmes and annes simmes one calf betwext them all the
Resedue of my Goodes wnbequehed I geue Jhon ball my sonne
whome I make My wholle executer To se my debe[t]es and legases
payde and my body desently layd in the yerth and also I orden
and make Thomas Simes and Robert bullocke my superusns of this
my last wyll and testamen and to haue for ther paynes xij[d]
apese With thes wittnes Robertt bullouck and Willam Pigote
with others mo[re]

by me henry cannarde curatt of barckham

Grant of Probate 19th April 1572

The inventorye of the goods & chattels late
Annis Balles of Barkham in com. Barkes
videa[w] preased & valued by henrye cannarde
clericus Thomas Simes John norman & willm
pigoote the xxiiij daye of marche in y.^e
xiiijth yere of the Raigne of o.^r
Sou[er]aigne Ladye quene Elizabethhe &c

Inprimus ffirste in the halle one Longe
table & one forme A Rounde table
ijij Joined stoles one chaire And one
stained clothe viij.s

It[e]m in the parler one fetherbed
ij flockbeds ijij coverlets
ij blankets ijij fether Bolsters
ijij fether pilowes w.th ijij testers xxxij.s iiij.d

It[e]m in the same parler ij old Bedsteds
ij chests ij coffers ij stained
clothes vj.s viij.d

It[e]m in y.^e same parler ij frocks &
iiij petticotes one savegarde
all of wollen xx.s

It[e]m in y.^e same parler vij payer of
canvas shetes ij table clothes
iiij napkyns w.th other naperye xxx.s

It[e]m in the Buttrye one dossin & ijij
pewter platers xiiij potyngers &
iiij sawsers one salte seller one
pewter pott & ij dossin of spones xxij.s

It[e]m one masure w.th A hoope of silver
and two silver spones vj.s viij.d

It[e]m in the kitchin ij Brasse pots iiij kittels one posnet one cawderne one chaffer one litle pann A Brasen mortar iij candelstikes ij chaffingdishes	xxxj.s
It[e]m in y.e same Kitchin iij cobirons ij Broches ij drippingge panns one ffryinge panne ij payre of pothangers ij payre of pothokes	viiij.s
It[e]m one table w. th tubbs Kivers & other lumber	xiiij.s
It[e]m in the Barne of Wheate Rie otes & peasen w. th Barleye & maulte in y. ^e house	v.li
It[e]m of carte & plowe w. th suche thinges as belonge to the same	xxx.s
It[e]m of wheate & Rie growinge on the grounde	iiij.li
It[e]m of Bacon in y. ^e Roffe to y. ^e value	xx.s
It[e]m ij horse Beastes	xxxiiij.s iiiij.d
It[e]m one oxe & one stire	liij.s iiiij.d
It[e]m in y. ^e filde vj kine	vij.li
It[e]m one Bullocke of A yere olde	x.s
It[e]m xij shepe	xxv.s
It[e]m one Bore one sow & iiiij hoggetes	xx.s
It[e]m in y. ^e haice poultrye seven	ij.s iiiij.d
Soma totalis xxxiiij. ^{li} xiiij. ^s viij. ^d	

SUMMARY OF WILL AND INVENTORY

Testatrix: Agnes Ball, widow

Date of will: 9th March 1571 (1572 new style)

Date of burial: 12th March 1571/2

Date of probate: 19th April 1572

Court: Archdeaconry Court of Berkshire

Depository: Berkshire Record Office, ref. D/A1/40/4

Executor: John Ball (son)

Supervisors: Thomas Simes
Robert Bullocke

Witnesses: Robert Bullouck
William Pigote

Scribe: Henry Cannarde, curate of Barkham

Bequests:

