

## **Will of John Balls of West Bergholt, farmer, 1811**

- To son John Balls: tenement and farm in West Bergholt, freehold and copyhold (devised to me by the will of my late father, John Balls, 1802), but charged with payments as per my father's will: annuity of £10 to my brother Richard Balls. My executors to run the farm until my son John comes of age.
- My friends and executors Robert Bradbrook of West Bergholt, farmer, and Nathaniel Polley of Lexden, farmer (also to be guardians of my children in their minority), to sell all my copyhold in West Bergholt, Lexden and Fordham, and all my cattle, corn and implements of husbandry. The money arising to be paid to:
  - My wife Elizabeth Balls (if she remains a widow)
  - My six children when they each reach 21, the money to be placed out at interest until they reach 21:
    - Sarah Balls
    - Mary Balls
    - Susanna Balls
    - Elizabeth Balls
    - Ann Balls
    - Richard Balls
- To wife Elizabeth: all household goods and furniture for her natural life, as long as she remains a widow. On her death or remarriage, the items to be sold and the proceeds divided between my said six children.

He marks.

Written: 25<sup>th</sup> August 1810

Witnesses: Jos. Fisher, W. Mason, Thos. Hurrell

He died 27<sup>th</sup> August 1810

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