

Appendix XV

Maryland State Archives land records

A. Warrants and Patents

1659

Conditional warrants for land were granted on 16 July 1659 to Thomas Powell (700 acres), Walter Dickenson (600 acres), Robert Gorsuch (300 acres), Richard Gorsuch (300 acres), Howell Powell (300 acres), **William Ball** (500 acres), William Chapman [Clapham] Sr. (500 acres), **Richard Ball** (500 acres), Thomas Humphrey [Humphreys] (600 acres) and Hugh Kinsey (400 acres).

Patent Record 4, p. 54, MSA S11-7, MdHR 17,337-2.

1660

Land Office, Liber 4, certificate p. 234, patent p. 342.

"William Ball of the province of Maryland planter, 15 February, 1659 [1660], was granted 420 acres of land at Balleston, Lying on the West Side of the Chesapeak Bay, and on the West side of the river in the said bay, called North West river beginning at a marked Locust Tree by the riverside running South West by the Riverside for breadth Two hundred and five perches, to a Creek called Balls Creek, etc."

Ballston, 420 acres; West side of North West River; Certificate. *Developer/Owner:* Ball, William 1659, Patent Record 4, p. 234, MSA S1582-921.

Ballston, 420 acres; West side of North West River; Patent. *Developer/Owner:* Ball, William 1659, Patent Record 4, p. 342, MSA S1582-922.

1661

Renewal dated 30 May 1661 of Richard Ball's above warrant for 500 acres. (Not 15 May 1661 per Johnston, p. 440.)

Patent Record 4, p. 554, MSA S11-7, MdHR 17,337-2.

'J.H.P.', p. 92, says patents duly issued to all ten grantees.

1663

Re-grant dated 24 September 1663 to William Ball, gentleman of 420 acres at Balliston.

The grant is referred to in a conveyance dated 4 June 1678 (MSA CE 66-2, I.R. no P.P., pp. 24-26), which includes the following recital:

"that whereas the R.^{ht} Hon.^{ble} Cæcilius Lord Baltemore in the province of Maryland by his Deed of grant under his great Seale used in this province for granting of Lands bear=ing date at S.^t Maryes the four & Twentieth day of Sept.^t in the thirtieth year of his Do=minion over the said province of Maryland Anq.^e Domini One Thousand Six hundred sixty & three for the Consideration therein mentioned did grant unto William Ball by y.^e name of William Ball Gentleman to him his h.^{ts} & Afs.^{gs} all that parcell of Land lyeing in the Middle River in Gunpowder River known by the name of Ballstone" (420 acres). [An annotation in the margin opposite says 'Balliftone'.]

1666

Timber Neck, 300 acres; Certificate. *Developer/Owner:* Ball, Richard 1666, Patent Record 9, p. 494, MSA S1582-10323.

Timber Neck, 300 acres; Patent. *Developer/Owner:* Ball, Richard 1666, Patent Record 10, p. 164, MSA S1582-10324.

1670

Warrant dated 28 July 1670 for re-survey of 420 acres called Balliston for William Ball, late of Baltimore county, gentleman.

Land Office, xii, 598 (per Johnston, p. 81).

Referred to in 1671 Patented Certificate 456B (MSA S1190-550).

Page 3 of the Patented Certificate begins:

"By uertue of a Spetiall Warr.^t granted unto William [Ball] Leyht of the County of Baltemore Gent. beareing d[ate the] 28th day of July 1670 Thefe are in humble manner ..."

1671

Balls Addition, 60 acres; Certificate. *Developer/Owner:* Ball, Richard 1671, Patent Record 16, p. 57, MSA S1582-912.

Balls Addition, 60 acres; Patent. *Developer/Owner:* Ball, Richard 1671, Patent Record 14 [*sic*], p. 193, MSA S1582-913.

1671

Priviledge (The), 250 acres; Certificate. *Developer/Owner:* Ball, Richard 1671, Patent Record 16, p. 58, MSA S1582-8392.

Priviledge (The), 250 acres; Patent. *Developer/Owner:* Ball, Richard 1671, Patent Record 16, p. 210, MSA S1582-8393.

1671

Land Office, Liber 16, certificate p. 60, patent p. 268.

Deed dated 10 June 1671.

Re-grant of Balleston estate (420 acres) by Lord Baltimore to:

"William Ball of the Collony of Virginia planter the said William Ball was granted that parcel of Land now Resurveyed called Balleston Lying in the County of Baltimore on the west Side of the Chesapeake Bay &c."

Ballistone, 420 acres; Certificate. *Developer/Owner:* Ball, William 1671, Patent Record 16, p. 60, MSA S1582-919.

Ballistone, 420 acres; Patent. *Developer/Owner:* Ball, William 1671, Patent Record 16, p. 268, MSA S1582-920.

Ballistone, William Ball, 420 acres, 1671, Patented Certificate 456B, MSA S1190-550, Reel No. SL 21,553.

1674

Grant dated 20 July 1674 to William Ball of Balls Enlargement (100 acres).