Mother Church of Sarum		2d.
Parish Church		12d. (for reparations)
Mother [Durrige]		10d.
Hewes Fynche	son	2 cows and 2 ewes
Cateryen Ball	daughter	best christening sheet, best flock bed, white tester, another bed, canvas sheet, a coffer and one cow
Jone [Bonrue]	daughter	1 cow, 2 sheep, best kerchief, canvas sheet, table cloth, double rayle of holland, best frock and best petticoat
Alys Fynche		a heffer
Frances Ball		2 sheep
Alys Simmes	daughter	best double rayle of holland
Annes Simmes	grand-daughter	best single rayle

Alys Ball	daughter-in-law	2 kerchieves
Frances Simmes	}	
	}	one calf
Annes Simmes	}	
John Ball	son	residue of goods
Supervisors		12[d] each

Inventory:

Date 24th March 1571 (1572 new style)

Appraisers Henry Cannarde (curate)
 Thomas Simes
 John Norman
 William Pigoote

Sum Total	£33 13s. 8d.	
Hall	£ 0 8s. 0d.	1%
Parlour	£ 4 10s. 0d.	13%
Buttery	£ 1 8s. 8d.	4%
Kitchen	£ 2 12s. 0d.	8%
Barn	£ 5 0s. 0d.	15%
Equipment	£ 1 10s. 0d.	4%
Growing crops	£ 3 0s. 0d.	9%
Bacon	£ 1 0s. 0d.	3%
Animals	£14 5s. 0d.	42%

Peculiar Court of the Dean of Salisbury

Wiltshire and Swindon Record Office, refs. P5/1599/4 and P5/6Reg/233A

In the name of god Amen An[n]o Domini 1591 I John ball of wokingham in the countie of Berks beinge sick / of body but of good and p[er]fitt memorie thancks be vnto god do make this my laft will and / Teftament in manner and forme followinge ffirft I yeld and bequeath my Sowle into the Handes of allmyghty god hopinge to be saved by fayth in o.^r lorde and saviour Jefus chrift / And I comytt my bodye to be buried in the Church or Churchyard of wokingham firft / I geave ~~vnto~~ and bequeath vnto the poore mens Boxe in my p[ar]ifhe church vj^s viij^d to be / payd within iij monethes after my difceafe Ite[m] I geave vnto the poore mens boxe of barkham / wher I was borne iij^s iiij^d to be payd within iij monethes after my difceafe Ite[m] I / geave and bequeath vnto Agnes my wyfe All that my Landes and Tenements In wokingham / That is to saye one Tenement in the Roche streate an other Tenement in the occupation / of Jeremie Steptowe with thapp[ur]tenances to them belonginge An other tenement with A barne / and an orchard w.th iij Acres of ground called shepherds nowe in the ~~tenure~~ occupation of / Thomas Leach with v Acres of ground In the common feild called sheeta[m] in my occupation / Ite[m] one tenement in the downe streate in the occupation of Swayne

All the w.^{ch} landes and / Tenements I geave vnto her duringe
her widdowes eftate Item I will that yf my / sonne William do
not suffer my dawghter Joane peacablelye to enioy my garden
platt At / farnham called the buttes duringe her lyfe payinge
onely the lordes Rent That then / my aforefayd dawghter shall
have [x]^s yearely owt of my v acres of ground lyinge in / the
comon feild called sheeta[m] so longe as my sonne shall howld
from her the aforefayd / garden platt Ite[m] I geave vnto my
sonne Robert v^{li} of money and my wallnutt tree cheft / Ite[m] I
geave vnto thomas my sonne xx^{li} to be payd within ~~iiij~~ ij or iij
yeares after my difceafe / Also I geave vnto my dawghter
Rachell fiftie poundes to be payd At the day of her marriadge
/ Item I geave vnto my dawghter Rachell my Roone Amblinge
nagge Item I geave vnto my / Childrens children to everie of
them vj^s viij^d Item I ~~tem~~ geave vnto my servant James / knapp
my left yearelynge bullock Ite[m] I geave vnto iiiij poore men
that shall carry me to / church iiiij seuerall garments as yt
shall seme good to my wyfe to beftowe The Refidewe of / all my
goods and cattell moveable and vnmovaeable I geave and bequeath
vnto Agnes my wyfe / and John my Sonne whom I make my full and
lawfull Executors my Debtes beinge difcharged / and theis my
legacies fulfilled And I defire my good and faythfull ffreinds
John planner gent / and thomas Syms whome I make my overfeers
to see that this my laft will and Teftament / may be
fullfilled Accordinge vnto the trewe Intent and meaninge
hereof and for their paynes / I geave vnto everie of them vj^s

