

WILLS OF THE ELLISONS OF NEW ENGLAND
from 1711 to 1780

Laurence Ellison - Laurence Ellison of Hempstead died intestate and his sons Richard, Thomas and John petition for Letters of Administration, which were granted January 2, 1665/6.

Richard Ellison - Richard Ellison, Sr., Hempstead, leaves to wife Tamison 10 pounds, leaves to son John 150 acres of land "lying at the bottom of the Bevill, also a lot of meadow which was John Smith's, Blue, lying at new bridge." Leaves to son Richard "50 acres of land at the bottom of said Beville." To son Thomas "22 acres of land, delivered to him by John Tredwell, and one acres had of Jonathan Smith, Rock." To son-in-law Joshua Janock, 10 acres "in lieu of a cow James Pine left for his wife, which cow is long since dead." Rest of estate is left to his wife for life and then to his sons Richard and Thomas, and his daughter Rachel. (not dated)
Witness: Joseph Smith
Proved June 13, 1683

December 19, 1665 - Where as in page 28 there is a record of land between Adam Mote and John Ellison, from this time forward I, John Ellison do resign all my right and interest of that home Bevill for and in consideration of Richard Ellison's part of the home that our father Laurence Ellison, late dec. did enjoy, by the loote of John Smith. As witness our hands,

Teste, Tho. Hickes, clerk

Richard Ellison (his mark)
John Ellison (his mark)

John Ellison - The will of John Ellison, made the 8th day of the 11th month, 1684. I give to my brother, Thomas after my decease my whole estate. Only the said Thomas is to satisfy my debts, if justly demanded. Only one bed and bolster to my cousin Mary Balden.

Edmund Titus
Joseph Ginings (his mark)

John Ellison (his mark)

At a court of Inferior Pleas held at Jemacia the 10th day of January, 1668 the within mentioned will of the within named John Ellison was proved by oaths of the within named Edmund Titus and Joseph Jenings.

Andrew Gill

Thamason Ellison - Whereas I, Thomason Ellison, widow, of Hempsted on Long Island in Queens County having a certain estate left by my husband Richard Ellison dec. for my maintenance during my natural life, after which by my husband's will the said estate is to be divided amongst our three youngest children Richard, Thomas and Rachel. By reason I find myself incapable to manage the said estate for my own comfort and the best advantage thereof I do therefore see cause and have set out and disposed unto my son-in-law Samuel Pine a certain lot of meadow lying on the south side on a neck called washburns neck bounded on the west by the meadows of Timothy Holsted. The said lot of meadow more or less as shall be found as also two cows, all which to be and remain to the said Samuel Pine to him, his heirs or assigns, he or they rendering and paying to me the said Widdow Ellison or my order yearly and every year during my natural life 10 shillings current money of this province to be paid each year after the date here of, at or upon the 25th day of December yearly as aforesaid and in confirmation of every of the above said premises I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal this 2nd day of September 1689.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us:
Joseph Smith

Thamason Ellison (her mark)

Joseph Pettet

To all Christian people to whom these may come, greeting. Know yea that I, Susannah Atkinson, of the township of Mansfield in the county of Burlington and state of New Jersey, widow, being at this time in reasonable health and of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be to God. For the same and all others his mercies do this 4th day of October in the year of our Lord 1794, make constitute and ordain this, my last Will and Testament in wording, in manner and form as followeth, that is, today:

First and principally I recommend my soul to God, who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian like manner at the descretion of my executor herein after named.

Secondly, as to the worldly estate where with it hath been pleased God to bless me with in this world, I will and devise the same in the following manner: That all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid and discharged.

Thirdly, I give all my wearing apparel unto my daughters that shall be living at the time of my decease to be equally divided amongst them, Elizabeth Ellison excepted, she having been provided for before. And as to the remainder of my personal estate, if any there be, I give in the following manner.

