DR. EDMUND EUGENE ELLIS

AND

SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS

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DEDICATED

To the Memory

of

My Grandparents

My Parents

and

My Ellis First Cousin

NELLIE HASELL FRIPP

The following is quoted from the Memorial Tablet to her memory in historic Saint Helena's Church, Beaufort, South Carolina:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN MEMORY OF

NELLIE HASELL FRIPP
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FOREWORD

This book is of my direct line of the Ellis family through my grandfather, Dr. Edmund Eugene Ellis. It was prepared by me largely for my daughter, grandsons, niece, nephews, and their families, in order that they might learn something about their ancestors and the part they played in the history of their State and Country. I have cited source where available and this will enable those interested to further their knowledge later. I have purposely not attempted to digress from my direct line, except in a few instances, as time and available information do not permit, but it is my hope that my work might be of some aid to those of other lines. If so, my work will have served a dual purpose. In any event, it will collect and preserve certain information and source material about the family and might prove of some interest to future generations. I trust unavoidable errors of fact, deduction, and format, will be overlocked by the reader.

I hope to locate other information that probably exists, but decided it would be wise to launch this book now. Part I treats of the Ellis family. Part II is an Abstract of the family papers. I will present copies of the book to those I feel might be interested and will appreciate information of errors and suggested deletions and additions with the view of including these in a future pamphlet.

I expect soon to publish a similar book, now well under way, on my maternal grandfather, Dr. Robert Lebby, Jr., and some of his descendants. In the meantime, I will continue work on both families and hope later to follow up with a pamphlet on each family.

An 1873 map of a portion of Beaufort County, S.C., is included, as this will aid in locating certain places mentioned many times in this book.

Names underscored on the map represent those from whom lands were confiscated for taxes during the war by the U.S. Government. On Port Royal Island, East of, and near, Broad River, Fripp, Danner, Campbell, Habersham, Benton, Ellis, Baynard, and Ellis, are given. A little more to the East are McKee, Capers, Rose, and Reynolds, while still more to the East, on Coosaw River, are Rose and Perryclear. "Orange Grove" Plantation was in this latter area - See Doc. No. 394, Page 209. The Benton place was "Pleasant Farm" - not owned by Benton during the war and not underscored. West of Broad River, Fripp, Ellis, Ellis, and Hasell are given in that order. These were, respectively, "The Bluff", "Cedar Point", "Low Bottom", and "Myrtle Grove", Plantations - none confiscated, as not under firm Federal control until about 1865. The site of Old Euhaw Baptist Church was a little North of "Bolan" (upper edge of map), while Grahamville was a few miles Northwest of "Bolan". An "Orange Grove" Plantation is on St. Helena Island in the area Capers, Chaplin, English on the map, but recent research shows this was evidently not the Sarah Rose Plantation. The Edmund Ellis Plantation on Hilton Head Island (Will of 1775 - Doc. No. 392) was likely in the "Popes" and "Fish Haul" area - near the entrance to Port Royal Sound and opposite Bay Point, which is on Edding's Island.

Also included are photostatic copies of letters of four successive generations of the Ellis family. These cover a century's span, show the actual handwriting of the individual and, where possible to reproduce, the actual signature! Some pictures are included, but I regret that so few pictures of the earlier generations survived the war.

In presenting this book to further develop and perpetuate for posterity the achievements of our ancestors, I render sincere and grateful appreciation of the extensive studies of Dr. Joseph Gaston Baillie Bulloch and of Mr. Alexander Samuel Salley, Jr. I have derived inspiration

and great assistance from their studies in my effort to preserve these records of my family.

I owe a debt of gratitude for stimulating my interest in "Family", and for countless hours spent in deciphering and copying old family letters and documents, and in libraries, church offices and cemeteries, to my late first cousin, Mrs. Robert Lee (Nellie Hasell) Fripp, whose mother was Sarah Ellis Hasell, sister of my father Thomas Baynard Ellis; my cousin, Marie Louise de Treville, whose great, great grandfather, Richard Ellis, an officer in the Revolution, was also my great, great, grandfather; to my cousin, Marguerite Ellis Hall, whose grandfather, Richard Washington Ellis, a great grandson of the above Richard Ellis, was my uncle; and especially to my brother, Thomas Baynard Ellis, Jr., and my wife of the past half century, Laura Harris Ellis.

I wish also to express my gratitude to Mr. E. Lester Inabinett, Director, The South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, for his help and encouragement; to my cousin Lucille Hasell Culp, for preparing the glossy prints from which most of the pictures, and the map, were made; and to Mrs. Linden P. Oliver, for her painstaking care in typing the manuscript in finished form.

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Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired.

GENEALOGICAL TABLE*

1.	Richard (?) Ellis b. 1605? d. m. Mary Wilkinson b. d.		Edmund	(2)
2.	Edmund Ellis b. d.Aug.29,1734 m. Anne ---- b. d.Mch.31,1783		Edmund Margaret John	(3)
3.	Edmund Ellis b.Aug.26,1724 d. after Jan.5,1775 - likely 1779 m. Elizabeth Capers b. d.		Thomas Ann Edmund Mary Elizabeth John Richard	(4)
4.	Richard Ellis b. 17 d.Oct.20,1804 m. Twice. Data not entirely clear re names and dates.		Elizabeth Capers Sarah McKee Martha Hamilton Charles Richard Edmund William Wilkinson	(5)
5.	Richard Washington Ellis b. 17 d. 1848 m. About Oct.4,1814 Sarah Witter b. 1790 ? d. Nov.27,1875		Edmund Eugene Robert DeTreville Stephen Grattan Thomas Baynard Caroline DeTreville	(6)
6.	Dr. Edmund Eugene Ellis b. Oct.6,1818 d. Dec.25,1883 m. Mch.24,1841 Sarah Ellen Perryclear b.May 20,1824 d.Jan.28,1899		Eugenia Edmund Eugene, Jr. Richard Washington Rosa Adelaide Mary Ellen Sarah Isabel DeTreville Thomas Baynard Lillian Percy Caroline	No issue No issue m. Issue m. No issue No issue m. Issue No issue m. Issue m. No issue No Issue

* Based on the best information now available to me.

7. Thomas Baynard Ellis b. Dec.13,1858 d. Feb.17,1919 m. Jan.29,1889 Mary (Mamie) Lebby b.Dec.9,1857 d. Dec.31,1943	Edmund DeTreville (8) Robert Lebby Thomas Baynard,Jr. Julia Bee	m. Issue m. No issue m. Issue m. No issue
8. Edmund DeTreville Ellis b. Mch. 12, 1890 m. June 15,1915 Laura Frances Harris b. July 22, 1886	Laura Harris (9)	m. Issue
9. Laura Harris Ellis b. Apr.19,1918 m. Nov.27,1941 Tracy Ellsworth Mulligan, Jr. b. Sept.25,1917	Tracy Ellis Mulligan (10) John Robert Mulligan b. Jan. 29, 1952	
10. Tracy Ellis Mulligan b. Sept.17, 1947		

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1873 Map of part of Beaufort County, South Carolina

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Page 38 – Caption – Change FRIP to FRIPP

Page 80 – CAPTION – Change to

1859 LETTER (part only)
DR. EDMUND EUGENE ELLIS to his mother SARAH WITTER ELLIS

Page 106 – Caption – Change ELIS TO ELLIS

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1878 LETTER (part only)
DR. EDMUND EUGENE ELLIS to his son THOMAS BAYNARD ELLIS

PART I

Before taking up the direct line of Dr. Ellis, mainly of St. Helena, Port Royal and Hilton Head Islands, and of the Okatie area - all in South Carolina - I will refer to the Ellis family in general. I have examined all the genealogies of the Ellis family that I could locate in The Library of Congress. With the exception of Bulloch[1], and Salley[2 4], which I will refer to later, most treated of the Ellis family in States other than South Carolina.

The surname Ellis goes back to the middle of the ninth century in France, but evidently did not appear in England until the time of William the Conqueror. Some genealogists feel the name comes chiefly from Elias that was used in France as a baptismal name as early as the time of Charlemagne, or around 742 to 814 A.D. It evidently became hereditary in the form of Alis after the Norman Conquest of England at the Battle of Hastings in 1066 A.D. The Domesday, or Doomsday, Book, a statistical survey of England made by order of William the Conqueror in 1085 - 1086, spelled the name as Alis, Helias, Ella and Aella, and mentioned William Alis, the progenitor of the Ellises of Kidall Hall, County York, and Stoneacre, County Kent. Other spellings at a very early date in England were Helis, Helis, Hellys, Halys, Hillis, Ealis, Elys, Elias and Ellis. Some of these spellings could indicate Anglo Saxon origin too. Evidently the Ellis family also was established quite early in Wales. The name was popularized throughout Western Europe by the Crusaders (1096 - 1272). The Hundred Rolls of 1275 abound with the name in all counties of England.[29]

In England the family was established at an early date at Kiddall Hall, records showing their residence there earlier than 1398. There was a Bishop Wilbour Ellis of this branch of the family in 1705.

It is impossible to include the Ellis arms or crest as I do not know

the particular family from which my Ellis line descends. A comprehensive bibliography of the Ellis family is included in this book, and I have indicated by an * in front of each one giving the best information about the origin of the name. This might aid others.

Numerous members of the various Ellis families left England in the early history of our country and settled in the Provinces along our eastern seaboard. As time passed, many pushed inland and helped settle other parts of our great country. Hence, the family is now found in most, if not all, fifty States.

For those who have the time and the inclination, tracing the family from the earliest times to the present should prove quite interesting. A search of the early land grants in South Carolina[2] and of the many other publications of the late Mr. A. S. Salley, Jr., of the South Carolina Historical Magazine, and of the South Carolina Archives Department, Columbia, S.C., should be very rewarding.

Thus far I have been unable to find where any Ellis emigrated from England <u>direct</u> to South Carolina in the early history of that Province. Hotten[3], however, lists Richard Ellis, age 29, born in England, as having landed in Virginia in the Merchant Ship Bonaventure, Captain James Ribroffe, in 1634. Hence, he must have been born in 1605. Among other passengers listed on that same voyage were Jo Wilkinson, age 19, Daniel Greene, age 24, and George Greene, age 20.

"Mr. Richard Ellis, of St. Sythinge's Lane in London" was named in the will of Christopher Lawne, Charles City, Virginia, made November 2, 1619, and proved June 17, 1620, as a friend and as one of the overseers of his will in England[30].

I understand reference is made to Edmund Ellis and Anne ----, his wife, and to John Ellis, all of Henrico County, Virginia, by John Bennett Boddie, in his Historical Southern Families, Pacific Coast Publishers, Redwood, Californie. Vol. V. 1960.

It can be reasonably assumed this same Richard Ellis, or one of his immediate descendants, possibly Edmund and Anne - mentioned below - later settled in St. Helena Parish, Beaufort District, South Carolina, where he, or they, soon became members of the landed gentry. It is reported by Bulloch,[1] and is supported by family tradition, that Richard (?) Ellis, progenitor of the Beaufort Ellis family, came from England and married a Wilkinson. There was been a Richard Ellis in almost every successive generation of the family. Salley[2] lists many warrants for land grants to various members of the Ellis family, and to at least one Wilkinson, in the late 1600's and early 1700's. Later there was a Wilkinson Ellis and there were marriages between the Ellis and Greene families.

Salley also published under "South Carolina Genealogies" an article on "Edmund Ellis and Some of His Decendants"[4]. This commences with "Edmund Ellis of St. Helena's Parish, Granville County, married Anne ---- prior to August 26, 1724". This might well have been a son, a grandson, or a great grandson, of Richard Ellis, above! An Edmund Ellis received a warrant for 300 acres June 10, 1702, and a John Ellis received warrants for 400 acres in 1679, 150 acres on July 20, 1696, and 170 acres on James Island on August 10, 1698, while a Will Wilkinson received a grant for 70 acres in 1678.[2]

Dr. Edmund Ellis was mentioned as appearing before the Commissioners of the Indian Trade at five meetings of the Commissioners between July 27, 1711 and September 25, 1713. John Hogg was also mentioned as appearing at four such meetings between July 27, 1711 and May 14, 1712, and John Bee at one on September 6, 1716. Ellis, Hogg, and about a dozen others, gave bond on July 27, 1711 to procure licenses to trade with the Indians.[31] I assume these bonds were to assure faithful compliance, as is the case now for certain types of contracts. This is the only reference I now know to a Dr. Edmund Ellis in that era. I understand the South Carolina Statutes have

numerous references to Edmund Ellis as an Indian Trader. He must have been the father of Richard Ellis of the Revolution.

An Edmund Ellis is included in a list of original grantees of town lots in Beaufort, July 25, 1717. His was Lot 116, described as "bounding west on Charles Street the "outermost street"." Among these original grantees were Robert Wilkinson and Andrew Hogg.[32]

The Minutes of The Vestry of St. Helena's Parish, South Carolina. 1726 - 1812[33] show many references to different members of the Ellis, DeTreville, Witter, Perryclear, Rose, Rhodes, and Hogg families during that 86 year period. It is of interest to note that, evidently between 1726 and 1728, it was "ordered that Mr. Thos. Burton do build the vacant North Side at the West End of the Church with pews the Ground being Equally Divided for the following persons (Vizt) The Rev^{d}. Mr. Lewis Jones or his Successors *** Edmond Ellis (the Index has it correctly as Edmund)**The Minister's pew to be payd for by the parish the others at the rate of Twenty two Shillings & Six pence per yard square for the frame work, the benches at fifteen Shillings per yard, flooring Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Square".