viiij^d In witneffe wherof I have sett vnto my hand And / Seale
The xjth day of Aprill in the xxxiiijth yeare of the Rayne of o.^r
Soveraygne ladie / Elizabeth by the grace of god of England
france and Ireland Queene defendreffe of the ffayth &c

Grant of Probate 7th September 1599

SUMMARY OF WILL

Testator: John Ball [I] of Wokingham, yeoman

Date of will: 11th April 1591

Date of death: 1599 (per Visitation of London 1634)

Date of probate: 7th September 1599

Court: Peculiar Court of the Dean of Salisbury

Depository: Wiltshire and Swindon Record Office,
refs. P5/1599/4 and P5/6Reg/233A

Executors: Agnes Ball, second wife
John Ball [II], eldest son by second wife

Overseers: John Planner, gent.
Thomas Syms

Witnesses: Not specified in register copy

Bequests:

Poor of Wokingham	6s. 8d.
Poor of Barkham	3s. 4d.
Agnes (second wife)	all lands and tenements in Wokingham during her widowhood
Joane (daughter by first wife)	garden plot at Farnham called 'the buttes' for life or, if denied to her by his eldest son by his first wife (William), 10s. yearly out of 5 acres in Sheetam common field
Robert (son by second wife)	£5 and walnut chest
Thomas (son by second wife)	£20
Rachel (daughter by second wife)	£50 when she marries and a horse
Grandchildren	6s. 8d. each
James Knapp (servant)	a bullock

Coffin bearers (4) second-hand garments

Agnes Ball (second wife) residue
and John [II] (eldest
son by second wife)

John Planner and 6s. 8d. each
Thomas Syms (overseers)

Inventory: Not transcribed

Date 9th June 1599

Appraisers William Martyn
 Lawrence Smith

Sum total £48 5s. 0d.

Peculiar Court of the Dean of Salisbury

Wiltshire and Swindon Record Office, ref. P5/1592/14

The xxijth day of September Anno. din.ⁱ 1592 and
in the [] her mate Raiyne that now is

In the name of god my onely maker & Redemer in whome I onely
[truft] [] / throwgh the meritts of Chrift who
uffrd moft bytterly for me and [all mankind I] / John Ball of
knights in the p[ar]ish of Okingham and in the Cownty of Berks
[yeoman] doo / Ordayne and make the day & yeare afforefaid my
laft will and teftament wherein I [geve] and / bequeath my
sowle vnto allmighty god & my body to be buried in the Church
of Okingham [It[e]m] I geve / to the mother Church of Sar[um]
ij^d & to the poore ffolks box of Okingham ij^s to be [paid
within] / One moneth after my deceaffe And to the poore ffolks
box of Barkam ij^s vj^d to be paid [xxx] at / the tyme afforefaid
It[e]m I give and bequeath vnto my sonn Thomas Ball my Thrie
pyddells of Land / called hagrefters by eftimacon ix Acres w.^{ch}
of late I bowght of Clement Pla[nner] [] / and
bequeath vnto Alyce my wyffe & ffrauncys my sonn all my land
vnbequeathed & [] / the Realme of England to be
equally devided betwixt them so long as my wyffe [] /
widdow and yf she marry Then I geve the whole vnto ffrauncys
my sonn and to the heires [males] / of his body lawfully