The grant is referred to in a conveyance dated 9 October 1676, and executed 6 March 1676 (1677) (MSA CE 66-2, I.R. no P.P., pp. 6-8), which includes the following recital:

"That whereas the Lord Baron of Baltemore by his Deed of Graunt under his great Seale used in the said province for Granting of Lands there bearing Date at S.^t Mary's the Twentieth day of July in the year of our Lord God One Thousand Six hundred Seventy & four did for the Consideration therein mentioned Grant unto the said William Ball his h.^{rs} & Afs.^{gs} by the name of William Ball all that parcell of Land Called Balls Enlargem.^t lyeing on the South Side of the River Petapsco" (100 acres).

B. Land transactions

1663

MSA CE 66-1, R.M. no H.S., p. 4

Assignment by Walter Dickenson to Richard Ball.

Land as in Patent mentioned called Gunworth (? acres).

Deed dated 17 June 1663.

William Ball and Howell Powell witnesses to Walter Dickenson's signature. (Dickenson from Lancaster county, Va. per 'J.H.P.', p. 93.)

1665

MSA CE 66-3, I.S. no I.K., p. 22.

Agreement dated 13 February 1664 (1665) for sale of 300 acres on Humphreys Creek at Bear Creek.

Vendor Richard Ball; purchaser Rowland Haddoway of Patapsco.

Richard Ball to warrant land from heirs of Thomas Humphreys deceased.

Witnesses included Paul Kinsey.

Transcript by Scisco, p. 345.

1666

MSA CE 66-2, I.R. no P.P., pp. 54-55.

Conveyance dated 27 January 1665 (1666) of a tract of 300 acres by the Patapsco River in a creek called Bear Creek and bounding Humpheries Creek or 'East Humpheries'.

Vendor Lancelett Sockwell of Rappahannock, Va.; purchaser Richard Ball.

Land acquired by Sockwell under will of Thomas Humphreys deceased of Rappahannock, Va.

William Ball and Richard Laurence witnesses to Lancelett Sockwell's signature.

Court minute dated 14 August 1666.

Transcript by Scisco, pp. 345-346.

1666

MSA CE 66-2, I.R. no P.P., p. 55.

Conveyance dated 14 August 1666 of the tract 'West Humpheries' of 300 acres on the south side of Patapsco River and on the north side of Humphreys Creek.

Vendor Richard Ball, planter; purchaser Rowland Hathaway.

Transcript by Scisco, p. 346.

1668

MSA CE 66-2, I.R. no P.P., p. 63.

Conveyance dated 3 January 1667 (1668) of 80 acres on north side of Patapsco River.

Vendor Richard Ball; purchaser Francis Reteet.

Conveyance refers to [assent ?] of "Mary Ball my Lawfull Wife".

1670

MSA CE 66-2, I.R. no P.P., pp. 88-89.

(1) Conveyance dated 26 May 1670 of 500 acres on Patapsco River.

Vendor William Clapham Sr. of Lancaster county, Va.; purchaser Richard Ball.

Walter Dickenson agreed on 22 November 1659 to take up 500 acres and build 2 houses and deliver a Patent to William Clapham Sr. by 1 February 1660 (1661). This not performed by Dickenson and Clapham unable to enforce "in regard of y.^e great distance of my residence from him". Clapham sold his rights to Richard Ball on 20 October 1668. Dickenson gave an undertaking to perform on 1 March 1669 (1670).

(2) Power of Attorney dated 26 May 1670 by William Clapham appointing Thomas Todd of Patapsco as his attorney.

(3) Assent dated 26 May 1670 by Jane Clapham, wife.

William Ball and Richard Linsfeild witnesses to all three documents.

Transcript by Browning (omits last paragraph of Conveyance), pp. 324-325.

1676/77

MSA CE 66-2, I.R. no P.P., pp. 6-8.

Conveyance made 9 October 1676, and executed 6 March 1676 (1677), of Balls Enlargement (100 acres).

Vendor William Ball; purchaser William Cocky (both of Anne Arundel county).

Recites grant of land by Lord Baltimore to William Ball by deed dated 20 July 1674.

1677

MSA CE 66-2, I.R. no P.P., p. 24.

Letter of Attorney dated 7 August 1677.

Grantor William Ball of Lancaster county, Va.; donee Nicholas Ruxton of Patapsco.

1678

MSA CE 66-2, I.R. no P.P., pp. 24-26.

Conveyance dated 4 June 1678 of 420 acres at Ballstone (Ballistone) in Middle River (formerly known as North West River) in Gunpowder River.

Vendor William Ball (by his attorney Nicholas Ruxton); purchaser Major Thomas Long. Consideration 9,000 lb. tobacco.

Recites grant of land by Lord Baltimore to William Ball, gentleman by deed dated 24 September 1663.

1684

MSA CE 66-1, R.M. no H.S., pp. 72-75.

Conveyance dated 11 February 1683 (1684) of Balls Addition (60 acres) to John Bennett.

Vendors Thomas Everest of the Clifts in Calvert county, planter, and Hannah his wife, daughter and heiress of Richard Ball, late of Baltimore county, cordwainer [*sic*], deceased.

Land adjacent to property of Mary Humpheries/Humphry's, and patented by Richard Ball, gent., in 1671.

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