It appears that, from the late 1600's to the beginning of the Civil War in 1861, the Ellis family, and/or their close relatives, had at different times, plantations on St. Helena, Port Royal and Hilton Head Islands, and in the Okatie area - all in Beaufort District. Cedar Point Plantation, where my grandfather, Dr. Edmund Eugene Ellis, lived from 1848 until his death in 1883 (except for the war years), was in the Okatie area. Many of these plantations, particularly those on St. Helena, Port Royal and Hilton Head Islands, were confiscated by the United States Government during the Civil War technically "for non payment of taxes". A number of these family plantations were never returned to their rightful owners - or were allowed to be "redeemed" by them - as will appear later in this book.

Bulloch[1], under "Ellis of South Carolina" states: "It is said that the first of this Ellis family was a landed proprietor in County of Durham, England; and tradition says that he was accosted by a fortune-teller, who asked to be allowed to tell his fortune, which was permitted, when it was foretold he would meet adverse circumstances and emigrate to America. In a few years he did so, and on board ship found a Bible with the name of Mary Wilkinson (later murdered by Indians) in it; he made her acquaintance and they became man and wife, and had a son, Edmund, who married and had the following children: ****. Bulloch, on page 185, states: "Nathaniel Adams was born on St. Helena, in the State of South Carolina, Dec. 20, 1747; died March 7, 1806, in Georgia. He was son of Nathaniel Adams, of South Carolina, who married, Sept. 6, 1744, Margaret Ellis, born Oct. 10, 1727, daughter of Edmund and Anne Ellis, who died March 31, 1738. Edmund Ellis, who died at St. Helena, S.C., August 29, 1734, was son of Ellis, a landed proprietor of Durham, England, who came to South Carolina, and who married Mary Wilkinson. The Adams are said to be of the same family as that of John Adams, of Massachusetts".

As it might help others, who may not have access to this information, I will quote Salley[4], as follows:

"SOUTH CAROLINA GENEALOGIES

Edmund Ellis and Some of His Descendants.

Edmund Ellis (Likely my great, great, great, great grandfather. E.D.E.), of St. Helena's Parish, Granville County, married Anne---- prior to August 26, 1724, the date of the birth of his eldest son as recorded in the register of St. Helena's Parish. He died in August 1734, and was buried by the Rev. Mr. Peasely, August 29, 1734. His widow was buried by Mr. Peasely March 31, 1783.

Issue:

1. Edmund Ellis, born August 26, 1724, and was baptized by Rev. Mr. Standish, February 13, 1725, his father being his sponsor.

2. Margaret Ellis, born October 10, 1727; baptized by the Rev. Mr. Dyson, November 19, 1727, his (sic) sponsors being Rev. Lewis Jones, Ann and Margaret Watt; married September 6, 1744, by Rev. Mr. Jones, Nathaniel Adams, widower. (See The State of September 26th).

3. John Ellis, born March 29, 1729, and was baptized by Rev. Mr. Jones November 29, 1730, Rev. Lewis Jones and Ann and Margaret Watt being his sponsors.

The foregoing data are from the register (MS) of St. Helena's Parish.

Edmund Ellis (Second).

Edmund Ellis (1), (Likely my great, great, great grandfather. E.D.E.), married Elizabeth Capers (See The State of September 26th) and died after January 5, 1775, the date of the making of his will. (From a family source, I think he died in 1779. E.D.E.).

He is advertized in The South-Carolina Gazette; And Country Journal for December 27, 1774, as a defaulting juror for Beaufort District at the preceding term of court.

In the will of "Edmund Ellis of Port Royal Island", planter, made January 5, 1775, he mentioned his wife Elizabeth and his sons, Thomas, Edmund, John and Richard Ellis, and appointed his son Edmund Ellis and "trusty kinsman David Adams (See The State September 26th) as two of his three executors. (Probate Court, Charleston, 1774-78, 235).

(Note: A copy of this will is in Vol. 16, "Will Book" in The Charleston County Library, 404 King Street, Charleston, S.C.

I have a photocopy of that copy. See Doc. No. 392 for a typed copy.

The third executor was "my trusty friend James Cuthbert". No daughters were mentioned. He wished to be buried at the Plantation on Port Royal Island on which he lived and mentioned this Plantation was next to Dr. Cuthbert's on one side and to Colonel Heyward's on the other side. His plantation on Hilton Head Island consisted of 685 acres of land and a house. I believe, from information obtained by my brother Tom, that the Confederate Fort Walker was later built on part of the former Ellis property on Hilton Head Island and that some of this former Ellis property has recently become part of the Port Royal Plantation Golf Club on Hilton Head Island. E.D.E.).

Issue:

4. Thomas Ellis, born August 28, 1750, and was baptized by Rev. Mr. Peasly November 14, 1751.

5. Ann Ellis, born August 28, 1752, and was baptized by Rev. Mr. Peasly July 7, 1754.

6. Edmund Ellis, born July 26, 1753, and was baptized by Rev. Mr. Peasly July 7, 1754.

7. Mary Ellis, born January 15, 1755, and was baptized by Rev. John Belcher February 1, 1756.

8. Elizabeth Ellis, born September 3, 1756, and was baptized by Rev. Mr. Lewis, of Prince William's Parish, October 3, 1756.

9. John Ellis, born March 3, 1758, and was baptized by Rev. Alexander Baron July 6, 1758.

10. Richard Ellis.

The foregoing data were taken from the register (MS) of St. Helena's Parish.

John Ellis.

John Ellis (3) and Elizabeth Reynolds, spinster, were married

by the Rev. Mr. Peasly September 2, 1752. (Register of St. Helena's Parish).

Issue:

11. John Ellis, born December 1, 1753; baptized by Rev. Mr. Peasly July, 1754; buried at St. Helena's October 18, 1757.

12. Elizabeth Ellis, born May 11, 1755; baptized February 1, 1756; married David Adams, who died, and she then married, April 22, 1784, Daniel John Greene; was buried March 25, 1787.

13. Eleanor Ellis, born April 13, 1758.

14. Richard Ellis.

The foregoing data were obtained from the register (MS) of St. Helena's Parish. The marriage of Elizabeth Ellis and David Adams is not in the register, but in recording her second marriage David Adams is mentioned as her first husband. The following notice appears in the South-Carolina Weekly Gazette of Saturday, April 12, 1783:

"Port Royal Island, April 4th, 1783.

The subscriber requests all persons who are indebted to Mr. DAVID ADAMS, deceased, to make payment by the first of January next; and all persons having demands on said estate, are desired to make the same known to

RICHARD ADAMS
RICHARD ELLIS
Executors".

The following account of Mrs. Elizabeth (Ellis) Adams's second marriage, together with the marriage of her brother, Richard Ellis, appeared in the Gazette of the State of South-Carolina for Thursday, April 29, 1784.

"Last Thursday was married at Beaufort, Mr. Daniel-John Greene, Merchant, to Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, widow of the deceased Mr. David Adams, of Beaufort.

The same day was also married at Beaufort Mr. Richard Ellis, to Miss Elizabeth Greene".

"Richard Ellis, Son of Second Edmund.

"Richard Ellis (10) (My great, great grandfather. E.D.E.) was twice married. His first wife was Susannah----, who died and he then married Sarah----. He died October 20, 1804, the following notice of his death appearing in The Times (Charleston) for November 12, 1804:

"Died, lately at Beaufort, RICHARD ELLIS, Esq., planter: He was a truly honest and upright man, an affectionate husband and parent, a benevolent master and sincere friend."

His will, made June 17, 1802, is recited in the case of Ellis vs. Ellis (De Saussure's Equity Reports, 2, 556) and therein the date of his death is given as October 20, 1804, and his wife Sarah, and children, Charles, Richard, Edmund, William, Elizabeth and Sarah are named. In the statement of the case it is recited that a son, Wilkinson Ellis, was born subsequent to the making of the will.

In the case of DeTreville vs. Ellis (Bailey's Equity Reports, 1, 40) it is shown that William Ellis died, unmarried and without issue in May, 1825, leaving Sarah M. DeTreville, "who was his sister of the half blood", and Richard and Edmund Ellis, "who were his brothers of the whole blood, the sole survivors of the testator's children."

Issue: (First wife).

15. Elizabeth Capers Ellis, born December 7, 1780; baptized by Rev. Mr. Graham; married, January 18, 1801, Samuel Lawrence, Sr.

16. Sarah McKee Ellis, born May 13, 1782; baptized by Rev. Mr. Graham; married, January 6, 1801, Robert L. DeTreville.

17. Martha Hamilton Ellis, born January 5, 1787; baptized by Rev. Mr. Lewis, August 7, 1787.

18. Charles Ellis, born August 13, 1789; baptized by Rev. Mr. Gardner.

(Second wife).

19. Richard Ellis.

20. Edmund Ellis.

21. William Ellis, died unmarried in 1825.

22. Wilkinson Ellis.

The data as to the children of the first wife were taken from the register (MS) of St. Helena's Parish. The following notice of the DeTreville-Ellis marriage is to be found in South-Carolina State Gazette, and Timothy's Daily Advertiser for Thursday, January 15, 1801:

"Married at Beaufort, on Thursday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Cook, Mr. Robert Guerrard, to Miss Harriet L. DeTreville, daughter of the late Captain John L. DeTreville.

Same day, Mr. Robert L. DeTreville, to Miss Sarah Ellis, youngest daughter of Richard Ellis, Esq., planter".

Richard Ellis, Son of John.

Richard Ellis (14) married, April 22, 1784, Elizabeth Greene, as shown in the twin marriage notice quoted in connection with the marriage of his sister to Daniel John Greene. The register of St. Helena's Parish gives the following records of two children of Richard Ellis, Jr., and Elizabeth, his wife: John Greene Ellis, born March 20, 1785, and baptized by Rev. Mr. Lewis April 17, 1785, and Nathaniel Greene Ellis, born July 14, 1787; baptized by Rev. Mr. Lewis, April 4, 1788, and buried December 3, 1788.

The minutes of the vestry of St. Helena's Parish show that on April 12, 1784, "Rd. Ellis, Junr. pd. in full" the sum of two pounds, three shillings and six pence for the maintenance of a minister in the parish." (End of quote from Salley, E.D.E.).

In quoting from Bulloch (page 5, above), I purposely omitted the children, as the "Errata" and "Correction Sheets" at the back read: "See Ellis family by A.S. Salley in which there is a more correct history as to first generations of marriages of Richard and Edmund Ellis" and "Richard Ellis must have married first Elizabeth Green, and second Miss Hogg, the last mother of Mrs. de Treville". Thus it now appears to me there has been some confusion regarding the marriages of the two first cousins, Richard Ellis (10) and Richard Ellis (14).

Before further taking up my direct line of my great, great grandfather, Richard Ellis (10), an officer in the American Revolution, I will briefly trace my relationship with the de Treville (some use DeTreville, as my branch), family of South Carolina.[1] Captain John La Boularderie de Treville of St. Helena Parish, South Carolina, also an officer in the American Revolution, married Julia Wilkinson, an heiress of English extraction. She may well have been related to the Mary Wilkinson family, above, although I have been unable to substantiate this.

Issue:

Robert La Boularderie de Treville, married January 6, 1801, Sarah McKee Ellis (16), born May 13, 1782, in Beaufort; she died in 1862, in Charleston, S.C., and was buried, out of war necessity, in Bethel Methodist Churchyard, Charleston. Many years later the Sunday School Building was built over a number of graves, including hers, and small slabs listing the names were placed around the back of the building. (Bethel Methodist Church Records).

Harriet de Treville, married, first, Jan. 15, 1801, Robert Guerard; second, March 2, 1814, Samuel Lawrence, of Beaufort, S.C., Intendant of Beaufort. She is buried in the Lawrence plantation Cemetery near Burton, S.C., now in the U.S. Marine Air Base. This Cemetery was restored in 1964.

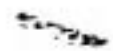
Sarah McKee Ellis, was a daughter of Richard Ellis, my great, great

grandfather, and a sister or half sister, of Richard Washington Ellis, my great grandfather, and hence an aunt of my grandfather, Dr. Edmund Eugene Ellis. I know a number of my de Treville cousins, including B. Ellis de Treville of Beaufort, S.C., whom I first met at the University of South Carolina some 58 years ago, his sister, Marie Louise de Treville, Sergeant Jasper Apts., Charleston, S.C. - to whom I am indebted for considerable information about the Ellis - de Treville families - their sisters and several brothers. I have also met some of the Lawrence family.

Robert La Boularderie de Treville, husband of Sarah McKee Ellis, signed the Indenture, or Marriage Contract,[5] between my great grandparents, Richard Washington Ellis and Sarah Witter, October 4, 1814, under the terms of the will of my great, great grandfather Jonathan Witter made July 14, 1806. I have been unable to locate a copy of this will. Another signer of the Indenture was David Turner whose name also occurs in other family matters later in this book.