To Lydia English, to the children of John Ellison, dec. their father share to Susannah Ellis. To the children of James Ellison, dec. their fathers share. To Joseph Ellison, to Elizabeth Ellison, to Hannah Beck, and to Ezekial Ellison. That is to say, to have each share and share alike the children of John Ellison and James Ellison to have only two shares amongst my surviving children. And if any of my aforementioned children should be dead at the time of my decease, then the share given to the parent shall be equally divided amongst their surviving children. And if any of the aforesaid legaties do not make legal demand of their _____ in three years after my death it shall be forfeited to them and equally divided between them that do. And likewise, it is my will that the _____ of land on which I now live with _____ of David King be for the sole use and benefit of my daughter Hannah Beck whilst she remains the widow of Asa Beck and live on it _____. But when she shall marry _____ to live on and _____ then it is my will that the same _____ by my executors impowering them to make a good and sufficient title for the _____ and the money anything from the sales there is to be divided in the same manner and cooperation as is directed for the division of my personal estate.

And lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son Ezekial Ellison executor and Hannah Beck, executrix jointly and _____ of this my last Will and Testament, for the _____ intent and purpose therein contains and according to the _____ extent and meaning thereof, revoking and disannulling all other will or wills by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last Will and Testament unto which I have set my hand and affixt my seal the day and year before written, 1794.

Susannah Atkinson (her Mark SA)

Signed sealed and pronounced by the said Susannah Atkinson as her last Will and Testament in the presence of us here under written.

Philip Bowne

Thomas Bowne

James Bowne

Hannah Beck, executor of the last Will and Testament of the within named Susannah Atkinson, dec. being duly affirmed according to law did declare _____ that the within wording contains a true _____ of all _____ the goods, chattles _____ of the deceased as far as come to his knowledge or _____ or to the _____ of any other person or persons for _____. Taken before me at Burlington the 21st March 1795. _____ ?

Hannah Beck

Will of James Ellison

I James Ellison of Greenbrier County and State of Virginia being at this time in a perfect state of health but calling to mind it is once appointed for all man to die I am willing therefore to put into writing this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form as followeth, viz:

First and principally I give and recommend my soul in the hands of God that gave it and my Body to earth to be buried to the discretion of my Executor herein after named and as to the worldly estate it hath pleased God to bless me with I am willing to give, devise and bequeath to my wife and children in the manner and form as followeth:

I give my son James Ellison five shillings, he being before by me advanced.

I give my son Joseph Ellison five pounds sterling, he being before me advanced.

I give, devise and bequeath to my son John Ellison that part of my plantation laying on Hands Creek that contains all the improvement, excluding the bottom cleared and fenced, I mean all that part of said land that lays on the sun rising or East side of said creek, all which piece or parcel of land I give to him my son John Ellison, his heirs and assigns forever, he being subject to pay one half of the legacies this will contains.

I give Asa Ellison five shillings, he being before by me advanced.

I give, devise and bequeath to my daughter Ann Ellison the upper part of my plantation laying Hands Creek, all that lays above the third fording in the fork of the creek, all of which piece or parcel of land I give to my daughter Ann Hayes her life and then to ascend to her son John Hayes, he not living to the age of 21 to ascend to her next surviving heir to their heirs and assigns forever.

I give Ruth Ellison five shillings.

I give, devise and bequeath to my daughter Marey Paul that part of my plantation laying on Hands Creek that towards the sun setting or West side of the said creek extending from the loc Sine to the upper end of the Hickory Bottom including the Bottom Field, all which peice or parcel of land I give to my daughter Mary Paul and her husband, paying one half of the legacies, her life and here to ascend to her son John Paul if he lives to age of 21 if not to ascend to her next surviving heir, their heirs and assigns forever.

I give my wife Ann Ellison what the law allows her and all the rest of my personal estate I ordain to be equally divided among my children.

I also nominate and appoint my true and trusty friend John Ellison and Isaac Paul to be Executor of this my last Will and Testament making nul and void all former Wills and making this and only this to be my last Will and Testament. Inwitness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight -- 1788.

Signed sealed published pronounced
and delivered in the presence of
John Burns
Adam Moun
Jacob Abram

James Ellison

Court held for Greenbrier County the 27th of December 1791: this last Will and Testament of James Ellison dec. was presented in court by John Ellison and Isaac Paul, the executors of therein named whom upon the same were proved by the oath of Jacab Mann and ordered recorded. and on the motion of the said Executors who made oath according to law certificate is granted them for obtaining probate thereof in due form whereupon the entered into and acknowledged bond with security and condition as the law directs.

John Stuart

ELLISON

"Lawrence Ellison was an early settler of Long Island, N. Y., he died in Hempstead, Long Island in 1664. He had three sons, Richard, Thomas and John." This John was probably the one listed below, the ancestor of the Ellisons who settled in southern Virginia, Greenbrier and Monroe Counties in 1771.