begotten & for want of such Iffue I geve the same lands vnto
Thomas Ball my / sonn & to his heires for ever Alfo my will is
that my dawghter Agnes have sufficient meat drink and /
apparrell so longe as she lyveth at the Charge of my wyffe &
ffrauncys my sonn And yf it happen that / my said dawghter
Agnes owt lyveth her mother Then my will is that she have
iiij^{li} by the yeare / Truly paid hir during her life owt of my
lands called knights and that the said Anuitie be paid her /
by equall portions quarterly that is to say xx^s the quarter
It[e]m I geve vnto my dawghter Dorytie xx^{li} / to be paid her
w.thin twoo monethes after my deceafe by my executors It[e]m I
geve vnto Alfe my [wyfe] / & ffrauncys my sonn whome I make my
whole executors all my goods vnbequeathed in this [my will] /
defyryng them to p[er]forme it and difcharge my debts In
witnes whereof I have sette my hand and / Seale in the
p[re]fence of theis p[er]fo[ns] whofe names are here vnder
wrytten

It[e]m I gyve vnto Jane Chamber one bullock of thrie yeares
old & vnto Gretam xx^s

witneffes

George Staverton

John Ball

Richard Watlington

Grant of Probate 14th December 1592

SUMMARY OF WILL

Testator: John Ball of Knights, Wokingham, yeoman

Date of will: 22nd September 1592

Date of probate: 14th December 1592

Court: Peculiar Court of the Dean of Salisbury

Depository: Wiltshire and Swindon Record Office,
Ref. P5/1592/14

Executors: Alice Ball, wife
Francis Ball, eldest son

Witnesses: George Staverton
Richard Watlington

Bequests:

Mother church of Sarum	2d.
Poor of Wokingham	2s.
Poor of Barkham	2s. 6d.
Thomas Ball (son)	3 piddles called 'Hagresters' (9 acres)
Alice Ball (wife) and Francis Ball (son)	all other lands equally so long as Alice remains a widow. If Alice remarries, the whole to Francis and his male heirs, failing whom to son Thomas and his heirs for ever
Agnes (daughter)	sufficient meat, drink and apparel so long as she remains at home, and should she outlive her mother, an annuity of £4 per annum for life charged on 'Knights'
Dorothy (daughter)	£20
Alice Ball (wife) and Francis Ball (son)	residue
Jane Chamber (servant?)	one bullock
Gretam (servant?)	20s.

Inventory:	Not transcribed
Date	20th October 1592
Appraisers	George Staverton, gent. Thomas Garret, gent. Edmond Chawndeler John Ball of yevenden Thomas Symes
Sum total	£77 5s. 4d.

Prerogative Court of Canterbury

P.R.O. ref. PROB 11/180/Harvey 133/509 (image ref. 732/668)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN The eighteene day of / Januarie Anno
Dni. 1638 I Robert Ball of Holshot in the Countie of Southt.
being weake / in bodie but in good and perfect memorie thankes
be to Almightye God Doe make and / ordaine my laft will and
Teftament in manner and forme following vizt. ffirft I Comend
/ my soule into the handes of Almightye god Creator and
preferver of all things and my body / to the earth from whence
it was taken with an vndouted hope that at the grate day of
Chrift / his coming to iudgment the same shalbe coupled
together againe and by his mercye be made pertaker / of his
heavenly kingdome And touching the difpoficon of that worldly
goods wherewith god / of his goodnes hath endued me ***Inprimis***
I give and bequeath to my kinfman M.^r John Ball / Citizen and
haberdafter London and to Richard Palmer of Staple Inne in
Holborne London / gent all thofe eight clofes of landes arable
and pafure conteyning together in the whole twenty / and
fower acres be it more or leffe with thappurtenances and all
comons profitts and / Comodities therevnto belonging which I
late purchafed of John Crttall of Wokingham / In the County
of Berks and w.^{ch} are fcituate lyeing and being in the parrifh
wokingham / aforefaid and in the County of Berkes aforefaid
and the revercon and revercons of the / said landes and clofes