The oldest son of Robert L. and Sarah Ellis de Treville, Colonel Richard de Treville, was born in Beaufort, S.C., November 29, 1801, and died in Summerville, S.C., November 25, 1874. He was buried near the front entrance of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Summerville. He graduated from The United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. in 1823 - as I did in 1915! He was a first cousin of my grandfather, Dr. Ellis. He had a distinguished career both in military and in civilian life. He was a Signer of The South Carolina Ordinance of Secession adopted December 20, 1860, as was William J. Ellis - possibly a cousin - and George Rhodes, whose daughter Ida May Rhodes,[22] later married my uncle Richard Washington Ellis.[6] Colonel de Treville was a member of a committee of three which welcomed Lafayette and escorted him to the Beaufort reception in 1824. Among other achievements, he was a member of The Board of Visitors to West Point and was later in command of

COLONEL RICHARD de TREVILLE
1891 – 1874



the Morris Island, and other Defenses, around Charleston at the start of The War. (See Page 212 for further reference to George Rhodes)

For the benefit of any Ellis, or de Treville, or Lebby, family who wish to join the Daughters of The American Revolution (DAR), Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), or Children of the American Revolution (CAR), I will mention that the Richard Ellis line was "opened" a few years ago by Marie L. de Treville, above, under her DAR National Number 459137. Also, that I am a member of the SAR, my National Number being 88745. Both of these are based on our mutual great, great grandfather Richard Ellis, though mine is also on my mother's line as "Supplemental" from my great, great, great grandfather Nathaniel Lebby. Marie de Treville could have joined the DAR on the de Treville line had she wished as that line had been "opened" some years ago by her cousin, Norvelle de Treville McMaster of Winnsboro, S.C.

To show how close the Ellis and the de Treville families are, two, of the five, children of my Ellis great grandparents had DeTreville in their names - Robert DeTreville Ellis and Caroline DeTreville Ellis! My grandparents named one son DeTreville Ellis and my parents named me Edmund DeTreville Ellis (Edmund for my paternal grandfather; DeTreville for my uncle), but I have always been known as DeTreville, or Det, like my uncle. The two surnames have been carried interchangeably in each family - that is there has been a DeTreville Ellis, as well as an Ellis de Treville, in each family for several generations.

I have a copy of a letter from President George Washington to Hon. Edward Rutledge of South Carolina, written at Philadelphia, January 10, 1791 - just a few months prior to President Washington's historic visit to Charleston, S.C., in May 1791. In this letter, the first President refers to "my namesake & kinsman, Colo. Wilm. Washington, (of your State)".

This copy was sent to me <u>many</u> years ago by my brother Tom - to whom I am also greatly indebted for considerable information about "Family"- who had

received a copy from our father's first cousin, Richard Archibald Ellis, eldest son of Stephen Grattan Ellis, my grand uncle. I will quote the last paragraph of what Richard A. Ellis wrote about it:

"Above was clipped from Charleston, S.C., "Sunday News" of 27th March, 1904. Col. Wm. Washington of Sandy Hill, above referred to as the "namesake & kinsman" of the first President of the United States, by the President himself, was the grandfather of Jno. Blake Washington, who married my father's first cousin, Elizabeth De Treville. See p.p. 119-120 of this book.[1]
R. A. Ellis, Barnwell, S.C. 28 Mch. 1904".

RICHARD ELLIS (10).

Richard Ellis, born 17--; married twice; died October 20, 1804, was my great, great grandfather and my Revolutionary ancestor. See above for children.

I will quote pertinent parts of Pages 132 and 133 of Bulloch:

"Richard Ellis joined the Colonists *** Went into the Revolutionary War *** Was a resident and owner of two tracts of land during and at the close of the Revolutionary War, known as the "Old Quarterhouse Tract" and "New Quarterhouse Tract". When he left Charleston to join the American Army, he delivered to the care of James Rugge his papers, &c (See Rugge vs. Ellis). In Ellis vs. Ellis it appears that Richard Ellis made his will 17th June, 1802, and that his four sons, Charles, Richard, Edmund, William, and two daughters, Elizabeth and Sarah, and his wife, Sarah, are named, but after making his will, before his death, another son was born, Wilkinson Ellis, who died before coming to maturity. Richard Ellis, testator, died October 20, 1804. *** Now, as Richard Ellis married twice *** At any rate, it is shown in the De Treville vs. Ellis case that Sarah de Treville was daughter of Richard Ellis and half sister of Richard W. Ellis; and in the same case that William Ellis, brother of above, died unmarried, in 1825. It also shows marriage of Sarah

GEORGE RHODES
1802 – 1881

ELIZA JANE ROBERT RHODES
1812 – 1867

to De Treville, and that she was sister of half blood (See Reynolds vs. Executors of Calder). *** Richard Ellis *** had a brother who remained loyal to the Crown: he was banished, suffered under confiscation act, and moved North". This brother was likely Edmund. Some think he went to Nova Scotia, and later became prominent there.

In this connection, Marie L. de Treville recently located and sent me the following: "Ellis, Charles, Albany, son of Edmund, of Bath, N.Y., born 1795. d. 1875 (m. Elizabeth Brewster); son of Edmund of Hilton Head, b. 1769. d. 1850, a brother of Governor Ellis, served in War of 1812; son of Edmund of Hilton Head, South Carolina". "211 Entry)".[34] This Charles Ellis may have descended from the Loyalist (Edmund?) who "moved North" - preceding paragraph. Also, "Ellis, Edmund. of South Carolina. Lost his property under the confiscation act of that State in 1782".[35] I am including these as they may furnish information to others sometime. The Governor Ellis mentioned above may have been Henry Ellis, one of the last Royal Governors of Georgia.

Richard Ellis was probably born in, or near, Beaufort, or possibly in, or near, Charleston, S.C., date now unknown. His first wife having died, he later remarried. He had children from each marriage. At one time he owned some land near, and probably some in, Charleston, S.C. (or Charles Town, as it was then called). He served in the Revolutionary War, further information as given below. The Census of 1790 (our first), shows him under Beaufort District as Head of Family, etc., and owning 56 slaves. He died at Beaufort, S.C., October 20, 1804 and was probably buried on one of his nearby plantations - as was customary at that time. The notice of his death appearing in The Charleston Courier of November 13, 1804 was exactly the same as quoted above from Salley as having appeared in The Times (Charleston) of November 12, 1804. In the rapid development of the Beaufort plantation country, it is likely the grave of this distinguished pioneer-patriot may yet be found, as well as additional records of him and his forbears and descendants.

In Shecut's Essays[36] it is mentioned that land for the old Charleston Orphanage, to the north of Boundary and west of King Street, (now occupied by Sears Roebuck and Company) was donated by "Mr. Ellis" in 1790. I mention this since it is just possible this might have been Richard Ellis.

I understand that "In H.A.M. Smith MSS File is listed under Ellis that Richard Ellis had a 2,300 acre tract" along the 4 Hole Stream that enters the Edisto River near Orangeburg, S.C. (See Addenda, Page 208).

Though only scant references are yet available on Richard Ellis, Revolutionary patriot, and pioneer-citizen, yet these references do bear testimony to the significant service and contributions he made to the early life of our Country and State. Some several references are as follows:

"Richard Ellis for the hire of a Wagon and good driver from 16 Feb. to 12 May, 1780. Also for the cost of said Wagon taken at Fort Moultrie, One Hundred thirty five pounds eleven shillings and five pence Sterling. Issued 22 Aug. 1785"[7].

He was one of "Marion's Men".[8]

He was captured by the British: "Captain Armstrong of the Legion of Cavalry was sent by General Greene to Dorchester *** (he) and Richard Ellis, who formerly kept the Quarter House, were captured by the British in December 1781"[9]. Also: Letter, Jan. 30, 1782, from Richard Ellis to General Nathanael Greene. (Doc. No. 382).

As an officer in the Continental Army of the Revolution, he was "Brigade Commissary to the light troops, Continental Line".[7] "The State of South Carolina Dr. to Richd Ellis for his service in the continental line as Brigade Commissary to the light troops from the 16 June 1782 to the 7th day of December following is 5 Months and 21 Days @ 60 Dollars per Month -

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5 Mos. & 21 days @ 40 Dolls, per Mo. 228 Dolls. @ 4/8 - 153.4.-

Charleston District -

Richard Ellis attested to the Justice of the Acct. the 20th April 1784. J. (?) McColl, Jr. (?).

Richard Ellis". Reference was made to "No. 237 Book S".

It is of interest to note that this was paid off gradually, with interest, "by discount on purchase of 640 Acres of Land *** of 1,000 Acres *** of 10 Acres *** and of 200 Acres"; until - "Received 18 Jany. 1787 from the Commiss. of the Treasury full Satisfaction for the within Indent Principal & Interest by discount on the purchase of land.

Richard Ellis".[7]

The above reference to Brigate Commissary denotes he was an Officer. I checked this in person at the Headquarters, The Society of The Cincinnati, Anderson House, 2118 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., on January 20, 1964, and was so advised. If the service of Richard Ellis as an Officer of the Continental Line can be determined to have covered three years, it is probable that one of his descendants could become a member of that Society.

The letter of January 30, 1782, above, is owned by the William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. That Library kindly gave me perrission to use the letter in this book. See Doc. No. 382 for further information about this letter.

The Dorchester mentioned above was probably the old Dorchester, which is now being restored, on Ashley River, and near Summerville, S.C. The Quarter House was probably between Charleston and Summerville.

Extracts about some of my family from The First Census of The United States:[10]

Name of Head of Family	Free White males 16 up, including Head of Family	Free White Males Under 16	Free White females including Head of Family	All other free persons	Slaves
Beaufort District					
Ellis, Richard	1	1	4		56
Perryclose, Michl	3		3		9
Perryclose, Adam	1	1	3		17
Witter, Jno	1				
Witter, Jonathan	1		1		13
Hogg, William	1	2	2		10
Hogg, James	2	2	4		28
Rose, Jno	1	3	2		49
Rose, Hezek	1	1	2		18
Witter, Thomas	1		3		4
Charleston District, St. Phillips & St. Michaels Parishes					
Lebbey, Nathaniel	3	4	2		5
Wyatt, Peter	2		3		4
Wyatt, John	9	2	9	2	11

The printed Census used the exact spelling of the Census takers, who evidently did the best they could. Perryclose, above, was almost certainly meant to be Perryclear and Lebbey should have been Lebby - both based on other evidence. Margaret, Elizabeth and Mary Ellis and William Wilkerson were listed as heads of families under Beaufort District. Sam and Benjamin Ellis and James, Sarah, Mathew and Joanna Witter, were listed as heads of families under Charleston District.

Before leaving Richard Ellis (10), I will mention two others of his children briefly and will combine Bulloch, Salley, and family lore:

Charles Ellis (18), born August 13, 1789; baptized by Rev. Mr. Gardner; married Martha Dahlgren, sister of the inventor, Dahlgren, Jr.

Issue:

Henry Ellis, attorney at law and Judge, Orangeburg, S.C. Buried in early Episcopal Churchyard, Orangeburg. (See Addenda, Page 210).

Elizabeth Ellis.

This Henry Ellis was a first cousin of my grandfather Ellis. Doc. No. 32 is a letter of March 3, 1867 from him to Dr. Ellis. He is referred to by my grandfather Ellis in a letter of April 18, 1874 (Doc. No. 57) as "poor Henry" and was then evidently living in Orangeburg. My inference is that he may have lost a son during the Civil War. In this connection, my great-grandmother Rose wrote to my grandmother Ellis from Orangeburg in 1863 "She (Livie) made several articles for Henry before he left home for the wars. Poor boy, he has not been home for months, but expects to get a furlough soon". (Doc. No. 30). Now, the Memorial at Point Lookout Confederate Cemetery, near Point Lookout, Md., shows that the following Confederate soldiers died there while Prisoners of War of the United States:

"Henry H. Ellis Co. E, 6th S.C. Regt.

Elinore Ellis Co. H, 21st S.C. Regt."

Hence, it is possible this Henry H. Ellis may have been a son of my grandfather's first cousin - and Elinore Ellis may also have been a son.

Richard W. (for Washington) Ellis (19), in 1814 married Sarah Witter, daughter of Jonathan Witter. (Bulloch has the date transposed. These were my great grandparents. E.D.E.).

I will next give what little information I have on Jonathan Witter and on Michael Perryclear, my great, great grandfathers.

JONATHAN WITTER

I now know very little about my great, great grandfather Jonathan Witter. He was likely a son of John and Anne Witter, of James Island, S.C.

If so, he was born February 30 (sic), 1736 and his brother Norwood Witter was born December 27, 172(?)[11]. "Hogg, Elizabeth, spinster, daughter of John and Margaret, married by Lewes 24 Dec. 1788, Jonathan Witter, bachelor".[12] Assuming these items are correct, then two sets of my great, great, great grandparents were John and Anne Witter and John and Margaret Hogg. Again quoting from Bulloch: "The Witters of James Island descend from Judith Manigault".[1] As an aside, my grand uncle on my mother's side, Captain Henry Sterling Lebby, a noted Commander of Blockade Runners during the Civil War, married Susan Anne Witter of James Island, S.C., in 1858. Both were buried in the Presbyterian Churchyard, James Island.

