

WILL OF

ROBERT ELLISON

5^o Carolina Craven County Williamsburgh

In the name of God Amen the fifth day of November one thousand seven hundred & Seventy, I Robert Ellison of Williamsburgh being sick & weak of body, but of perfect mind & Memory, blessed be God calling to mind the Mortality of my body do make & constitute & appoint this my last will & Testament, that is to say first & principally, I Leave my soul to God who gave it, my body I reccommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian & decent like manner at the Discretion of my after named Executors, my worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to blefs me, I do give & bequeath in the following Manner & form, Imprimis I will & order that my personal Estate be sold Excepting One Negro Girl named Venice Eldest Child of Phebe & one Cow & Calf the said two articles shall be clear of Debts, Item I will & appoint that all my Lawfull Debts shall be paid, Item I will & bequeath to my dearly beloved wife One third part of my personal Estate now remaining except that Negroe Girl & Cow & Calf already Mentioned, I will & appoint that my Widow shall plant & Cultivate on the plantation whereon I now live for the use her family or market as soon as married to another Man she shall have no other right or property in my real Estate, shall move out at the request of my Executors with her share already appointed to her of my personal Estate, Item I will & bequeath to my Grand daughter Elizabeth Erwin, Eldest Daughter of John Erwin she shall have for her child's part the Negroe Girl already mentioned Item I will & bequeath to Mary M^cWhennay to have bed & board as long as my Executors shall think it Convenient with One Cow & Calf, Item the remaining two parts shall be divided in the following Manner to wit into four parts the One fourth part shall be divided among my Son Mathews Children, the second fourth part shall be divided among John Erwins children save Elizabeth, Item I will & bequeath to Hugh Erwins Children my Grand Children, I appoint to be equally divided among my grand children of Mary Ellison wife of Hugh Erwin One third part, Item I will & appoint to my son Roberts two Children one fourth part of my personall Estate to Equally divided amongst his two Children, the time of sharing shall not be till they come of Age,