John Ellison, born @1695, married Susannah (maiden name unknown) @ 1725 Burlington County, New Jersey. He died 1761 in Mansfield Twp., Burlington Co., she died 1795. Their children were:

1. Lydia-(listed in her Mother's will as Lydia English)
2. John-married Catherine Vandyke March 1, 1756 Monmouth Co., New Jersey; married second March 23, 1758 Elizabeth Doughty Burlington.
3. Susannah-married May 7, 1754 Aaron Ellis, Burlington County.
- 4. James Ellison, born 1735 Shrewsbury, Monmouth Co., married Anne English Addis Feb. 11, 1758. They moved to Greenbrier County, Va. ans were the progenitors of the (West) Virginia Ellisons.
5. Joseph-married Sarah Browne Feb. 7, 1768; second Hannah Hartshorne July 4, 1780, he died Jan. 24, 1810.
6. Elizabeth-married Nov, 11, 1760, Amos Ellison, Burlington County.
7. Hannah-married Asa Beck. She was living in 1794.
8. Ezekiel-born @Feb. 1756 married Oct. 6, 1762 Ariantje Bennet. He died 1808.
9. Ruth-married Thomas Cox, she died 1795.

James Ellison I, 1735-1791, married Anne English Addis, widow of Thomas Addis, daughter of William English. They settled in Greenbrier Co., Va. 1771. He died December 1791 at his farm on Bradshaw Run Monroe Co., Virginia. Their seven children were:

- * 1. James II-born @ 1758 New Jersey, died Feb 18, 1839; married Nancy Elizabeth Farley @ 1777, daughter of Francis Farley II.
2. Joseph-born 1760 New Jersey.
3. Asa-born 1762 New Jersey married first Elizabeth Kilpatrick Dec. 17, 1782 Greenbrier County, second Elizabeth Pennington, April 2, 1805 Monroe Co., Va.; he later moved to Kentucky.
- * 4. John-born 1764 New Jersey married Frances Paul Nov. 5, 1787 Greenbrier County, Va., he died @ 1845.
5. Mary-born 1766 New Jersey married Issac Paul 1787.
6. Anne-born 1768 in Virginia married James Haynes, Oct. 6, 1786 Monroe Co., Va.
7. Ruth-born 1770 in Virginia.

Numerous articles are found in the county histories about the Ellisons and all of the descendants.

Son # 1, James II and son # 4, John, are listed in the DAR Patriot Index, soldiers of the Revolution, conflicting dates are stated. It is possible that the Joseph listed is son # 2.

My research concentrated on son # 3, Asa Ellison Sr., as his line connects to the Neely, Christian, Harper lines of Summers, Fayette and Raleigh Counties. A previous article gives this line of descent.

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James Ellison, born 1735 New Jersey, son of John and Susanna Ellison, married February 11, 1758 New Jersey, Anne English Addis, a widow, daughter of William English. They moved, with their seven children, four sons and three daughters, from Mansfield, Burlington County, New Jersey to Greenbrier County (W) Virginia @1771.

Numerous articles are scattered throughout the histories of the southern counties of Va., the area now West Virginia, about the descendants of this couple. In this article we will pursue the line of Asa Ellison Sr. and his son, Asa Ellison Jr.

Asa Ellison Sr. born @1760, son of James and Anne Ellison, in Mansfield, Burlington County, New Jersey, moved to the Greenbrier area, later Monroe County, when about eleven years old. He married Elizabeth Kilpaterick December 17, 1782 Greenbrier County and Asa Ellison, Jr, is one of the proven children of this marriage. The complete probable list of children by the first wife according to available records are:

1. Joseph b @1783 m Sarsh Alford Va.
- 2. Asa Jr. b @1784 m Mary "Polly" Tuggle Va.
3. Betty b @1785 m Samuel Lewis Va. —
4. Thomas b @1786 m Olive Cox Ky.
5. Jenny b @1787 m Jesse Lay Ky.
6. Lucinda b @1790 m James Pearce Ky.
7. Jesse b @1792 m Marian Foley Ky.
8. Daughter b 1794 no record
9. William b @1795 m(1) Helen Nancy Bowen (2) Mary Manning Ky.
10. Daughter b @1797 no record

Records of the death date of the first wife, Elizabeth Kilpaterick, have not been found, however, March 19, 1805 a bond was made by Asa, Sr. to marry Elizabeth Pennington. Asa, Sr. married his second wife April 2, 1805, in Monroe County, Virginia. The last record for him in Monroe County, Va. is a deed of sale, Sept. 3, 1807 for 62 acres on Fitzpatericks Run near Indian Creek. By 1808 the family had arrived in Whitley County, Kentucky.