and all rents reserved vpon any demife or leafe thereof or of any waste thereof To haue / and to hold to them the said John Ball and Richard Palmer and to their heires and affignes for ever / paying the rents due and iffuing out of the said lands and clofes to the cheife Lord or Lords of the ffee / thereof apporconed and affeffed **Item** I give and bequeath to my kinfman M.^r Robert Ball of Chilham / in the Countie of Suffex Clarke forty poundes and to my kinfman M.^r George Ball of Alton in the / said County of Southt. Clarke forty poundes and to Samuell Ball his brother forty poundes **Item** / I give and bequeath vnto my brother in lawe M.^r John Whitlock and my Sifter Rachell his wife fifty / poundes **Item** I give and bequeath to my kinfman M.^r John Bateman Clerke fifty poundes and to Ellen / his wife, if she happen to survive her said hufband twenty poundes, and to my kinfman M.^r James / Prince Gouldsmith and Prudence his wife forty poundes and to my neece Jane Whitlock twenty / poundes and to my kinfman William Smith the younger twenty shillings and to eight of the reft of the Children of William Smith the elder and Anne his wife deceafed forty poundes to be diftributed at / the difcrecon of myne executors hereafter named **Item** I give and bequeath to my Sifter in law M.^{rs} Mary Shakefpere widow twenty shillings and to M.^r John Milborne her sonne in law and / Ellen his wife seaventy poundes **Item** I give and bequeath to Andrew Brewer of hyworth and / Amy his wife tenn poundes remitting to the said Andrew such debts as he oweth me by speciallty or / otherwife

Item I give and bequeath to M.^r Monntague scholemafter in Wokingham for teaching of / seaven poore schollers there by the space of five yeares next after my deceafe the summe of tenn / poundes yearely during the said five yeares if the said M.^r Mountague continue the teaching of the said / number of seaven schollers there by the terme of five yeares otherwise tenn poundes yearely for soe many of / the said five yeares as he shall continue teaching the said schollers as aforefaid the said schollers to be nominated / from tyme to tyme by my kinfman M.^r William Ball my said brother in law M.^r John Whitlock Richard / Palmer and William Marlew of Wokeingham aforefaid or any three of them **Item** I give and bequeath / to M.^r _____ Burges Curate of Heckfeild the sume of fower poundes yearely dureing the terme of five / yeare next after my deceafe if he continue soe long Curate there and preaching as he hath vndertaken / otherwise fower poundes yearely for soe many yeares of the said five yeares as the said M.^r Burges shall / happen to continew Curate and preaching there as aforefaid **Item** I give and bequeath to my Cofen Mrs / Elizabeth Ball wife of M.^r ffrancis Ball five marke and a Jewell with a Neptune To my kinfwoman Mrs / Elizabeth Palmer Widow of Rye five marke and to Ellen Palmer her daughter my servant fortie / poundes and to _____ Palmer of Wokeingham widdow fortie shillings and to John Palmer her / sonne five poundes **Item** I give to the poore of heckfeid six poundes and to the poore of Mittingly / fower poundes to be diftributed by

myne Executors hereafter named within one yeare nexte after /
my deceafe **Item** I give to the poore of the towne of Hyworth
and Weftrop in the Countie of / Wiltes tenn poundes to be
diftributed at the difcrecon of my said Executors within one
yeare / next after my deceafe **Item** I give and bequeath
towards the making of Caufewayes or doing such / like
neceffary workes for bettering and amending the highwayes in
Bramfill heath ffinchamfted / heath betweene heckfeid and
Wokeingham aforefaid the sume of thirty poundes the same /
works to be done by the care and direcion of my said Executors
with such convenient / speed as may be **Item** I give and
bequeath to my servants Henry Turner tenn poundes William /
Banefter forty shillings Leonard Judd fortie shillings Ellen
[Pem]brooke fortie shillings and ffridefwide Hill fortie
shillings and to John Hatwey sometimes my servant fortie
shillings and some of my old apparrell to Leonard Judd the
elder twenty shillings / and to Thomas ffeilder twenty
shillings and to Margery Whitlock somtymes my servant a ring /
or twenty shillings in money **Item** I give and bequeath to Anne
Ball widdow late wife of my / brother Thomas Ball deceafed
five poundes **Item** I give and bequeath to my kinfman Edmond /
Heyford twenty poundes and to my kinfman George Ball of
Yevendens twenty poundes / **Item** I give and bequeath to my said
Nephew M.^r William Ball my three bookes or volumes / of Mr
Perkins his workes myne old bible in folio and the pitture
which is taken of my selfe **Item** / I give to the abouenamed

