

In the name of God Amen I make this my last will and testament in the name of God amen. I will and bequeath to my [two sons that Jefferson Bearfield Ellis and Nathaniel Ellis](#) my two tracts of land lying near together one in Barnwell District and the other one in Beaufort District containing more or below?, and I give an bequeath to [my beloved wife Selah Ellis](#) the buildings and thirty acres of land nighest Barnwell round about the buildings upon the tract lying in Barnwell District, the buildings thirty acres of land above mentioned for the uses and purposes of the said Selah during her natural life and at her death the said promises to return back to my children as above named. I give and bequeath to [my daughter Elizabeth Eve Ellis](#) the following Negroes by name Jack, Louisa and her female child Flora and her two cows and calves. All the remaining part of my personal property to be evenly between my two sons as above named when my son Nathaniel arrives to the age of twenty one years all of the property must be kept together if worked and the monies arising therefrom or as much as necessary must be allocated to the education of my children. Given under my hand this [23<sup>rd</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred & Seventeen](#). I do appoint my wife Selah Ellis Executrix & my son Jefferson B. Ellis my Executor to the above will.

Signed Sealed in presence of  
James Bearfield  
Jennet Porter

[Wm Ellis](#)

South Carolina  
Barnwell District

By Osamus D. Allen Esq. Ordinary of B District. Personally appeared before me Mr. James Bearfield who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Al-Mighty God doth make oath and say that he saw [Mr. William Ellis](#) sign, seal xxxxxx pronounced and declare the within instrument of writing to be and contain his last will and testament that he the said William Ellis was then of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding to the best of the defroments knowledge and belief; and that Wife Jennet Porter together with this defroment signed their names at witness xxxx at the request of the Testator in his presence and in the presence of each others. Given under my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty one.

Osamus D. Allen, Ordinary of  
Barnwell District

South Carolina  
Barnwell District

By Osamus D Allen Esquire Ordinary. For all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting. Know ye that on the thirtieth day of November which was in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one the last will and testament of William Ellis, late of said District in this State Planter deceased, was proved appeared and allowed

of the said deceased having whilst he lived and at the time of his death livery goods rights and credits within the estate aforesaid by means whereof the approbation and allowing of his testament, and the power of granting the administration of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased to one is manifestly known to belong; and that the administration of all and singular the good, rights and credits of the said deceased and his testament my xxx of why concerning, was granted and committed unto [Mrs. Celia Ellis, now Mrs. Huggins named Executrix](#) - in the last will and testament; having first sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, well and faithfully to administer and make a full and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased and to exhibit the same into the Ordinary's Office, in Barnwell in order to be recorded, on or before the thirtieth day of January now nest onsuing; and to render a just and true account calculation and reckoning thereof, when thereabouts required. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the [thirtieth day of November](#) in the year of our Lord, [1821](#), and in the forty sixth year of American Independence.

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