1760 Will of Caleb Ellis Sr.

Surry County VA Wills, Etc. Book 10 (1754–1768), p. 285

In the Name of God Amen this Tenth Day of August One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty. I ***Caleb Ellis*** *of Surry County being Very Sick of Body but of Sound Mind thanks to Almighty God do Constitute make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in form following.*

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Son ***Richard Ellis*** *my Island Land lying on Black Water Swamp to him & his Heirs for ever –*

Item I Give & Bequeath to my Son ***Stephen Ellis*** *my Land and Plantation whereon I now live He allowing his Mother Peaceable and Quiet Possession thereof During her Natural Life to him and his heirs for ever –*

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Son ***Caleb Ellis*** *my Negro Girl Named* ***Beck*** *to him and his Heirs for ever he Allowing his Mother the Labour* [sic] *thereof During her Natural Life –*

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Son ***Benj[a] Ellis*** *my Negro Girl Named* ***Tabb*** *to him and his Heirs for ever. He Likewise allowing his Mother the Labour* [sic] *thereof During her Natural Life.*

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Loving Wife ***Amelia Ellis*** *all the Remainder of my Estate after my Just Debts is Paid thereof During her Natural Life & at her Decease I Desire it to be Equally Divided amongst my Five Children Viz[t]* ***Richard Ellis***, ***Dann Ellis***, ***Stephen Ellis***, ***Mary Cooper***, & ***Amelia Shell*** *and in Case any one of them should Die before the Decease of their Mother then for it to be Equally Divided amongst the Survivors of them living. I Likewise Ordain my Two Sons* ***Caleb Ellis*** *and* ***Benj[a] Ellis*** *Exors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day & Year first above Written, and in the Presence of*

Test ***Will[m] Shell***
John X Cooper *signum*
Rich[d] Cooper

[signed] ***Caleb Ellis*** *(Seal)*

At a Court held for Surry County the 17[th] Day of May1762 –

The afore Written Las[t] *Will & Testament of* ***Caleb Ellis*** *Deced. Was Presented in Court by the Exors therein Named who made Oath thereto & being Proved by the Oaths of* ***John Cooper*** *&* ***Richd Cooper*** *Two of the Witnesses thereto the same was Ordered to be Recorded and on the Motion of the said Exors Certificate is granted them to Obtaining a Probate thereof in Due form –*

Test ***W[m] Nelson***

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