Richard Palmer all my law bookes **Item** I give and bequeath to
/ my said Nephew M.^r William Ball the leafe of my houfe with
thappurtenances in ffetter lane / in the said parriſh of S.^t
Andrewes in holborne London wherein one _____ Smithfon now
/ dwelleth and all my right title intereft revercon and terme
of yeares yet to come of and in / the same and all rents and
proffits yffuing coming and arifing thereof And all other my /
percells of landes and garden groundes in the parriſh of S.^t
Andrewes aforefaid paying / to the said Anne Ball widdow six
poundes of currant englifh money yearely dureing the terme /
and continuance of the said leafe in the said houfe with
thappurtenances **Item** I give and bequeath / the ſume of twenty
five poundes for twelve Gould rings to be provided by my said
executors / herevnder named with ſuch convenient ſpeed as may
be and the ſame rings to be given and / delivered by them to
ſuch of my good freindes of the Exchequer and others as my
said executors / ſhall haue particuler notice of in writeing
vnder my hand **Item** I give and bequeath to the aforefaid Ellen
A[r]lborne one paire of flaxen ſheetes one table cloath and
one dozen of napkins / ſut[ia]ble, of diaper and to aforefaid
said Ellen Palmer one paire of flaxen ſheetes and one
tablecloath / and one dozen of napkins ſut[ia]ble of flaxen
lynnen The reft and refidue of my goods Chattles / leafes
plate houfhold ſtuff debts rights and Credits whatfoever I
give and bequeath to my / ſaid kinfman M.^r John Ball Citizen
and haberdaſher of London M.^r Richard Palmer of / Staple Inne

aforefayd and to the said William Marlow of Wokeingham
aforefaid which said John Ball Richard Palmer and / William
Marlow I conftitute ordaine and appoynt to be myne Executors
of this my laft will and / Teftament revoaking all other and
former wills by me made or intended to be made In Wittnes /
whereof to this my laft will and Teftament I haue subscribed
my hande and put my seale / the day and yeare firft aboue
written per me Robertum Ball

A CODICELL to the last will & Testam.^t of the said
Robert Ball by him annexed and by himself likewise
subscribed & sealed y.^e 20th day of February 1638

WHEREAS certaine lands and tents. called and knowne by the
name / of Colmor farme in the parrish of Colmor and County of
Southt. have beene formerly sould and / conveyed to me the
said Robert Ball the Teftator from Sir Peter Bettefworth and
others / whereof I now stand seifed of an eftate of
inheritance in ffee simple And whereas at the / tyme of the
sale and conveyance thereof to me made y.^e said landes and
tents. stood charged w.th an anuity / of eighty poundes per
Annu[m] payable to Bridgett Bettefworth then wife of Thomas /
Bettefworth sonne of the said Sir Peter after the death of the
said Thomas Bettefworth / dureing the life of the said
Bridgett And whereas certyne landes called Ripefley yalcrofts
/ and Comelandes in the County of Suffex were conveyed by
leafe or leafes to me the said / Robert Ball for securing and
saveing me harmeles of for and concerning the said annuitie /
of eightie poundes And whereas alfoe the inheritance of the
said Colmer farme is to difcend / and come to William Ball
gent as Nephew and next heire to me the said Robert Ball /
after my deceafe soe as the leafe and leafes aforefaid will
properly belong to the said / William Ball therefore I the
said Robert Ball by this my Codicell doe give and bequeath /
graunt affigne and sett over to the said William Ball the said

