

In the name of God Amen
I William Ellis of the City of Macon State
of Georgia being of sound mind and memory
and knowing that I must shortly depart this life
deem it right and proper both as respects
my family & myself that I should make a
disposition of the property with which a kind
providence has blessed me do therefore make
this last Will and Testament, hereby revoking
all others heretofore made by me

1st Item I desire and direct that my body be buried
in a decent and Christian manner my soul
I trust shall return to rest with God who
gave as I hope for eternal salvation through
the merits of the blessed Lord & savior Jesus Christ
whose religion I profess

2nd Item I give bequeath and devise to my wife Virginia
Ann Ellis my house & lot in the town of Oglethorpe
Macon County also a tract of land in Russell
County State of Alabama known as the South
West Quarter of Section Twenty One & range
thirty containing one hundred & sixty acres
also eight acres of the north west Quarter of
said Section also all of my household and
Kitchen furniture and horse & Buggy to dispose
of as she pleases

3rd Item I give and bequeath to my wife Virginia Ann
and to my daughter Mary Virginia the following
named negroes (viz) Callie, Decy, Jim Mitchell
Augustus, Mary, Henry, Sumptin, Emily Ann Eliza
Laura Frank, Cornelia & child Sam, Lizz, George
Sarah, Julia, Jack, Phoebe & Dilia Lizz, child, Ben
& Mary The moiety of my daughter Mary Virginia
in to said negroes I will and desire be for her sole
and separate use, for and during her natural life
free and exempt from the debts and liabilities
of any future husband, and on her decease to
such child or children as she may leave and
in the event of her dying without leaving
any child or children it is my will

- that said property with its increase go to my wife Virginia Ann and my son William S. Ellis
 5 Item I give and bequeath to my son William S. Ellis the following negroes namely viz; Douglass Louisa, Bunkle, Cicero, Turner, Erb, Malton, Delila, Sally. The last named Sally on the account of her age may share with which one of the family she may live
 6 Item I give and bequeath to my son William S. Ellis the following named negroes in trust viz; Louisa Wiley, Davis, Ruffin, Charles, and Hiram that he have the use and benefit of their labour & services during his natural life, after his decease they are then to go to his child or children if he leave no child or children then they go to my wife Virginia Ann Ellis and my daughter Mary V. Ellis
 6 Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Virginia for her sole and separate use, for and during her natural life free and exempt from the debts and liabilities of any future husband the following named negroes viz; Phillis, Jasper, & John and on her decease to such child or children as she may leave, and in the event of her leaving no child or children then said negroes to go to my wife Virginia Ann and to my son William S. Ellis
 7 Item I desire that my present Crabs, Stock of all kinds, plantation tools & Farming Utensils also the land on which is my plantation in Macon County State of Georgia be sold for the purpose of paying my just debts. The land to be sold on a credit of one two & three years as my Executors hereinafter named may think proper should there be any remainder after paying all my just debts I desire may be equally divided between my wife and two children
 I hereby appoint Executors and name my wife Virginia Ann Ellis as Executor to this my last Will and Testament
 Signed sealed & declared &
 published by William Ellis as his last

In the name
Will and Testament in the presence
of us the subscribers who subscribed
our names hereto in the presence of said
testator on the 25th day of June in
the year of Lord One Thousand eight
hundred and fifty-five
Sylvanus Sandrum
Jackson DeLoach
George S. O'Neal

William Ellis

Recorded August 2nd 1859