

On the Name of God Amen the fifth day of February in the year of our Lord One
Thousand Seven ~~hundred~~ and Twenty Four I William Ellis of the Western Branch of Elizabeth
County North Carolina being sick & weak in Body but of sound & perfect mind &
Memory blessed be almighty God for the same do make & ordain this my last will
and Testament In the following Manner & form principally & first of all I recommend
my Soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it me and my Body to the Earth to
be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named & as it hath
pleased God to bless me with ⁱⁿ this Life I do give Devise & bestow myself as Follows—

I do give & bequeath unto my son Robert Ellis all my Lands to him and his heirs forever
I my desire is that all my moveables Estate should be sold and the Money to go to
my son William Ellis to him and his heirs for ever

my desire is that my son Robert Ellis shall have his schooling out of this money
that I give to my son William— Further More I do nominate constitute and
appoint my Brother James Ellis Executor of this my Last will & Testament in
witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date first above
mentioned in

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Signed Sealed & ^{declared} ~~Delivered~~

in the presence of us—

James Hooper

Samuel Ellis

Jeremiah Deans

his
William F. Ellis Seal
mark

February Court 1774. The above Will proved &c as by Order Book