leafe and leafes of Ripefley / yalcrofts and Combelands and
all my right title power intereft and terme of yeares yet to /
come in the same To haue and to hould to the said William Ball
in as large beneficiall / and ample manner to all intents and
purpofes as I the said Robert Ball have may might / or ought
to hould or enioy the same by any wayes or meanes whatfoever
In wittnes whereof / I haue sealed and subfcribed this
Codicell this twentieth day of ffebruary above written / per me
Robertum Ball

The will within written in two leaves of paper is the laft
will / and Teftament of Robert Ball of Holfhott written with
his owne hande and subfcribed and / sealed by himfelf the daye
and yeare firft within written with a Codicill thereto annexed
/ And afterwards Clofed vpp and sealed on the outside by the
said Robert Ball and publifhed and declared by him to be his
laft will and Teftament and Codicill The laft / daye of
ffebruary Anno Dni. 1638 in the p.^{re}fence of vs Cha: Huett
Hen: Jorden Cler Henry Turner Sen.^r

Grant of Probate 6th July 1639

SUMMARY OF WILL AND CODICIL

Testator: Robert Ball of Holshot, Hampshire,
gentleman (Barrister, Lincoln's Inn)

Date of will: 18th January 1638 (1639 new style)

Date of codicil: 20th February 1638 (1639 new style)

Date of probate: 6th July 1639

Court: Prerogative Court of Canterbury

Depository: The National Archives, ref. PROB
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Executors: John Ball, kinsman
(citizen and haberdasher of London)
Richard Palmer of Staple Inn, gentleman
William Marlow of Wokingham

Witnesses: Charles Huett
Henry Jorden, clerk
Henry Turner senior

Bequests:

John Ball, kinsman and Richard Palmer, gentleman	8 fields containing 24 acres in Wokingham purchased of John Crittall, for ever
Robert Ball, kinsman, of Chilham, Suffolk, clerk	£40
George Ball, kinsman, of Alton, Hampshire, clerk	£40
Samuel Ball, brother	£40
Rachell Whitlock, sister, and John Whitlock, brother-in-law	£50
John Bateman, kinsman, clerk	£50
Ellen Bateman, his wife	£20 if she shall survive her husband
James Prince, kinsman, goldsmith and his wife, Prudence	£40

Jane Whitlock, niece	£20
William Smith the younger, kinsman	20s.
Remaining 8 children of William Smith the elder and his late wife, Anne	£40 (per discretion of executors)
Mrs Mary Shakespeare, widow, sister-in-law	20s.
John Milborne, her son-in-law and Ellen his wife	£70
Andrew Brewer of Hyworth and Amy his wife	£10 and waiver of debts owed by Andrew Brewer
Mr Montague of Wokingham, schoolmaster	£10 per annum for 5 years for teaching 7 poor scholars selected by any 3 of William Ball (kinsman), John Whitlock (brother-in-law), Richard Palmer and William Marlow of Wokingham
Mr Burges, curate of Heckfield	£4 per annum for 5 years (so long as he shall remain curate)
Mrs Elizabeth Ball, cousin, wife of Francis Ball	5 marks (5 x 13s. 4d.) and a jewel
Mrs Elizabeth Palmer, kinswoman, widow, of Rye	5 marks (5 x 13s. 4d.)
Ellen Palmer, her daughter, testator's servant	£40
_____ Palmer of Wokingham, widow	40s.
John Palmer, her son	£5
Poor of Heckfield	£6
Poor of Mattingley	£4
Poor of Hyworth and Westrop, Wiltshire	£10