Uncle Sterling and Aunt Sue Lebby named one of their daughters Lilian Norwood Lebby. Also, several preceding Witter generations had Norwood in their names. The Witter family was quite active in the early 1700's in the establishment of the James Island Presbyterian Church. I am a member of that Church, having joined as a boy.

Jonathan Witter must have been a man of means, as his will of July 14, 1806 (I have been unable to locate a copy), referred to in the Marriage Contract of October 4, 1814,[5] left considerable property to his daughter Sarah, "Except fifty (50) acres of good planting land of the said tract, (and further) chargeable with the payment of fifty ($50) dollars as an annuity for one life, settled on Elizabeth Witter of Beaufort". I do not know if this Elizabeth Witter was his wife, sister, or sister-in-law.

The Marriage Contract shows that his will provided, in case his daughter died without issue, that everything was to go to his five nieces Mary Witter, Eliza Witter, Louisa Witter, Mary Bingley and Ann Perry.[5] He probably lived at his residence "on the waters of Chelsea or Chelsea Creek". This was about 12 miles from Grahamville, S.C., and perhaps about 5 miles from Old Euhaw Baptist Church of which he was a Deacon.[13] He died between July 14,

1806 and October 4, 1814, and was likely buried in the family burying ground on his Cedar Point Plantation, as was usual at that time, or perhaps at Old Euhaw Baptist Church.

Charleston was the first Baptist Church in South Carolina, Ashley River the second, Welsh Neck the third and Euhaw the fourth. Euhaw was evidently started on Edisto Island about 1700 as a branch of the Charleston Church, of which for many years it was so considered. In 1726 they built a meeting house of their own on two acres given by Ephraim Mikell. About 1730 the members began to move, some to Port Royal Island, some to Hilton Head Island, Ladies Island, and other Islands, others to the Euhaws, the main body being known as the Euhaw Church. That Church, built about 1751, was located at "the Euhaws", named for the Euhaw Indians' land, at the head of the estuary from Port Royal Sound called Broad River and near the head of a branch of Euhaw Creek, on the high road leading from Georgia to Charleston.[14]

The Euhaw Church was constituted May 5, 1746. Apparently nothing is known about it during the British occupation. A letter was written to the Charleston Church in 1786 signed by eleven persons, two being John Rose and William Hogg. Four trustees, among them William Hogg, signed a letter to the Charleston Church on June 11, 1787. The Euhaw Church was incorporated in 1787. It petitioned the legislature in 1797 for authority to sell a tract of land on Edisto Island. About 1795 a small church was built in Beaufort, really a mission of the Old Euhaw Baptist Church. Transportation difficulties, and the population growth in the Beaufort area, finally lead to the incorporation by act of December 21, 1804, of "The Baptist Church of Beaufort", it having been constituted January 27, 1804.[14]

"From the minutes of the Euhaw Baptist Church, a letter of dismission (a transfer), signed by John Rose, deacon, and Jonathan Witter, dated Jan. 8, 1804 was granted to 18 white members and the Negroes living on the islands

about Stony Creek, and all the property on Port Royal and St. Helena Islands was renounced in favor of "the church about to be constituted in Beaufort"."[14] Among "the members dismissed from the Euhaw Church to form the Beaufort Church" were Elizabeth Witter and Thomas Witter. Thomas Witter was provisionally elected a deacon of the new Beaufort Church and David Turner was elected secretary.[14] The John Rose, above, may possibly have been my great, great grandfather. The 1790 Census of South Carolina lists "John Rose, of Beaufort District, with 79 (slaves)".[14]

The Beaufort Baptist Church evidently joined the "Savannah River Association" in 1804, as did the Euhaw Baptist Church probably about 1802. The latter was originally under the "Charleston Association". In later years, Dr. Ellis many times represented the Euhaw Baptist Church at meetings of the Savannah River Association.[21]

As time passed, many families moved to Grahamville, which had become a summer resort (trying to avoid malaria) with some families living there permanently. Thus a new Baptist Church was built in Grahamville and Old Euhaw Baptist Church gradually faded until Sherman destroyed it in 1865. A few cemetery stones, bricks, and parts of foundation pillars, still marked the site some years ago. Evidently this was "about 150 feet north of a frame building, Zion Baptist Church (colored) Besselieu Plantation. See Mills Atlas of South Carolina, Map of Beaufort District".[14]

I have devoted considerable space to Old Euhaw Baptist Church, the Beaufort Baptist Church, and St. Helena Episcopal Church, since a great many generations of the family of Dr. Ellis worshipped in those three churches beginning with St. Helena nearly two and a half centuries ago.

"Married, in Beaufort, S.C. on the 25th ult, by the Rev. Joseph B. Cook, Mr. Robert L. Holcombe, of Savannah, to Miss Eliza Witter, of Beaufort (Saturday, April 11, 1807)".[37] This Eliza Witter was likely the niece Jonathan Witter mentioned in his will of July 14, 1806.

Reverting to John Rose, above, the following is given as it might be of later importance:

Marriages: "John Rose, Esq; to Miss Susannah I'on, daughter of the deceased Capt. George I'on. (Thursday May 14, 1778)", and of "Mr. John Tunno, to Miss Margaret Rose, daughter of John Rose, Esq. (Saturday, October 20, 1781)".[38]

Reference Sea Island cotton, which became an important money crop in Coastal South Carolina for well over a century: "Seed of the new product was soon obtained in South Carolina, where William Elliott, of Hilton Head Island, near Beaufort and St. Helena, seems in 1790 to have been the first to raise a successful crop. *** The following year John Screven, of St. Luke's Parish, planted thirty or forty acres on his plantation on May River. *** The next year John Rose planted a field on Oakatee Creek and sold the 600 pounds which he raised at 2 shillings a pound".[39] The book from which this is quoted is of special interest as it gives a great deal about the Fripp family holdings on St. Helena Island; about John E. Fripp having bought the Chechessee Bluff Plantation of about 560 acres on Oakatee Creek in 1856; about the very few who were able to redeem their land on St. Helena Island after the war; about Edgar W. Fripp (who married my Aunt Lilly Ellis) being a minor during the war, but having later been able to redeem 732 acres of an estate on St. Helena Island which had numbered 1,284 acres (evidently left to him by an older member of the family); about plantation records-mainly Fripp; about certain primary sources being papers of Mrs. S.W. Ellis, in possession of Mrs. R.L. Fripp, and Fripp Papers in possession of Miss Alice Fripp; Mills Atlas; an 1867 letter of William Jervey (evidently the letter of Apr. 20, 1867 to Dr. Ellis - Doc. No. 34 of this Ellis book), etc.

Reverting to William Hogg above, the following is given as it too might be of some later importance:

As already mentioned, a John Hogg was an Indian Trader in 1711, and 1712[31] and an Andrew Hogg was granted a town lot in Beaufort (Oct. 30, 1718.)[32]

"Hogg, John, Bach. from England, married by Jones Jan. 1, 1731, Ann Crosskeys, Spin."[12] "Hogg, William, son William and Ann, Okatee Creek, born 4 August 1783; bapt. Dec. 11, 1784 by Lewes".[12] "Capers, Elizabeth, spin: Daughter of Thomas, married Edmund Ellis, Bach."[12] (No date, or officiating clergyman given.).

Will of John Hogg, "Rattle Sneak Neck", St. Helena's Parish, Granville County. Wife: Agness, use of my plantation where I now live during her life. Sons: James, land where I live at death of my wife; John, land at Port Royal and town lot in Beaufort. Daughters: Margaret, Mary, and Sarah. Executors: Eldest son James; Colonel Daniel Heyward; AgnessHogg. Witnesses: George Hogg, Isaac Barton, John Cole. Dated ? Probated Feb. 1756.[40]

Reference Elizabeth Capers, above, who married Edmund Ellis:

Richard Capers settled in South Carolina prior to January 20, 1691 - 92, when Thomas Rose conveyed to him a lot in Charles Town. He had been twice married. By his first wife he had a son, William, who settled in what subsequently became Christ Church Parish. The late Bishop Capers was one of his descendants. By his second wife, Mary, he had five children, Richard, Charles, Thomas, Mary, and Elizabeth. He died before March 8, 1694-95 (re widow, Mrs. Mary Capers, widow and relict of Mr. Richard Capers *** Probate Court, Charleston, 1692-1700).[41]

Richard Capers (Second) settled on St. Helena Island and became a planter.[41]

Thomas Capers, son of the first Richard, married Mary Sadler. A daughter, Elizabeth Capers, married Edmund Ellis.[41] Elizabeth Capers and Edmund Ellis were married in 1748 (from a family source, through my brother Tom). Their eldest son, Thomas Ellis, was born Aug. 28, 1750.[4]

As far as I now know, this Edmund and Elizabeth Capers Ellis were my great, great, great grandparents; Thomas and Mary Sadler Capers, my great, great, great, great grandparents; Richard Capers (First), the immigrant, and Mary Capers, my great, great, great, great, great grandparents. If correct, Dr. Ellis and his descendants thus are collateral relatives of the late Bishop Ellison Capers.

From what Marie de Treville has located, it appears the Dr. Ellis line might be direct descendants of Lieut. (or Capt.) William Capers of the Continental Army, of John Hogg, who also served in the Revolution, and John (?) Crosskeys, wounded in Battle of Beaufort (mentioned in McCrady's History).[1]

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MICHAEL PERRYCLEAR I.

Michael Perryclear, my great, great grandfather, m., first, in 1739, Hannah ----, d. 1759. Issue? m., second, in 1760, Margaret ----

Issue: (Second wife).

John D. Perryclear.

Jacob Perryclear.

Five other children.

Jacob Perryclear, m., Sarah Rose, b. about 1800; d. Dec. 27, 1863 in Orangeburg, S.C., where she had refugeed; buried in Orangeburg, location now unknown. See Doc. No. 384 for her Obituary. These were my great grandparents. After the death of her first husband, date unknown, Sarah Rose Perryclear married, date unknown, a Mr. Rose, possibly a cousin, of whom I now know nothing. No issue from second marriage, as far as I now know, except the possibility I pose below, reference Mrs. Birt.

Issue (First husband).

Sarah Ellen Perryclear, b. May 20, 1824; d. Jan. 28, 1899, at the home of her daughter Rosa Benton, Port Royal Island, S.C.; buried beside her husband in Grace Episcopal Churchyard, about two miles from their

home at Cedar Point in the Okatie area; m. Mar. 24, 1841, Dr. Edmund Eugene Ellis, b. Oct. 6, 1818; d. Dec. 25, 1883 at his home at Cedar Point Plantation; buried as given above. See Doc. No. 391 for her Obituary. These were my grandparents. No obituary of Dr. Ellis has yet been found.

Lillian Perryclear ("Sister", or "Auntie", or "Aunt Birt"), b. 1848; died Nov. 18, 1905; buried in Long Branch Church Cemetery (about 4½ miles from Elko, S.C., on the road to Barnwell); m. about 1873, W. D. Birt, late Captain, C.S. Army, b. about 1829; d. July 17, 1883, age 54; buried beside his wife. Issue?

Information about "Aunt Birt " was obtained by my brother Tom from the stones which are close to the back walls of the Church. Her stone reads "Elizabeth P.R. Birt". Hence "Lillian" evidently stood for "Elizabeth". She signed four of the five letters of hers (Doc. Nos. 28, 177, 302, 306, 318) that have been located, simply "L.P.R. Birt". I had thought those initials stood for Lillian Perryclear Rose Birt, but I now think they stood for Lillian Percy Rose Birt, and that her niece, Lillian Percy (Lilly) Ellis, was named for her. The other letter was signed "Mrs. W.D. Birt". Now, in the light of the stone, and of her signed letters, was she an issue of my great grandmother's second marriage - that to Mr. Rose? I simply pose the question, but do not now know the answer. It appears that she was Captain Birt's second wife, as there is a stone at Hair Cemetery, about 2½ miles from Elko, on the road to Barnwell, that shows the death on March 28, 1872 of Eliza M.C., wife of Captain W.D. Birt and daughter of Major A.J. and Elizabeth Mix, age 40 years 4 months and 25 days. (Letter March 23, 1965 from my brother Tom).

Caroline Perryclear (?) married Thomas Baynard.(?). I always understood my grandmother had a sister Caroline who married Thomas Baynard, but I have been unable to locate anything definite. I am now inclined to think

the family lore had her confused with my grandfather's sister Caroline DeTreville Ellis who married Thomas Stapelton Baynard. Perhaps we may obtain more definite information later.

Most of my great grandmother's letters were signed simply "S.R.R.", for Sarah Rose Rose. Likewise, my grandmother signed most of her letters "S.E.E.", for Sarah Ellen Ellis.

According to the Sarah Rose Rose Bible and Album (my brother Tom has both), the mother of Sarah Rose Rose was evidently Mrs. Sarah M. Stall, who died April 3, 1854, age 79. Thomas D. Stall died February 1, 1847, aged 70. I infer from the "Sarah Rose Rose Album. Orange Grove. 1829", that Woodlawn was the Stall Plantation and that it was likely located in the Dorchester - Summerville area.

