

In the name of God Amen I William Ellis of the County of Taylor in the State of Kentucky being sick and my weak body but thanks be to Almighty God in my perfect sense and soundness of memory and knowing the certainty of death and that there is a time for all men once to die do appoint this my last will and testament and desire it may be read by all men as such as I utterly revoke all former wills by me made and after all my just debts and funeral charges are paid it is my will that the remainder of all my worldly estate with which the Lord hath blessed me withal may be disposed of in the manner following and first I give my body to the earth from whence it was taken in such and certain hope to receive it again at the general Resurrection where I hope through the merits of my blessed Redeemer to receive pardon and redemption for all my Sins

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Susannah Clarke a tract or parcel of land near John Gravit's station containing two hundred acres by Survey but as the said Grant has by a prior claim taken one hundred acres (as he says) whatever remains clear I give to her to dispose of as her husband shall see cause likewise one mare and saddle, two cows and calves, one Bed and furniture with whatever property which I have given her before which I give to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my son John Ellis One hundred and twenty acres of land to be taken of the North end of the tract whereon I understand one lay horse saddle and bridle, one bed and furniture, two cows and calves and one rifle gun (the land above mentioned which I give to my son John the bounds is to stand as laid off by Survey by survey) all which I give to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my son William Ellis Two hundred acres of land his choice out of a tract of one thousand acres lying in Clarke County on Spring Creek on the waters of State wherein he has an improvement also one new horse saddle and bridle, two cows and calves, one bed and one rifle gun one bed and furniture which I give to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Phoebe Mc Donald two hundred acres of land the third choice out of the tract that my son William has in one bed and furniture one young cow and mare one saddle and bridle two cows and calves which I give to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Ellis One hundred acres of land the second choice out of the same

Now it is my will that my three youngest sons shall have to the use of paper
I hereby direct my executors hereafter mentioned to put them apprised to some good
trade such as they in their discretion shall think most to their advantage.

Item It is my will that all the residue of my estate not already disposed
of I do hereby lend to my beloved wife Agnes Ellis during her natural life or in
case she die the land and plantation whereon I now live (which I before
have appointed for my son Keziah) and at the decease or marriage of my
wife all the part of my estate lent my wife of every kind I hereby direct may
be equally divided amongst all my children that shall be then living and
if any one or more of my children shall decease before they come to age to receive
their parts (having no lawfull heir) the part or parts of the decease shall be
equally divided amongst the survivors also the land and plantation which
I have lent to my wife if she decease or marry before my son Keziah
come to age my executors hereafter mentioned is hereby directed to rent the said
plantation (with this reserve that the land be not damaged) and the rent
arising from said plantation to be applied to the use of schooling and supports
of those of my children which shall be in need which I leave to the
discretion of my executors hereafter named and the plantation shall continue
to be rented until my son Keziah come to age at which time the said
land and plantation he shall take into his own possession as before
said. Item whereas I have a suit depending in Fayette Court
against John Cobb for three hundred pounds which said money
(if recovered) or any part thereof to be equally divided amongst my
youngest children and at the decease of my estate those hundred pounds
above mentioned shall be accountable to the youngest children for an
equal part of said money. And lastly I constitute and appoint my
Brother John Ellis my beloved wife Agnes Ellis and my two sons John
and William Ellis executors of this my last will and
testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 4th day of August 1793

William Ellis

Witness and subscribed
in presence of
Wm Ellis
Timothy Parrish
Abraham Mitchell
Benjamin Robinson
Fayette County October Court 1793
This instrument of writing was produced
in court proved to be the last will and testament
of William Ellis deceased by the oath of Wm Ellis
John and Richard Mitchell subscribing witnesses
therein and caused to be recorded
I certify a record here to you

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