For highway improvements at Bramshill Heath and Finchampstead Heath between Heckfield and Wokingham	£30
Henry Turner, servant	£10
William Banester, servant	40s.
Leonard Judd, servant	40s.
Ellen [Pem]brooke, servant	40s.
Frideswide Hill, servant	40s.
John Hatwey, former servant	40s. and some old clothes
Leonard Judd the elder	20s.
Thomas Feilder	20s.
Margery Whitlock, former servant	a ring or 20s.
Anne Ball, widow, late wife of brother, Thomas Ball	£5
Edmond Heyford, kinsman	£20
George Ball, kinsman, of Ewendons	£20
William Ball, nephew	3 books, bible and a portrait
Richard Palmer, gentleman	law books
William Ball, nephew	residue of lease of house in Fetter Lane, Holborn and other property in the parish of St Andrews, subject to payment of below annuity to Anne Ball
Anne Ball, <i>supra</i>	annuity of £6 per annum for remainder of term of lease of house in Fetter Lane
Friends of the Exchequer and others to be selected by testator	£25 to buy 12 gold rings

Ellen A[r]lborne pair of flaxen sheets, table
cloth, dozen napkins

Ellen Palmer, *supra* pair of flaxen sheets, table
cloth, dozen napkins

3 executors, *supra* residue of estate

Codicil

William Ball, nephew

Residue of leases of Ripesley yalcrofts and Combelands
[Comelandes] held by testator by way of indemnification
against liability for annuity of £80 per annum in favour of
Bridgett Bettesworth charged on testator's freehold property
known as Colmor Farm in Hampshire purchased of Sir Peter
Bettesworth (which to pass to William Ball as the testator's
heir-at-law)

Inventory

Not extant

Prerogative Court of Canterbury

The National Archives, ref. PROB 11/202/244/325, image ref. 489/421

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I William / Ball of Chauncery Lane
London Esq.^{re} being sick in bodie but in good and perfect
memory / thankes be to Almighty God doe make and declare this
to be my laft will and testament / and first I bequeath my
soule into the hands of my Saviour Jesus Christ by whose
meritts I hope / for Salvation my bodie to be buried in decent
manner without ostentation My will and / desyne is that my
debts may be paid with as much expedition as may be *Item* I
give and bequeath / to my daughters Elizabeth Mary Sufan Sara
and to my sonnes Richard and Samuell / ffive hundred pounds
apeece to be paid them at such tyme as shall prove [beft] for
their advancement And my will and meaning is that my farme and
lands called [Col]more / in the County of South'ton and Locks
farme in the parifh of Wokingham in the / County of Berk [be]
sould for the raifeing of the aforesayd porcons given to my
children / as abouesayd and for satesfying my debts as soone
as pofsible may be and [I] [xx xxxxxx] / and enable my brother
Cleydon and my brother Samuell Ball by this my [will to sell]
the sayd lands abouemenconed for the ufes aforesayd *Item* I
make my loving wife Alice Ball sole / executrix of this my
laft will and Testament And I doe revoke all former wills
whatsoeverer witnes / my hand and seale this seaventeenth day of

November one thousand six hundred fortie seaven *Will: Ball*

[Sealed] and published in the presence of Tho: Hobson Edmund
Gregory

Grant of Probate 14th December 1647

SUMMARY OF WILL

Testator: William Ball, esquire; Barrister,
Lincoln's Inn; MP for Abingdon

Date of will: 17th November 1647

Date of probate: 14th December 1647

Court: Prerogative Court of Canterbury

Depository: The National Archives, ref. PROB
11/202/244/325, image ref. 489/421

Executrix: Alice Ball, wife

Witnesses: Thomas Hobson
Edmund Gregory

Bequests:

Daughters Elizabeth, Mary,	£500 each, payable at such
Susan and Sara and sons	time as shall prove best for
Richard and Samuel	their advancement

Bequests to be paid from proceeds of sale of Colemore (or Colmer) Farm in Hampshire (inherited from uncle, Robert Ball) and Lock's Farm at Wokingham, which to be sold by "my brother Cleydon" (brother-in-law ?) and youngest brother Samuel.

Inventory: Not extant