A Confederate Military History, the South Carolina part written by Brigadier General (Bishop) Ellison Capers,[42] mentions "Thomas Hayne Stall of Greenville, S.C., a native of Colleton County, S.C., born August 24, 1834, son of Thomas D. Stall and Frances (Hayne) Stall, both natives of South Carolina *** He was reared in Colleton County and at Charleston and removed to Greenville in 1856". This article shows he joined the Butler Guards in April 1861; served during the entire war; married Kate Fesler of Atlanta in 1883 (three previous marriages were broken by death); in 1899 he had six children living, and was then a member of R.C. Pulliam Camp, United Confederate Veterans. In the Album mentioned above, there are references to Hayne Hall, Thomas D. Stall and Frances Hayne Stall! It is also of interest to note that Page 703 of this book by Bishop Capers gives a brief sketch of Dr. Brewerton Monroe Lebby, my mother's uncle, who was a Surgeon, C.S.A. - as was also his father, Dr. Robert Lebby, Sr., and his brother, Dr. Robert Lebby, Jr.

Before proceeding further, and as a matter of family interest, the mother of the distinguished Lieutenant General William Joseph Hardee, Confederate States Army, was Sarah Ellis.[43] The DAR reference (Vol. I. P. 62) gives: "Sarah Ellis married Major John Hardee, father of General Hardee and six other children. Sarah Ellis was a granddaughter of Governor Ellis of Georgia, 1757 - 61. She was the daughter of Thomas Ellis a distinguished planter". Page 241 of the same volume gives: "Elizabeth married Charles Ellis". The other DAR reference (Vol. II. Pp. 567 - 568) gives: "HARDEE - Major John Hardee (who married Sarah Ellis) was the son of John Hardy, or Hardee, and Caroline T. Aldrich, *** daughter of James W. Aldrich, of what is now known as Barnwell County, S.C.". The DAB reference, Page 239, gives: "Hardee, William Joseph. (Oct. 12, 1815 - Nov. 6, 1873). Born at "Rural Felicity", the Hardee estate, Camden County, Ga., a son of John and Sarah (Ellis) Hardee". Bulloch[1], Pages 84, 91, and 162, gives practically the same information, while Page 189 also gives: "Marie Hardee, married Charles Ellis, and had Helen Stoddard Ellis and Margaret Hardee Ellis". One source that escapes me now, mentioned that Thomas Ellis, whose daughter married Major John Hardee, was from South Carolina. This Thomas Ellis may have been the oldest son of Edmund and Elizabeth Capers Ellis, and hence a brother of Richard Ellis of the Revolution - the grandfather of Dr. Ellis.

General Hardee was born in Georgia, graduated at West Point in 1838, served with distinction in the Seminole and Mexican Wars, was Commandant of Cadets at West Point 1856 - 1860, was author of "Hardee's Tactics", resigned when his State Seceded, and won added distinction in the Confederate States Army as a high ranking General Officer.

The reference above to Governor Ellis of Georgia, together with the reference to Governor Ellis (under Charles Ellis of Albany, N.Y., Page 15, above),

needs further study, which time does not now permit me to undertake. Thus far, however, I have found a great deal about the official life of this Explorer, Scientist, Governor of Georgia and Governor of Nova Scotia, but practically nothing about his family.[44] The DAB reference is all I could locate about this, and is as follows: "Henry Ellis, August 29, 1721 - January 21, 1806, hydrographer, Colonial Governor, was the son of Francis Ellis, of County Monaghan, and his wife Joan Maxwell." In order to aid others, I will combine under Footnote 44, some references that might give more information about Henry Ellis, one of the last Royal Governors of Georgia.

RICHARD WASHINGTON ELLIS (19).

Richard Washington Ellis, b. 17 ; d. 1848; m. about Oct. 4, 1814, Sarah Witter, b. 1793 (?); d. Nov. 27, 1875. These were my great grandparents.

Issue:[1]

Edmund Eugene Ellis, M.D.; b. Oct. 6, 1818; m. Sarah Ellen Perryclear, Mar. 24, 1841. These were my grandparents.

Robert DeTreville Ellis, b. Oct. , 1824; d. Aug. 9, 1901; buried in Old Furse Cemetery, Martin, S.C. Never married. Taught school in South Carolina and Georgia.

Stephen Grattan Ellis, b. Sept. 10, 1825; d. Feb. 9, 1886; m. around 1849-1850 in home of Miles Brewton Sams[13 22] Juliana Sophia Baynard Hall, b. Jan. 23, 1825; d. Apr. 4, 1894; buried beside her husband in Old Furse Cemetery, Martin, S.C.; daughter of Archibald Calder Baynard, and Martha Sarah Chaplin, and widow of Rev. Wilson Edward Hall, b. Oct. 11, 1819, d. Dec. 24, 1845; "son of Dr. William Hall of Charleston son of that Capt. William Hall who commanded the Brig Notre Dame which, with two other brigs captured and destroyed one of seven British war vessels, the rest escaping."[1 22]

Thomas Baynard Ellis, b. Nov. 17, 1838; d. Mar. 5, 1911; buried in Old Furse Cemetery, Martin, S.C.; m., first, Ella Rhodes; second, Julia Adelaide Hall, b. Apr. 9, 1846; d. Dec. 4, 1941; buried in Old Furse Cemetery, Martin, S.C.

Caroline DeTreville Ellis, b. ? ; d. ? ; buried ? ; m., Thomas Stapelton Baynard (brother of Juliana Sophia Baynard); b. Oct. 1823: d. July 18, 1891, age 67 years 9 months; buried in Old Furse Cemetery, Martin, S.C.[22]

Issue:

Julia Ellis M. Baynard, b. Dec. 3, 1855; d. Mar. 10, 1934; m. Dec. 2, 1875, George Augustus Rhodes, b. Jan. 18, 1852, d. Oct. 7, 1920; both buried in Old Furse Cemetery, Martin, S.C.

THOMAS BAYNARD ELLIS
1838 – 1911

Issue:

Josephine Barksdale Rhodes, b. Jan. 4, 1878, m. Nov. 6, 1892 (?), Badger Calhoun, b. Nov. 6, 1872.

Issue:

William Baynard Calhoun, b. Mar. 3, 1902, m. Nov. 6, 1923, Helen Elizabeth Timmerman.

Corinne Calhoun, b. Dec. 28, 1903, m. William H. Robinson. One child: Sarah Josephine Robinson, b. Sept. 23, 1923.

Mae (May?) Lawton Rhodes, b. May 27, 1879, m. Jan. 1, 1901, Earnest Augustus Rhodes.

I have found very little about my great grandfather, beyond the fact that he was a pillar of the Baptist Church of Beaufort, South Carolina; that he attended most of the Church Meetings over a period of years before his death in 1848; that he was a member of the Building Committee that supervised the construction of the present, handsome old Baptist Church of Beaufort. This was dedicated in 1845 to replace the former Church that had outlived its
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usefulness. Among the members of that Church in January 1840, were:

Richard W. Ellis	Baptized	January	1832	My great	grandfather.
Mrs. Sarah W. Ellis	"	"	"	"	grandmother.
Mrs. Sarah R. Rose	"	April	"	"	"
Edmund Ellis	"	January	1838	"	grandfather.

Also another Mrs. Rose and a number of Perryclears, likely our relatives.

"The Ellis's were members of Saint Helena Church (Episcopal, Church of England), Beaufort, S.C., from the time of its establishment (in 1712) until Richard Ellis married Miss Sarah Witter, the daughter of one of the deacons of
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old Euhaw Baptist Church at Grahamville, S.C., to wit, Mr. Jonathan Witter". I do not know where they worshipped before the 1832 dates given above, or where they lived, although they may have lived at Cedar Point Plantation in the Okatie area and worshipped in the old Euhaw Baptist Church as her father had done. They may have moved into, or near, Beaufort when the children became of

school age and then identified themselves with the Beaufort Baptist Church. Otherwise, I cannot account for their not joining that Church until 1832.

Richard Washington Ellis likely inherited from his father considerable property on Port Royal Island - Mills Atlas of South Carolina, 1825 (surveyed 1820) shows "Ellis" near the present Broad River Bridge, and a section near that Bridge is still called "Ellis". Also, the Marriage Contract of October 4, 1814,[5] lists a town lot in Beaufort, and "a going" Plantation "consisting of one tract of land in St. Luke's Parish (Beaufort District, State of South Carolina), on the waters of Chelsea or Chelsea Creek, and bounded by the said creek, and by the lands of the late Judge Heyward, and lands of the late William Hogg, Sr., containing 660 acres, more or less, on which are two settlements, - one the residence of the late Jonathan Witter, the other the residence of the late James Hogg, Sr., and known by the name of Cedar Point" that his wife inherited from her father Jonathan Witter under his will dated July 14, 1806. Richard Ellis, Sarah Witter, Robert L. de Treville and David Turner signed this Marriage Contract - the last two acting under the will of 1806. Cedar Point is in the Okatie area and is some three miles south east of the Savannah end of the Broad River Bridge. The Index to Deeds, Beaufort County, S.C., on file in the County Court House, Beaufort, shows that my father sold most of this property to Chelsea Plantation (a Hunt Club) in 1908. He had bought parts of the property from time to time over the years, primarily to help other members of the family who, for various reasons, wished to sell, even though he lived there less than two years as an adult. Based on the family papers, my great grandparents likely owned at least 1,200 acres in the Okatie area and on Port Royal Island consisting of several "going" Plantations, and a lot in Beaufort!

My great grandfather wrote a letter headed "Beaufort Jany 1840" to his son Edmund,[17] than a student at the Medical College of South Carolina,

(He graduated in 1841). Hence, the family must then have been living in Beaufort, or, more likely, on a nearby plantation on Port Royal Island. I have found no definite evidence that they actually lived at Cedar Point, though it appears logical they went there after their marriage in 1814 and likely moved into, or near, Beaufort when the children reached school age, perhaps around 1832 when they were baptized in the Beaufort Baptist Church. My grandparents moved to Cedar Point from Georgia, where Dr. Ellis had practiced medicine about five years, soon after the death of my great grandfather. I do not know when or where my great grandfather was born, but he died in 1848[16] and was likely buried on one of his plantations probably on Port Royal Island. My first cousin, Nellie Hasell Fripp, and I made diligent search over the years but we were unable to locate his grave, or a copy of his will. My great grandmother Ellis was probably buried at Cedar Point, or at Grace Episcopal Church (then interdenominational), or beside her husband. Two letters were written by her son, Dr. Ellis, from Cedar Point to his widowd mother in, or near, Beaufort in 1859, and 1860[18] and, one letter was written to her in, or near, Beaufort on August 16, 1859 by her granddaughter Eugenia Ellis from Cedar Point.[18] She was still living in, or near, Beaufort on September 16, 1861 as evidenced by a letter of that date from Eugenia at Cedar Point to her brother Edmund at Lawtonville.[18]

My great grandmother Ellis probably had to leave hurriedly as a result of the capture of the two forts at the entrance to Port Royal Sound by the Union forces on November 7, 1861. This was the greatest combined sea and land operation in the Western Hemisphere up to that time! Two of her sons, Stephen and Thomas, were in The Beaufort Volunteer Artillery and were probably in Fort Beauregard (at Bay Point, opposite Fort Walker, which was on Hilton Head Island) at that battle. Probably another son, Robert, was also in the service. Hence, I assume she refugeed with her other son, Dr. Ellis, and his

family, since she was with them when they returned home to Cedar Point after the war and was with them until 1874 at least, as shown in letters of Dr. Ellis. In this connection, Page 5, Doc. No. 374, by Richard Archibald Ellis, gives a vivid description of his mother leaving supper on the table in Beaufort on November 7, 1861, bundling them up in his grandmother Baynard's carriage, traveling all night, and reaching Lawtonville after sun-rise next morning.

As it might help others, who may not have access to this information, I will quote further extracts from Bulloch (published in 1901), and from Miller (published in 1957) with such minor changes as I now know about, as follows:

"Dr. Edmund Eugene Ellis, died December 25, 1883; married Sarah Ellen Perryclear, and had: (These were my grandparents).

1. Richard Washington Ellis; married Ida May Rhodes, and had:
   Cecil Walter Ellis and eleven other children. Five living.
2. Thomas Baynard Ellis, of James Island, S.C.; married Mary (Mamie) Lebby, daughter of Dr. Robert Lebby, Jr., of James Island, and had:
   Four children. All living. (These were my parents).
3. Rosa Adelaide Ellis; married Sidney M. Benton. No issue.
4. Sarah Isabel Ellis; married Andrew George Hasell, and had:
   Five children, two of whom died when quite young. None living.
5. Six otner children (Eugenia, Edmund Eugene, Jr., Mary Ellen, DeTreville, Lillian, Caroline). No issue.

"Stephen Grattan Ellis and Juliana Sophia Baynard Hall had:

1. Richard Archibald Ellis, of Barnwell, attorney at law, who already (1901) is a man of some note. B. November 29, 1853 in Beaufort, S.C.; d. February 25, 1940 in Barnwell, S.C. (Obtained by my brother Tom from stone in Old Purse Cemetery, Martin, S.C.).
2. Sarah G. Ellis, married E. A. Purse.

