

I, Gideon Ellis, Senior, considering the uncertainty of human life, and being of sound mind and Memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) -

First, I do will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Lucy Ellis the sum of One thousand dollars to be loaned out by my Executors, and the interest of the same to be appropriated for her support during her natural life; and that after her death the said sum of One thousand dollars to be disposed of as hereinafter specified.

Secondly, I will and bequeath unto my two grandsons Andrew Ellis and Freemin Ellis, sons of Benjamin Ellis, dec'd, a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Pickens District, South Carolina, adjoining the lands of B. Hagood and others, containing one hundred acres more or less, or the proceeds of same if sold previous to my death.

Thirdly, I will and bequeath unto each of the children of my son Benjamin Ellis, dec'd, (except Andrew Ellis and Freemin Ellis) the sum of Twenty-five dollars in money.

Fourthly, I will that my Executors as soon after my death as convenient, collect all debts that may then be due unto me, pay all just demands that may be against me, sell all my property both real and personal to the best advantage, and pay out of the proceeds thereof unto my sons William Ellis, Jeremiah Ellis, Stephen Ellis, Joshua Ellis & Jesse Ellis; to my sons-in-law James McWhorter, John Neighbors, James Major, Andrew C. Hughs and William Douglass; and unto the heirs-at-law of my son Reuben Ellis, dec'd, and my grand daughters, Sarah Ann McWhorter, such amount in cash to each one individually as may be required to amount when added to the account against each found in my Day Book A bought in 1854, to the sum of eight hundred and twenty-nine dollars; being the amount of an account found in said book against my son Gideon Ellis, Junior.

Fifthly, It is my desire that my Executors after having thus

equalized the amount of each account against my children (except that of Benjamin Ellis dec'd) and my grand daughter Sarah Ann McWhorter, divide all the residue of my estate, (including the One thousand dollars above specified after the death of my beloved wife Lucy Ellis) between my several legatees whose names are mentioned in this will except the legal heirs of Benjamin Ellis, dec'd) in an equal proportion. The legal heirs of Benjamin Ellis, dec'd, having been specially provided for in the second and third parts of this my last will and testament. I wish my Executors to bear in mind that it is my express desire that my sons and sons-in-law living; the legal heirs of my son Reuben Ellis, dec'd; and my grand daughter Sarah Ann McWhorter share equally the proceeds of my entire estate (except the amount bequeathed to the heirs of Benjamin Ellis, dec'd) from the time the first article was charged by me to one of my children to the final distribution of the last of my estate.

Lastly, it is my will that William Hunter, Esq. of the District & State aforesaid, and my son Jesse Ellis act as Executors to this my last will and testament, and I do hereby appoint them as such.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this seventeenth day of April one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

WITNESSES;

A. M. FOLGER.
JOHN GILSTRAP.
MABREY MAULDIN.

GIDEON ELLIS. (SEAL)

SOUTH CAROLINA.
PICKENS DISTRICT.

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me A. M. Folger and made oath that he was present and saw Gideon Ellis sign the within as his last will and testament, and that John Gilstrap & Mabrey Mauldin was with himself subscribing witnesses to the same.

SWORN to and subscribed
before me Dec. 22nd 1859.

A. M. FOLGER.

W. E. HOLCOMBE, O.P.D.