Children of Asa Sr. and, second wife, Elizabeth Pennington Ellison are:

1. Daughter b@1806 (probably Rhoda m Sampson Stanfield Ky.) *m. 12-19-1822 b. 2-6-1806 d. 11-10-1867*
2. Daughter b 1808 (probably Rebecca m William Stanfield Ky.)
3. Daughter b @1810
4. James b @1814 m Dolly ? *Mary Ann?*
5. Daughter b @1817 (probably Ruthey m James Veach Ky.) *m. 2-5-1836*
6. John b @1820 m Elizabeth ?

Asa Ellison Jr. born @1784 Monroe County Virginia, son of Asa Sr. and his first wife Elizabeth Kilpaterick, took out a bond to marry Mary "Polly" Tuggle, March 19, 1805 Monroe County, Virginia. They were married March 26, 1805. (This is not to be confused with his father, Asa Sr., who took out a marriage bond the same day and married for the second time April 2, 1805.) The marriage bond states

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"You may give license for my Polly Tuggle and Asa Ellison", signed Thomas McDaniel and Sealy McDaniel. This was probably her mother and step-father. No other record of her parents has been located.

Asa Ellison Jr. and Mary "Polly" Tuggle Ellison lived and raised their family on Little Pipestem Creek in Pipestem, Giles County, Virginia (Mercer County and 1871, Summers County West Virginia).

Asa died in 1846. Mary "Polly", born @1784 in Virginia is listed as a widow in the 1850 Mercer County Census, age 64; daughter Mary A. age 26, insane, born Va.; son William T. age 22, born Virginia. After the marriage of son William T., in 1855, she and her afflicted daughter, Mary Ann, lived in his home.

The heirs of Asa sold 150 acres, on Little Pipestem Creek, to William M. Meador, Oct. 10, 1853. Records of the transaction are recorded in Princeton, Mercer, County, W. Va. and signed by Polly Ellison, wife; James Ellison, wife Polly; Lark T. Ellison, wife Nancy; Asa M. Ellison; William T. Ellison; Emeline Ellison Meador, wife of Isaiah Meador.

Children of Asa and Mary "Polly" are:

1. James b Aug. 14, 1807 m Oct. 10, 1833 Polly Mann, died Jan. 15, 1887. Lived Pipestem, W. Va.
2. Celia b 1810 m Sug. 13, 1829 William M. Meador. Lived in Pipestem area.
3. Larkin Tuggle b March 26, 1816 m Nancy E. Cummings. Moved to Oregon and died there July 1, 1877.
4. Asa McDowell (the third Asa) b 1820 m (1) Ankey Keaton 1839 Monroe County, Virginia; (2) Timanda Jane Vannroy, Campgell Co., Tennessee, Oct. 19, 1846. They resided in Pipestem and later Whitley County, Ky. @ 1850; (3) Delilia ?. Asa died in Whitley County, Kentucky.
5. Mary Ann Ellison b May 1825 never married
- 6. William T. b 1828 m (1) Esther Christian (2) Mary Ellen Vest.
7. Emeline b 1831 m 1850 Isaiah Meador. Lived Mercer County.

William T. Ellison born 1828 Pipestem, Virginia, married Jan. 11, 1855 Giles County, Virginia, Esther Christian, born 1835 Giles County, daughter of John H. Christ: and Prunella Abbott. Esther Christian Ellison died between August 1860-Dec. 1861. They were the parents of three children:

1. Larkin T. b @1856 lived in Mercer County.
2. William H. b @1857 lived Cabell County 1928.
- 3. Mary P. Ellison b Dec. 25, 1859 Pipestem m William J. Neely.

