

Will of John Ellis

In the name of God Amen I John Ellis of Johnston County being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this 24th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say

First- I give and bequeath to my son Ephraim Ellis one certain tract or parcel of land bounded as following beginning in James Stallings deceased line and runs west to a corner on a white oak in the Cabbin branch thence Burrill Jones deceased line south to a corner in Whitfields line thence east along Whitfields line to Ephraim Fennell deceased old line to a corner one hickory thence Ephraim Fennell deceased line north to the beginning containing sixty acres more or less

Item I give and bequeath to my son John Ira Ellis my old tract of land wherein I now live containing two hundred and fifty five acres and forty acres on the west line adjoining the lands of James Stallings deceased and also another small piece on the east line containing twenty seven acres and half acres also one feather bed bedstead & furniture and half of the crop that is now growing 2^d I give and bequeath to my son Lofton Ellis one tract of land lying on both sides of Backhome adjoining the lands of John F. Gulley Gaston Parish and others containing one hundred and fifty two acres also one bed bedstead and furniture also one bay mare called Sade and half of the crop that is now growing 3^d I give and bequeath to my daughter Celinda Ellis one feather bedstead & furniture 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Riddy Ellis one bed bedstead and furniture 5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Ellis one bed bedstead and furniture and all the rest of my property that I am in possession of at the time of my death to be sold and the money arising therefrom said sale after paying my just debts to be equally divided amongst my ten children Ephraim Ellis William Ellis, Edm. Barnes, James R. Ellis, Riddy Ellis, Celinda Ellis Silvery Surley, John J. Ellis, Lofton Ellis and Nancy Ellis and I hereby ordain my son William Ellis executor of this my last will and testament in witnesses whereof I the said John Ellis have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year first above written. Signed sealed published and declared by the said John Ellis the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

John Boon
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John X Ellis

August Term 1841 When was the above last will and testament of John Ellis duly admitted to probate - open court by the evidence of Wm. H. Ellis and a jury to be recorded Wm. H. Ellis Clerk