

In the Name of God Amen this twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy four I John Ellis of the western Branch of Elizabeth river Norfolk county being sick but thanks be to Almighty God of sound mind and memory do make this my last will in the following manner and form as follows to wit. -

Item I do give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Ellis one Bed and furniture one chest one trunk one pot one soap tub one porringing hob two trays one table one plate one Basin nine spoons four chairs one small table one piggin one pail one frying pan one iron pot rack that drawer all the earthen ware and all the stock of hogs one cum hoghead and one barrel her first choice. one cow her first choice one woollen wheel two pair of cards ~~and the use of that~~ ~~and~~ ~~some~~ ~~this~~ part of my Land and fixing and fencing for the use of it during her widowhood and then to return as follows and all the estate mentioned except the Land is to her and her Heirs forever.

Item I give the use and labour of my horse and cart during my wifes life except she should marry and then to my son John Ellis and his Heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son James Ellis one half of my swamp Land adjoining John Moors Land, and one dish and one spit to him and his Heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my grand son Robert Ellis and my son John Ellis all the rest of my Lands to be equally divided between them but if either of them should die without issue of their Bodies then my will is the surviving one should enjoy the whole after my wifes term is ended to them and their heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Judith Smith one dish two plates one plate table &c.

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bodies then my will is the surviving one should enjoy the whole after my wife's term is ended
to them and their heirs forever.

I Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Judah Smith one dish two plates one black table, one
fat pot, two chairs one small chest during her life and at her decease to my grand daughter
Sarah Powell and her heirs forever.

I Item I give and bequeath unto my son John Ellis one heifer one bed and furniture six plates one dish
one basin one chest one table three chairs and two iron pots to him and his heirs forever.

I Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Joy the use of one bed and furniture during her
life and at her decease to her son William Smith and his heirs forever.

I Item I give and bequeath unto my son Joshua Joes one crown to him and his heirs forever.

I Item I give and bequeath unto my wife and all my children the remainder of ^{all} my estate except
my corn that is on the ground to her and the rest to be equally divided after paying my debts
and funeral expences I do nominate constitute and appoint my wife Mary Ellis holy and sole

my executrix of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal the day and date first written.

signed sealed and delivered in presence of us

Thomas Creech. Dinah ^{his} Ellis.

^{his} Thomas + Isaacman
mark

John ^{his} Ellis and seal
mark

June court 1775 this will was proved and ordered to be

recorded as per order Book.

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