After the death of his first wife, William T. Ellison was married, second, to Mary Ellen Vest, Dec. 26, 1861 Mercer County, Virginia by Rev. Leroy Keaton. Mary Ellen was born September 6, 1840 Mercer County, Virginia, daughter of Mosby Richard Vest and Sarah Cockran. Mosby R. Vest was born 1812 in Franklin, Virginia. Sarah Cockran Vest was born 1815 in Patrick County Virginia. Children of the second marriage were:

1. Erastus G.

2. Sarah E.
3. Albert U.
4. Joseph C.
5. Charles C. b October 1879
6. Jehu T.
7. Lilla E.
8. Lupa May

Mary P. Ellison, born December 25, 1859 Pipestem, Va., was married September 14, 1881 at the home of her father and step-mother, at Athens, Mercer, County, Virginia, to William J. Neely. He was the son of Harrison Neely and Celia Harvey Neely. William was born December 5, 1859, Mercer County. After marriage they lived in Pipestem, where all of the children were born, later, between 1900-1910, moving to Beckley, Raleigh, County, West Virginia.

Mary P. Ellison Neely died Saturday June 2, 1928 at the home of her daughter, Evelyn Josephine Neely Harper. William J. Neely died October 4, 1921, both are buried in the Neely Plot at Wildwood Cemetery Beckley, West Virginia.

Children of this marriage were:

1. Elsie April 14, 1882-April 28, 1882
2. Dora May July 3, 1883-Feb. 12, 1897
3. William H. June 29, 1885-Sept. 4, 1905 never married.
4. Clainreel Clay June 28, 1887-1936 m Rosie Canfield Sept 24, 1917, resided Raleigh County.
5. Myrtle E. Aug. 3, 1889-April 6. 1973 m William Harler Aug. 7, 1906, resided Beckley.
- 6. Evelyn Josephine Neely Oct. 3, 1891-Aug. 20, 1969 m Philip Earl Harper, resided Beckley.
7. Robert G. Neely May 15-1893-Sept. 29, 1906

Evelyn Josephine Neely, born Pipestem, Summers County, West Virginia October 3, 1891 married Philip Earl Harper, September 1, 1915 Raleigh County, West Virginia, son of James Westlake Harper and Nancy Louisa Hinchman. "Eva" Neely Harper died August 20, 1969. Philip Earl Harper, born June 6, 1891 Raleigh County, died August 10, 1968. They are buried at the Mt Tabor Cemetery Raleigh County. They were the parents of five children all born in Beckley, Raleigh County, West Virginia.

1. Wanda May Harper April 14, 1917-Oct. 1917
2. Joseph Earl Harper b May 9, 1919, resides in Hinton.
3. William Wesley Harper April 11, 1921-June 28, 1946
4. Jack Willard Harper b May 30, 1924, resides in St. Petersburg Fla.
- 5. Robert Ellison Harper b June 2, 1929, resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Robert Ellison Harper
473 Richard Lane
Cincinnati, Ohio 45244

January 25, 1985

1804

April 2th day then by license joined in Holy matrimony

Abra Ellison Sen and Elisabeth Pennington

I say Celebrated this day by me Joseph Standley

Do the County Clerk of Monroe

Wm. C. ...
you ...
Jugg ...
Thomas ...
Sally ...

March 26 day 1805 This is to Certify that I do Stand by
Have by virtue of a license from you obtained Have joined
& Celebrated the rite of matrimony betwixt afa Ellison
and Sally Puggle I say Celebrated by me this day Above men

we App^r Ellison Sen^r & Isaac Paul ask^d
ourselves Indebted to John Page Govern
nor of Virginia and his Successors in
the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars
with condition that there is no legal
Cause to obstruct a marriage intended
to be solemnized between the said
App^r Ellison Sen^r and Elizabeth —

- Purnington witness our hands
and seals this 19th day of March
1874

Teste —

John H. ...

Isaac Paul

Isaac Paul
witness

Isaac Paul

wee J^{es} Ellison Jun^r & J^{es} Ellison ^{Sen}
acknowledge our Subscr^{ptions} amount unto John
Page Governor of Virginia and his
Successors in the sum of one hundred
and fifty dollars - with condition
that there is no legal cause to obstruct
a marriage intended to be solemnized
between the said J^{es} Ellison Jun^r &
Polly Buggle without our hands
and Seals this 19th day of March
1810

Teste
John Hutton

J^{es} Ellison Jun^r
J^{es} Ellison

J^{es} Ellison