3. Martha E. Ellis, married C C. Baggs of Liberty County, Georgia and had, besides others.

   I. Lavinia Baggs, married Wm. H. Harper.

   II. Daisy Baggs.

4. Caroline DeTreville Ellis.

5. J. L. Ellis, married Anna Wilson, and had:

   J. L. Ellis.

6. Thomas B. Ellis, Jr., married Lizzie Harper.

7. Calder B. Ellis, married Fannie Vincent.

8. Dr. E. W. Ellis, married Miss Heathe, of Heatheville, Barnwell County, S.C., and had a large and prominent family.

9. Cecelia F. Ellis, married Charles B. Dunbar, and had:

   I. Stephen Dunbar.

   II. Charles Dunbar and others.

10. Lavinia Ellis.

"Thomas B. Ellis, brother of Dr. Edmund Eugene Ellis, married, first, Ella Rhodes, and had:

1. George Ellis, married. Had issue.

2. Margaret Ellis, married Etheridge, of Alabama, son of Hon. ---------- Etheridge.

"Thomas B. Ellis, married, second, Julia Adelaide Hall, half-sister of Richard Archibald Ellis, Esq., and daughter of Rev. W. E. Hall, Jr., "son of Capt. William Hall, of the Navy during Revolutionary War. He served through the whole of the late war and lost his foot at Averysboro, N.C." (Wilson Edward Hall, Jr., was the one who lost his foot at Averysboro, N.C.[13] E.D.E.).

Rev. Wilson Edward Hall and Juliana S. Baynard had:

I. Wilson Edward Hall, Jr., a brave soldier of C.S. Navy at Battle of Port Royal; married Laura D. Roberts and had

Tillie Hall, married W. L. Lagerquist. The Lagerquists had
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several children.

II. Julia A. Hall, married T.B. Ellis; no issue" (End of quote).

I understand the Halls had prominent connections in Philadelphia.

As a matter of information the descendants of my grand uncle, Stephen Grattan Ellis, have an organization the "Ellis Reunion" to perpetuate family ties. The current President is Mr. Harry Edward Johnson, Martin, S.C. I believe a family tree of that line is in course of preparation. This should be of considerable historic value when completed. Several of the letters in Part II of this book were written by members of that line - first cousins of my father. Some were written by his uncles and his aunt. In this connection, my great, great grandmother in my mother's line, Catharine Ann Grattan, married the first Robert Lebby - who was born in Beaufort, S.C. in 1767, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Howard) Lebby. Thus far, I have been unable to learn how "Grattan" got into the Ellis line in the person of my father's uncle Stephen Grattan Ellis. I will appreciate information about this.

DR. EDMUND EUGENE ELLIS

Dr. Edmund Eugene Ellis, b. Oct. 6, 1818; probably at Cedar Point, or on Port Royal Island; d. Dec. 25, 1883, at Cedar Point; buried in Grace Episcopal Churchyard; was the oldest son of Richard Washington Ellis and Sarah Witter Ellis; m. Mar. 24, 1841, Sarah Ellen Perryclear, b. May 20, 1824, probably at Orange Grove; d. Jan. 28, 1899, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sidney M. (Rosa Ellis) Benton, on Port Royal Island; buried beside her husband. (These were my grandparents).

1 - and family papers.

Issue:

Eugenia Ellis, b. Apr. 29, 1842 at Orange Grove, home of her grandmother

ROSA ELLIS BENTON
'874 - 1904

Rose; d. June 23, 1870 at Cedar Point; probably buried at Grace Episcopal Church. Never married.

Edmund Eugene Ellis, Jr., b. September 14, 1844 in Screven County, Georgia; d. Jan. 15, 1862 at Cedar Point, or in Grahamville, S.C.; probably buried at Grace Episcopal Church or at Grahamville.

Richard Washington Ellis, b. Apr. 15, 1846, probably in Screven County, Georgia; d. July 1, 1922 at his home near Estill, S.C.; buried in Lawtonville Cemetery near Estill; m. on July 18, 1875, Ida May Rhodes, b. Nov. 28, 1856; d. Nov. 12, 1930; buried beside her husband. They had twelve children, of whom five are living.

Rosa Adelaide Ellis, b. Dec. 17, 1847 "at St. Luke's Parish" likely at Cedar Point; d. Jan. 8, 1904 at a friend's (the Walkers) home on Port Royal Island where she had been taken sick; buried in the Benton family burying ground near her home on Port Royal Island; m. Dec. 1881, Sidney M. Benton, d. 1908 at his home; buried beside his wife; no issue; her niece, Nellie Hasell, lived with them after the death of her father (when Nellie was about three years old), and, in his will dated April 19, 1904, Mr. Benton referred to her as "my adopted daughter".

Mary (Mamie) Ellen Ellis, b. Jan. 15, 1850, likely at Cedar Point; d. in the 1930's, age over 80, at the old Benton home; buried in the Benton family burying ground; never married.

Sarah Isabel Ellis, b. Oct. 17, 1851 at Grahamville, S.C.; d. Apr. 3, 1912 at her home Myrtle Grove on the Okatie; buried in Grace Episcopal Churchyard; m. 1882 Andrew George Hasell, b. in Charleston, S.C.; died Mar. 7, 1894, at his home Myrtle Grove on the Okatie; buried in the nearby Grace Episcopal Churchyard where many of the Ellis, Hasell, and Fripp families are buried; (he had given "the land at the Hasell gate" on which the church was built in 1857). They had five children, two of whom died when quite young.

DeTreville Ellis, b. Apr. 16, 1856 at Cedar Point; d. May 30, 1886 at his brother Richard's home near Estill, S.C.; buried in Lawtonville Cemetery near Estill in his brother's lot; date of birth given on his stone is an error; never married.

Thomas Baynard Ellis, b. Dec. 13, 1858 at Cedar Point; d. Feb. 17, 1919 at his home just outside Mount Pleasant, S.C.; buried in the Lutheran Cemetery, Mount Pleasant; m. Jan. 29, 1889 at Fort Johnson, James Island, S.C.; Mary (Mamie) Lebby, daughter of Dr. Robert Lebby, Jr., b. Dec. 9, 1857 in Charleston, S.C.; d. Dec. 31, 1943 at Mount Pleasant, S.C.; buried beside her husband. See Doc. No. 378 for her Obituary. These were my parents. They had four children, all living.

Lillian (Lilly) Percy Ellis, b. Aug. 14, 1862 at Grahamville (?), S.C.; d. Dec. 5, 1884 at her home Palmetto Hall, now called Palmetto Hill, on St. Helena Island; buried in Grace Episcopal Churchyard; m. Dec. 1881, Edgar Walter Fripp, b. July 16, 1857. She died in childbirth, twins. No issue.

Caroline (Carrie) Ellis, b. Oct. 7, 1866 at Cedar Point; d. Feb. 17, 1899, at the Benton home on Port Royal Island; buried in Grace Episcopal Churchyard; never married.

Dr. Ellis graduated from The Medical College of South Carolina, Charleston, S.C., in 1841 at age 22. "His graduation thesis was titled "An Essay on the Anatomy and Physiology of the Respiratory Organs". This was a requirement for a degree and it is bound with others of his class in our library (Medical College of South Carolina). It was, of course, handwritten and was 41 pages long".[19] A few years ago I had the pleasure of seeing this thesis! I do not know where he received his basic education, as such records of that period have not been retained by the Medical College, but family lore was "he went to college up North". At about 17 he was in Philadelphia,[20] but, though I followed this up, I have thus far been unable to obtain any definite information.

As a young man, Dr. Ellis was active in the Beaufort Baptist Church until he transferred to Black Creek Baptist Church, Screven County, Ga. (Jacksonboro P.O.), October 6, 1843, at which time it was "Resolved that the Pastor write the appreciation letter".[16] He practiced medicine in Georgia for five years, when failing health and the death of his father, caused him to return to his native State and settle down at Cedar Point Plantation,[20] where he was a physician and planter - as were so many other Doctors, my grandfather Lebby included, of that era. He evidently lived there for the remainder of his life, except for part of the war years, on the Plantation that had belonged to his grandfather Witter and probably to one, or more, preceding generations of his family.

Dr. Ellis transferred from the Georgia Church to the Euhaw Baptist Church, Grahamville, S.C. (his grandfather Jonathan Witter had been a deacon of the old Euhaw Baptist Church a half century or more before) and, over a long span of years the Church records show he was quite active in Church affairs. To quote from the Church records: "Grahamville, Lord's Day, Nov. 27, 1850. Held a meeting in the Free Church. Received Bro. E. E. Ellis upon letter from the Black Creek Church, Screven Co., Ga."[21] The Family Papers, and the several Fripp Diaries, show how much he was looked up to in his community, and the many good works he performed.

In this connection, the part Dr. Ellis played in the education of the Negroes from shortly after the close of the war until just before his death December 25, 1883 shows up very clearly in a great many of the papers in Part II of this book. He took an active part in the education of both races, but this was more pronounced for the Negroes. He made many constructive suggestions, including one for his teaching the children of one race in the morning and of the other race in the afternoon. Doc. No. 376 shows he taught a small Negro school for a time, likely before the public school system, just after the war.

Doc. No. 387 shows he was teaching a school for 35 Negroes in February 1876. Doc. No. 73 shows that his daughter, Lilly, age 13, in April 1876 was teaching a Negro plowman "to read, write & cipher when he comes home twelve o'clock every day. He is making good progress too". Doc. No. 220 shows that Lilly, in 1881, age 18, filled in for her father in teaching a Negro school when Dr. Ellis was called away. Doc. Nos. 73, 174, 211, 213, 220, 227, 261, 376, 387, 389, and 390 give a fairly good view of how one former well to do Southern family went about trying to educate the Negroes of the community. This was evidently appreciated as Doc. No. 390, of October 20, 1883, is a petition signed by "Seventeen prominent Colored men" of the Oakatie area asking "for a School on the Oakatie" and stating "We desire to have Dr. Ellis as the Teacher".

I now wish to call attention to Doc. Nos. 386, March 1, 1868, and 72, February 8, 1876. These show the early attempts of Dr. Ellis and his brother Thomas B. Ellis, to hammer out workable agreements or contracts between themselves and the Freedmen. The entire mode of life of both races had been changed as a result of the outcome of the war. Each race still needed the other. Hence, through trial and error, a workable base was finally established to the mutual benefit of both races. See also Dec. No. 36 of 1867.

I have already quoted many items from Bulloch,[1] a copy of which can be found in most large libraries. Those interested will find that book of much value on the Ellis, DeTreville, and other related families. For example, some information is given on the early generations, and about my father's uncles, aunt, and some of his first cousins, as well as of his marriage, and of the marriages of his brother and two of his sisters. Pages 107 to 122 give considerable information on the DeTreville family. Page 110, as referring to the marriage of Sarah Ellis to Robert L. de Treville, shows her as the daughter of Richard Ellis and Sarah Hogg and, in a footnote gives: "The following shows the military services of the Hogg family: "William Hogg,

under Capt. Cowan, 1780; James Hogg, Col. Waters' Regiment, 1780; John Hogg, 1779-80-81-82; Lewis Hogg, 1780-81-83. Major Hogg also did good service". Jane H. Hogg, married in 1840, Alexander Moultrie". Baynard is on Page 135, Joyner on Page 123 and King on Pages 33 and 79.

"Our Family Circle". By Annie Elizabeth Miller,[22] also gives some information on the Ellis, Baynard, Hall, Rhodes, Youman, Witter, and many other related families.

The South Carolina Historical Magazine, published quarterly by The South Carolina Historical Society, Fireproof Building, Charleston 5, S.C., is a veritable gold mine for those doing research work on South Carolina families. These magazines, together with the very valuable Index, can be seen in most large libraries.

Many years ago my first cousin, Mrs. Robert Lee (Nellie Hasell) Fripp, located over 300 Ellis family letters and documents in the attic of the Benton home, Pleasant Farm, on Port Royal Island. This is on Broad River about seven miles from Beaufort and was where our mutual grandmother Ellis spent the latter years of her life, after the death of Dr. Ellis and of her son DeTreville Ellis, with her daughter Rosa and the latter's husband, Sidney M. Benton. A few items were also found by Nellie in the Fripp attic at The Bluff in the Okatie area. Most of these papers are now in the South Carolin-iana Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C., as joint gifts of Nellie and myself. I hope I can locate and place other original items there too for <u>preservation</u>, <u>protection</u> and <u>posterity!</u> Each was assigned a "Document Number" for ease of identification, but the numbers could not be assigned chronologically since the originals were received by me in mixed batches over a period of years. The <u>originals</u> on file in the South Caroliniana Library are arranged in strict chronological sequence, however. These eventually will be bound in whatever number of volumes are necessary, after I feel I

have exhausted all possibility of placing other originals there. These are the "Family Documents, Dr. Edmund Eugene Ellis", referred to in some of the footnotes. They are of considerable interest as they tell the story of a former well to do family, before, during, and after the Civil War, and convey some idea of conditions during Reconstruction. Each is accompanied with a typescrpt, with explanatory notes, for ease in spot checking the originals.

Part II of this pamphlet is an Abstract of those papers, and is also arranged in chronological sequence, except in a few instances that could not be avoided.

"In March 1939, Nellie wrote in long hand a brief thumb nail sketch of certain members of the Ellis family, together with a Foreword, and some very apt comment. All this was based on what she then knew, or could find from material on hand - largely the Ellis letters and documents. She is the daughter of my Aunt Sarah Isabel Ellis and of Andrew George Hasell, her husband. I do not think she will object to my quoting, with such necessary changes as we both now know are required, from such valuable information with the object of passing it on to the younger generation and to future generations of the Ellis family. To do so will greatly enhance the reading of the Ellis letters and documents".

