

STATE OF ALABAMA X  
JEFFERSON COUNTY X

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Last Will and Testament  
of

LEONE H. ELLIS



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Shelby Cnty Judge of Probate, AL  
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I, Leone H. Ellis, a resident of the City of Birmingham, State of Alabama, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this instrument as and for my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking any and all other Wills and Codicils thereto heretofore made by me.

ITEM ONE

I direct that all of my just debts, including the expenses of my last illness and funeral, shall first be paid out of my estate by my Executor, hereinafter named, as soon as possible after my death.

ITEM TWO

It is my will and I direct that my Executor, hereinafter named, shall divide among such of my grandchildren as he may select any items of jewelry which I may own at the time of my death. The decision of my Executor in this matter shall be final, and he shall have the absolute discretion to select what items of jewelry shall be given to any of my said grandchildren, and to select the grandchild to whom such item of jewelry shall be given.

ITEM THREE

All of the rest, residue or remainder of my estate and all of my interest in property of every kind, whether real, personal or mixed, and wherever situated, I give, devise and bequeath to my husband, E. Raiford Ellis, to be his absolutely, if he be living at the time of my death.

ITEM FOUR

In the event that my said husband, E. Raiford Ellis, shall predecease me, then I give, devise and bequeath all of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate and all of my interest in

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property of every kind, whether real, personal or mixed, and wherever situated, to my sons, James Raiford Ellis and Robert Goodloe Ellis, in equal shares, to be theirs absolutely, if they be living at the time of my death. In the event that either of my said sons shall predecease me, I give, devise and bequeath the share of my estate herein given to said son to his children living at the time of my death in equal shares, per stirpes.

ITEM FIVE

I hereby nominate and appoint my husband, E. Raiford Ellis, as Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, and I direct that my said Executor shall not be required to give bond or to file an inventory or appraisal of my estate or any partial or final settlement in any Court. In the event that my said husband shall predecease me or shall for any other reason fail or refuse to serve as Executor, I appoint my sons, James Raiford Ellis and Robert Goodloe Ellis, as co-executors, of this my Last Will and Testament, and I direct that my said co-executors shall have the same exemption from giving bond and from the control of the Court that is granted herein to my Executor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 17 day of February, 1970.

Leone H. Ellis (SEAL)  
Leone H. Ellis

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above named testatrix subscribed her name to the foregoing instrument in our presence, and published and declared the same to be her Last Will and Testament, and we, at the same time, at her request, in her presence and in the presence of each other, have hereunto signed our names as subscribing witnesses.

[Signature] Address: 479 Forest Drive  
Turkeyfoot, Alabama  
[Signature] Address: 1025 South Nelson Blvd  
Montgomery, Alabama  
[Signature] Address: 1037 Forest Nelson Blvd  
Montgomery, Alabama

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CERTIFICATE TO THE PROBATE OF WILL

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
JEFFERSON COUNTY.

I, J. PAUL MEEKS, Judge of the Court of Probate, in and for said State

and County, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument of writing has this day, in said Court, and before me as the judge thereof, been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the genuine last Will and Testament

of Leone H. Ellis Deceased and that said Will

together with the proof thereof have been recorded in my office in Judicial Record, Vol. 235 Page 216

In witness of all which I have hereto set my hand, and the seal of the said Court, this date April 17, 1970

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J. Paul Meeks Judge of Probate

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
JEFFERSON COUNTY

PROBATE COURT

I, Louise Arnold, ~~Assistant Probate Judge~~ - Deputy Clerk Register of the Court

of Probate, in and for said County in said State hereby certify that the foregoing contains a full, true and correct copy  
of the Last Will and Testament of Leone H. Ellis, Deceased, together  
with the Certificate to the Probate thereof;

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as the same appears on file and of record, in this office.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, this  
the 11th day of September, 19 74

Louise Arnold  
~~Assistant Probate Judge~~ - Deputy Clerk Register.

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*Cornelia J. Anderson*  
JUDGE OF PROBATE

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