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The State of South Carolina. In the Name of God Amen.
I Benjamin Ellis late of the Parish of Saint James Santee but now
of Charleston in the District of Charleston and State aforesaid, being
in bad health and infirm in body but of disposing mind & memory
first committing my Soul into the hands of Almighty God in the hope
of a happy resurrection. Do make this my Last Will and Testament in
manner and form following. that is to say. I will and direct that all
my funeral Expenses and just debts be fully paid and settled
Secondly I give devise and bequeath all the Estate of what nature &
kind soever both Real and personal of which I may die possessed
and having a claim to, unto James Craig his heir Executors Admi-
nistrators and assigns forever. In trust always monthlly to and for
the following uses intents and purposes. that is to say I in trust for
the sole use benefit and behoof of my deary beloved Daughter Eliza-
beth Ellis for and during the term of her natural life, and in case
of her death leaving lawfully begotten issue, then in trust for the sole
use benefit and behoof of such issue then heirs and assigns absolutely
and forever. freed and discharged from all further and other uses &
trusts whatsoever, provided always nevertheless that the Lawfully
begotten issue of such issue dying before ^{her} the said Elizabeth Ellis, shall
take among them the share or shares to which his her or their parents
would be entitled, had he she or they survived her, and in

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of her death leaving Lawfully begotten issue, then in trust for the sole
use benefit and behoof of such issue then heirs and assigns absolutely
and forever, freed and discharged from all further and other uses &
trusts whatsoever, provided always nevertheless that the Lawfully
begotten issue of such issue dying before ^{her} the said Elizabeth Ellis, shall
take among them the share or shares to which his her or their parents
would have been entitled, had he she or they survived her, and in
case of the death of my ^{said} Daughter Elizabeth Ellis leaving no Lawfully
begotten issue nor the Lawfully begotten issue of such issue, then in trust
for the sole use benefit and behoof of the Lawfully begotten issue of my
Late Brother Thomas Ellis, their heirs and assigns absolutely forever
Whatsoever, And Lastly I do hereby nominate Constitute & appoint

the said James Craig Executor of this my Last Will and Testament and
Guardian and Trustee of my Daughter Elizabeth Ellis hereby authorizing
all powers with by me at any time heretofore made and allowing that the
said James Craig hath power and authority to use and employ the aforesaid
divided property both real and personal in such manner and in any way as may
in his Judgment be most conducive to her interests, and to sell & convey
and dispose of the whole or any part thereof, and the proceeds of the
same to reinvest in other property in any manner and at any time
at his pleasure, I do trust always nevertheless to and for the same uses
intents and purposes as are hereinbefore expressed and declared. I do
Witness Whereof I the said Benjamin Ellis have hereunto at Charleston
aforesaid set my hand and Seal this Eighth day of October in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two and in the
forty seventh year of American Independence

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Signed Sealed declared and published by the said Benjamin Ellis as
his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request in
his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed
our names as Witnesses the Word "of being first intended"
Fred. Beard James W. Gray Ellen Coghlan Stevens

Proved before James D. Mitchell Esquire J. C. C. D. January 15th 1823

At the same time Qualified James Craig Executor