I wrote the above paragraph on November 29, 1959 and sent a copy of what she wrote in 1939 to Nellie. She was delighted to have it in typed form. She has since passed away, but I am taking the liberty of including what she wrote 26 years ago, so that her work on "Family" will be passed on to succeeding generations. To quote:

"The Ellis Family"[23]

by

Mrs. Robert Lee (Nellie Hasell) Fripp

"Foreword.

SARAH ROSE ROSE
1800 - 1883

Parts of these articles may sound sad, as they cover a hard period in the history of our dear South, but I have often heard my relatives say that, on the whole, those early days were the happiest days of their lives.

There were several families of nice people living near, and the young folks met for candy pullings, games, picnics and dances. A neighbor played the fiddle for the latter.

They had church once or twice a month, and the Ellises usually entertained the Ministers.

Indeed they <u>often</u> had company, with whom they gladly shared the best they had. The young ladies, in turn, were given the exclusive use of the parlor on certain nights to entertain their gentlemen friends.

Best of all, there was a strong bond of <u>love</u> and <u>fellowship</u> between <u>all</u> the family.

<u>Mrs. Sarah Rose Rose</u> first married Jacob Perryclear, and, some time after his death she married a Mr. Rose. She was the mother of Sarah Ellen Perryclear Ellis. She lived on her plantation "Orange Grove" on St. Helena Island. It is located on Chowan Creek.

Before the war, and after the death of her second husband Mr. Rose, she lived alone on her plantation with her slaves. Among other things she sold oranges. When war was declared, she refugeed to Orangeburg, S.C., where she had relatives, and where some of her relatives still live. She died a few years later, and is buried there, I think. She was born about 1800. Died Dec. 27, 1863.

All her furniture, lands, etc., were confiscated. She was well educated and a splendid Christian lady. She wrote a few poems. She was my great grandmother.

All the Ellises, as far as I now know, are and were Baptists, and earnest Church workers.

I think the old house was still standing in 1925 when the new house was built - a bit further inland as the creek was washing away the banks. The ruins of the old home can still be seen. The mantel in the living room of the new house came from the old house.

Mrs. Sarah Witter Ellis lived on her plantation, with her bachelor son, Thomas Baynard Ellis, (This evidently refers to the period 1848 - 1861, when he was between 10 and 23 years old. He was married twice. E.D.E.) after the death in 1848 of her husband, Richard Washington Ellis, and the marriage of her other children. She was my great grandmother.

Her place, known as "Low Bottom", by which it is still known, contained over 300 acres. It was on the Okatie. They planted cotton, corn, etc., and raised sheep and cows.

She, like many other planters, ran accounts at stores in Beaufort and/or Charleston, and paid when they sold their cotton. I have never seen one of those old accounts that was not marked "Paid"!

Before her death she had sold part of her land and divided the rest between her son "Tommy" and her daughter, "Grandmother Ellis". (She evidently meant her daughter-in-law. E.D.E.)

I did have the marriage contract between Richard Washington Ellis and Sarah Witter, but gave it away. (Note: A copy is in the Beaufort Library and another copy is included in the Ellis papers in the South Carcliniana Library. See Doc. No. 5. E.D.E.) In it, her father left her certain slaves - a dozen or so, all by name. Also, certain property, including Cedar Point, cattle, sheep, hogs, chickens, household goods etc.- later to be settled on her children.

She died in her 80's, and is buried in the little Church yard on the Okatie. According to a letter of 1859, she must have lived in, or near, Beaufort at one time.

Edmund Eugene Ellis, our grandfather, went to college up North, then returned South, and later graduated in medicine in 1841 at The Medical College of South Carolina, Charleston, S.C. He got married quite young, March 24, 1841, age 22, and practiced medicine in Georgia several years before settling, after his father died in 1848, at "Cedar Point Plantation" in Beaufort County (District then) and going into farming, cattle raising, etc., while still continuing his practice until after the Civil War. There was no money to pay him then.

He must have made a success, as he had quite a number of slaves, a large gin-house, etc. "John Goldwire" was the coachman and drove the carriage. There was a seamstress, cook, house maids, etc., and each child had their own little slave - besides the field hands. "Maum Nelly", the nurse, never left them until her death after the war.

Dr. Ellis, who, on account of his profession and large family, did not join the army, continued to plant cotton and store it. It was later burned by Sherman - gin house and all. He made salt at Bay Point by boiling salt water. He had sent his large family, first to their summer home in Grahamville - then to stay with cousins in Barnwell.

The letter from "John Screven"[24] refers to a paper Dr. Ellis had, that I think he sold for $ 25.00. I understand the said paper is now worth around $10,000. It was, in part, a letter of General Horatio Gates, announcing to "His Excellency John Hancock", the capture of General Burgoyne and the British Army at (Saratoga (?)--.

b. Oct. 6, 1818, d. Dec. 25, 1883, age 65. Buried in the little Church yard on the Okatie. (The stone shows him as "Edmond". It should be "Edmund" - the way he, and his son Edmund, Jr. signed their letters. E.D.E.).

Mrs. Sarah Ellen Ellis - "Grandmother" - was the dearest little lady in the world. (I remember her). (So do I. E.D.E.). What an example to us, spoiled, discontented creatures! To raise that large family (10 children), and raise them well! Also to suffer such hardships after the war, and to keep sweet!

Just read some of her letters and judge for yourself.

The last years of her life, together with her two single daughters Mamie and Carrie, were spent with her daughter and son-in-law Rosa and Sidney Benton on Port Royal Island.

Though having no lessons in art, she was a natural artist, and drew and painted beautifully from a small child. She also made the most natural, perfect and beautiful paper flowers.

b. May 20, 1824, m. Mar. 24, 1841, d. Jan. 28, 1899, age 74. Buried beside her husband in the little Church yard on the Oakatie.

Eugenia Ellis, our aunt, the oldest Ellis child, was known as "Sister", and was her mother's right hand. b. Apr. 29, 1842, d. June 23, 1870, age 28.

Her death was attributed to the very hard work she did just after the war to help her family get re-established. Her father said in a letter that she could not "rough it" as she "had been delicately raised".[25]

She was buried in the cemetery at Cedar Point. (She probably meant Grace Episcopal Churchyard. E.D.E.).

Edmund Eugene Ellis, Jr., our uncle, was the second Ellis child. He was tutored at home at Cedar Point until he was 15. Then he was sent to a boy's boarding school in Lawtonville, S.C., under Mr. Holcombe.

When war came, these boys were drilled for the army, and many joined. Edmund joined, after getting the consent of his father, but before going to camp, he went home for a visit. While penning cows on horseback, the horse

stepped in a hole and fell, causing Uncle Edmund to break his arm. He later caught cold in it, which caused his death.

From his letters, he seemed to be a fine young fellow, and devoted to his family. b. Sept. 14, 1844; d. Jan. 15, 1862, age 17.

Richard Washington Ellis, our uncle, the second son, joined the army and fought through the four years of the war. He was "Brother Richie".

Think he met his wife, Ida Rhodes, during the war, as he was married soon after (From later information, July 18, 1875. E.D.E.), and settled on a farm near Estill, S.C., where he lived many years and raised a large family.

He was devoted husband and father, and a faithful member of the Baptist Church.

Going back to "the war", his private slave (a boy in his teens) followed "Maus Richie" through the four years of the war, to help take care of him. He was wounded in the leg.

b. Apr. 15, 1846; d. July 1, 1922. Buried in Lawtonville Cemetery, near Estill, S.C.

Rosa Adelaide Ellis Benton, wife of Sidney M. Benton, was the dearest aunt, and finest woman I have ever known. She was the fourth Ellis child.

I don't know how she got her education, but I know she taught school in Lawtonville, Blackville and Robertville - in this way being a material help to her family during the strenuous period after the war. She later taught a small neighborhood school, for her younger brothers and sisters, and the children of some of the neighbors, including some Fripp children. For the latter, she got a small salary, as shown in some of her letters. She, with the help of her youngest brother Tom, managed to get Lilly, a younger sister, through the Confederate Home College in Charleston. Aunt Rosa and Aunt Lilly were later married at a double wedding at Cedar Point, in December 1881.

Aunt Rosa and uncle Sidney had a happy and comfortable home, on Port

Royal Island, where they lived for many years and had many friends. They are buried in the family lot near the old home. (I knew both. E.D.E.)

b. Dec. 17, 1847; d. Jan. 8, 1904.

Mary Ellen Ellis, or Aunt Mamie, the fifth child, was born at the Ellis summer home in Grahamville (She was more likely born at Cedar Point, as they would hardly have been in their summer home in January. I was in the old home at least twice some years ago when it was owned by the Horry family. It has since been torn down, a new home having been built on the lot. My wife and I visited Mrs. Horry and her daughter there in March 1964. E.D.E.).

She lived for many years with her sister and brother-in-law, the Bentons on Port Royal Island, and at times with her brother Richard and his family. She was a good Christian and a tireless worker. Though her health was not good, she never stopped doing for others. The last years of her life were spent with her niece and her husband, the Robert L. Fripps.

b. Jan. 15, 1850; d. in the 1930's, age over 80; buried in the Benton family lot near the old home. (I knew her. E.D.E.).

Sarah Isabel Ellis, the sixth child, married Andrew George Hasell. They had five children, two dying young. They lived on the Hasell farm, called "Myrtle Grove" near the Okatie and next to Cedar Point. She was Mr. Hasell's second wife, (the first, Miss Lechmere, having died, buried in the little Church yard on Okatie) he being much older than she.

He passed away while their three surviving children were quite small. She made a noble struggle to feed and clothe her family, by renting out her land and the income from a small bunch of cows. (Nellie was one of the three surviving children. E.D.E.).

She was a loving member of the Baptist Church. She is buried in the little Church yard on the Okatie, as are her two youngest children, her husband and his first wife. b. Oct. 17, 1851; d. Apr. 3, 1912.

DeTreville Ellis, the seventh child, nicknamed "Chewey", frequently referred to as "Treville", or as "Det", seemed to be the farmer of the family, doing his best to help take care of his father and mother and unmarried sisters. He went "up country" once or twice to work, but not for long.

From what I have heard, and from the letters I have, he must have been a splendid character - though rather bashful and retiring. (Indeed the former trait seems to show in a great many of our family. Grandmother Ellis was very dignified and reserved).

He died while comparatively young in Estill while on a visit to his brother Richard. Buried near his brother Richard in the Lawtonville Cemetery. (The date of his birth on his tombstone is in error. E.D.E.).

b. Apr. 16, 1855; d. May 30, 1886, age 30.

THOMAS BAYNARD ELLIS, the eighth child, and youngest son of the large Ellis family, left home while quite young, to work near Charleston, first at Plum Island, then on James Island. For awhile he boarded (part time) with a family of Heywards (in Charleston), who were very kind to him.

As you will see by his letters, his mother, and the entire family, leaned on his help and judgment, and though his salary was at first small, he was always ready to share and to help. Tools, seeds, etc., for the farm, clothing, etc., for his sisters, and quantities of quinine to help keep off the ever prevalent malarial fever.

He later married a James Island girl and raised four fine children. They lived on James Island for many years, but he spent the last years of his life near Mount Pleasant, where he had bought a farm, and built a nice house.

b. Dec. 13, 1858 at Cedar Point; d. Feb. 17, 1919, in his home near Mount Pleasant, S.C. Buried at Mount Pleasant. Age 60.

LILLIAN (LILLY) PERCY ELLIS, the ninth child, graduated from the Confederate Home College in Charleston about 1880 (through the tireless efforts of her brother and sister, Tom and Rosa).

In some of the letters her name is spelled "Lily", though she always used "Lilly", in her letters. She was said to be quite pretty, and very sweet and lively.

She married Edgar Walter Fripp, and moved to his plantation, "Palmetto Hall" on St. Helena, Island, where she lived three years. She died after the birth of twins, and is buried in the Fripp cemetery on the Okatie near her father and mother and sisters Sarah and Carrie. Both babies died.

b. Aug. 14, 1862; d. Dec. 5, 1884, age 22.

(A few years ago, Nellie Fripp took my wife and myself to call at "Palmetto Hall", now known as "Palmetto Hill", then owned by the Grahams. About the same time she took us to call at "Orange Grove", then owned by the Snows. The hurricane "Gracie", I understand "badly damaged the old Fripp house". I think this referred to "Palmetto Hill", as Mr. Graham was mentioned in this connection. Some years later we were taken to both places (which are on St. Helena Island), by Ruth de Treville, wife of my cousin Ellis de Treville, on a tour sponsored by St. Helena Church! E.D.E.).

Caroline Ellis, or aunt Carrie, the tenth child, and the last and youngest of all the children, was sweet and gentle, but almost an invalid all her life. In some letters her name is shown as "Carry", though she was usually referred to as "Carrie".

She was raised at Cedar Point, where she was likely born, and educated at the little school there.

She spent the last years of her life happily with her mother and two sisters, and brother-in-law, Sidney Benton, on Port Royal Island.

She died only three weeks after her mother, and is buried in the little Church yard on the Okatie, by the rest of the family - or most of them. (I knew her. E.D.E.).

b. Oct. 7, 1866; d. Feb. 17, 1899, age 32." (End of quote).

I will also quote brief extracts from a letter Nellie wrote me on July 21, 1959, as follows:[23]

"Now I will tell a little about Uncle Dick, who they called "Sonny". I have little written proof, but have heard the family tell it many times. He joined the army very young, and a slave boy insisted on going with him, and probably saved his life. When he got shot in the knee, and had to drop out for a time, the negro waited on him faithfully, even stealing chickens, etc. He always walked with a limp after that. Later, he and the boy walked to find a branch of his Company. They came to a home in S.C., and stopped to ask for food. The lady of the house welcomed him, and invited him in, as they were just ready to have a good dinner. When the lady went back to the kitchen, uncle Dick put all the biscuits in his shirt for future needs - but horrors, he jumped up politely, and his shirt tail came out, and all the biscuits fell on the floor! What happened then? The lady gathered them up, and adding meat, etc., gave him a fine lunch! *** Grandfather Ellis also taught a small negro school for a time - I think before the public school system - just after the war. I don't know who Henry Ellis was. I think an uncle perhaps.

I think he and family may have lived near the old Benton place. That section is still called "Ellis". The old tomb stones are all gone".

I will now follow the lines of the children of Dr. Ellis who left issue, starting with the oldest, Richard Washington Ellis, then Sarah Isabel Ellis Hasell, then Thomas Baynard Ellis.

RICHARD WASHINGTON ELLIS

Richard Washington Ellis, my uncle, b. Apr. 15, 1846, probably in Screven County, Georgia; d. July 1, 1922 at his home near Estill, S.C.; buried in Lawtonville Cemetery near Estill; m. July 18, 1875, Ida May Rhodes; b. Nov. 28, 1856; d. Nov. 12, 1930; buried beside her husband; daughter of George Rhodes, one of the signers of the Ordinance of Secession of the State of South Carolina at Charleston, S.C. on Dec. 20, 1860. 1 6 22

Issue: (The numbers below apply only to this line - for ease of identification).

1. Richard Archibald Ellis, b. Oct. 6, 1876; d. Oct. 6, 1876.

2. Cecil Walter Ellis, b. Oct. 13, 1877; d. Sept. 8, 1932; m. Clara Virginia Towles. Issue.

3. Pearl Lilian Athalie Ellis, b. Oct. 13, 1879; d. Aug. 13, 1886; age 6.

4. Frampton Wyman (Doc) Ellis, b. Nov. 8, 1881; d. Sept. 1, 1951, at Estill, S.C.; buried Lawtonville Cemetery near Estill, S.C.; m. first, 1906, at Nixville Community, S.C., Phoebe Hazeltine Crapse, b. May 23, 1885, at Nixville Community, S.C., d. May 9, 1937, at Savannah, Ga., buried Lawtonville Cemetery. Issue seven children - only two lived to be adults. m. second, Feb. 22, 1938, at Augusta, Ga., Alice R. (Rhodes ?) Mobley, b. July 5, 1884, at Lawtonville, S.C., d. Aug. 21, 1954, at Augusta, Ga., buried Lawtonville Cemetery. No issue.

5. Richard Wilmotte (Mottie) Ellis, b. Oct. 13, 1883; d. July 2, 1958; m. Dec. 24, 1911, Lula Mae Jackson, b. Nov. 3, 1890. Issue.

6. Sidney Sinclair Ellis, b. Nov. 22, 1885 in Hampton County, S.C., d. Mar. 30, 1928 at Savannah, Ga.; buried in Bonaventure Cemetery, Savannah, Ga.; m. first, Bessie Barnes, deceased. No issue. m., second, Elizabeth Lawton Purse. Issue.

RICHARD WASHINGTON ELLIS

1846 – 1922

IDA MAY RHODES ELLIS

1856 – 1930

7. Etta May (Blossie) Ellis, b. Sept. 9, 1887, at Lawtonville, S.C.; d. Sept. 12, 1950 at Charleston, S.C.; m. John Lawton Medlock. Issue.

8. Rosa Adelaide (Marguerite) Ellis, b. May 16, 1890; m. Dec. 25, 1915, Claude Alec Ashley, b. Jan. 26, 1888. No issue.

9. Cora Natalie Ellis, b. June 3, 1892, at Lawtonville, S.C.; m. Sept. 26, 1909, at Estill, S.C., Ben (Pete) Terrell Youmans, b. Oct. 2, 1889, at Lawtonville, S.C.; d. July 14, 1961, at Estill; buried Lawtonville Cemetery. Issue.

10. Frederic Eugene Ellis, b. July 8, 1894; m., first, Sept. 15, 1915, at Savannah, Ga., Doris Tolle, b. Sept. 4, 1896. Issue. m., second, at Savannah, Ga., Lillie M. Flannigan, b. Oct. 23, 1911. Issue.

11. Douglas Royal Ellis, b. May 26, 1896, at Estill, S.C.; m. Apr. 30, 1919, at Savannah, Ga., Evelyn Douglass Royall, b. Mar. 4, 1900, at Savannah, Ga. Issue.

12. Mabel Thelma Ellis, b. Aug. 7, 1898, at Estill, S.C.; m., first, Oct. 2, 1917, at Estill, S.C., John Monard Eadon, b. Sept. 15, 1890, at Eutawville, S.C. Issue.; m. second, Nov. 28, 1952, at Jessup, Ga., Preston B. Mitchell. No issue.

CECIL WALTER ELLIS*

Cecil Walter Ellis (2), deceased; m. Clara Virginia Towles.

Issue:

13. Earl Ellis, deceased; m., first Miriam Brooks. Issue: Virginia Ellis.; m., second, Evelyn Chancy. No issue.

14. Thelma Ellis, m., Robert Hinely, who died several years ago. No issue.

15. Cecil Ellis, m., lives in Oakland, California.

* See "Addenda" for later information on this line.

16. Wilfred C. Ellis, m., Betty Freeman Issue: Barbara, Patricia, William, Richard, Robert, Betty, and Marion.

No further information now obtainable on this line.

FRAMPTON WYMAN (DOC) ELLIS

Frampton Wyman (Doc) Ellis (4), m. first, Phoebe Hazeltine Crapse.

Issue: (First wife)

17. Frampton Leroy Ellis, b. Mar. 9, 1915, at Lena, S.C., m. Aug. 10, 1935, at Allendale, S.C., Louise Spradley, b. June 22, 1916, at Allendale, S.C.

Issue:

Betty Louise Ellis, b. Jan. 18, 1937, at Estill, S.C., m. Aug. 23, 1956, at Augusta, Ga., Dr. Lowell Jennings Kepp.

Issue:

Kathleen Louise Kepp, b. Jan. 15, 1958, at Atlanta, Ga.

Amy Lynn Kepp, b. July 18, 1959, at Fort Ord, Calif.

18. Phebe Miriam Ellis, b. Aug. 1, 1919, at Lena, S.C.; m. first, Oct. 31, 1937, at Estill, S.C., George Floyd Dennis Hudson, b. 1914, at Winnsboro, S.C., d. June 17, 1940, at Denmark, S.C., buried Lawtonville Cemetery. m. second, June 8, 1941, at Savannah, Ga., Hobert Walter Lytle, b. June 1, 1916, at Angelica, N.Y.

Issue: (First husband)

Floyd Dennis Hudson, b. Oct. 29, 1938, at Savannah, Ga. He is now legally Dennis Hastings Lytle. m. June, 1956, at Boston, Mass., Gun Hovik, b. Nov. 1937 in Norway.

Issue:

Wayne Thomas Lytle, b. Dec. 23, 1962, at Orleans, France.

Karen Joanne Lytle, b. June 25, 1965, at Roselle Park, N.J.

Issue: (Second husband)

Alex Lytle, b. Aug. 9, 1946, at Brunswick, Ga. Unmarried.

RICHARD WILMOTTE (MOTTIE) ELLIS

Richard Wilmotte (Mottie) Ellis (5), m. Lula Mae Jackson.

Issue:

19. Richard Joseph Ellis, b. July 23, 1912, at Savannah, Ga.; died Mar. 27, 1947 at Monroe, Michigan; buried at Savannah, Ga.; m. first, Feb. 22, 1932, at Greenville, S.C., Carrie Bell Fletcher, died and buried at Greenville, S.C. No issue. Married, second, Sept. 1, 1935, at Beaufort, S.C., Mary Hancock, b. June 27, 1915, at Savannah, Ga.

Issue:

Richard Joseph Ellis, Jr., b. May 22, 1936, at Savannah, Ga.; m. Nov. 15, 1954, at Savannah, Ga., Quida Woods.

Issue:

Richard Joseph Ellis, III, b. Sept. 20, 1955.

Deborah Darlene Ellis, b. Nov. 17, 1957; d. Apr. 4, 1958.

Randall Ellis, b. Feb. 10, 1959

Ronald Charles Ellis, b. Oct. 18, 1938, at Savannah, Ga.; m. Dec. 29, 1959, Jeanette Hook.

Issue:

George Richard Ellis, b. Nov. 20, 1963; d. Nov. 20, 1963.

Ronald Charles Ellis, Jr., b. Feb. 2, 1965.

Patricia Mary Lou Ellis, b. July 11, 1941, at Savannah, Ga.; m. Charles Eugene White.

Issue:

Wanda Kaye White, b. Feb. 23, 1963.

Charles Eugene White, Jr. b. May 11, 1965.

Thomas Arthur Ellis, b. June 26, 1945, at Savannah, Ga.; unmarried.

20. Marguerite Jackson Ellis, b. July 1, 1914, at Savannah, Ga.; m. Aug. 11, 1932, at Ridgeland, S.C., Woodrow Jack Hall, b. Nov. 2, 1912, at Bartow, Jefferson County, Ga., d. Dec. 6, 1964, at Candler Hospital, Savannah, Ga.; buried at Forest Lawn Memory Garden, Savannah, Ga.

Issue:

Woodrow Jack Hall, Jr., b. June 10, 1933, at Savannah, Ga. Unmarried.

Richard Wilmotte Hall, b. Nov. 2, 1937, at Savannah, Ga.; m., Dixna Davis, b. Feb. 9, 1942.

Issue:

Lisa Faye Hall, b., Aug. 12, 1959.

Richell Ann Hall, b. Apr. 19, 1961, at Norfolk, Va.

Richard Wilmotte Hall, Jr., b. Apr. 30, 1962, at Norfolk, Va.

Nancy Lu Hall, b. Aug. 23, 1943, at Savannah, Ga.; m. Saturday, July 21, 1962, at Montgomery Presbyterian Church, Savannah, Ga., Gary Don O'Neal, b. Apr. 8, 1938, at Brand, Ark., son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morris O'Neal, Guntersville, Ala.

Issue:

Tracy Lee O'Neal (daughter), b. May 1, 1964, at Hunter Air Force Base Hospital, Savannah, Ga.

21. George Sinclair (Satch) Ellis, b. May 23, 1923 at Savannah, Ga.; m. Dec. 26, 1945, at Montgomery Presbyterian Church, Savannah, Ga., Mary Buckner, b. May 8, 1925, at Savannah, Ga.;

Issue:

Susan Frances Ellis, b. Aug. 28, 1947, at Savannah, Ga.

Bonnie Melina Ellis, b. Mar. 19, 1951, at Savannah, Ga.

SIDNEY SINCLAIR ELLIS

Sidney Sinclair Ellis (6) b. Nov. 22, 1885, in Hampton County, S.C. d. Mar. 30, 1928, at Savannah, Ga.; buried in Bonaventure Cemetery, Savannah, Ga.; m., first, Bessie Barnes, Deceased. No issue. m., second, Dec. 27, 1916,

at Savannah, Ga., Elisabeth Lawton Purse, b. Oct. 6, 1899, at Savannah, Ga.

Issue: (second wife)

22. Frances Elisabeth Ellis, b. Apr. 9, 1921, at Savannah, Ga., m., Aug. 16, 1941, at Savannah, Ga., Gilbert Burnet Lewis, Jr. b. Aug. 14, 1908, at Portsmouth, Va.

Issue:

William Claiborne Lewis, b. June 23, 1950, at Savannah, Ga.

23. Emily Lawton Ellis, b. Jan. 16, 1924 at Savannah, Ga.; m. May 26, 1941, at Christ Church, Fort Fredricia, St. Simons Island, Ga., Charles Walker Groover, b. May 2, 1921, at Quitman, Ga.

Issue:

Emily Elizabeth (Beth) Groover, b. Dec. 31, 1942, at Savannah, Ga.; m. Aug.5, 1961, at Galilee Episcopal Church, Virginia Beach, Va., Bennie Harold DuBois, b. Dec. 11, 1941, at Savannah, Ga.

Issue: Bennie (Ben) Harold DuBois, Jr., b. May 1,1962, Annapolis, Md.; Charles Jeffery (Jeff) DuBois, b. Oct. 11, 1963, at Virginia Beach, Va.

24. Sydney Sinclair Ellis, b. Feb. 13, 1927, at Savannah, Ga.; m. Dec. 27, 1947 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Savannah, Ga., William Jason Shipley, b. July 2, 1921, at Andrews, S.C.

Issue: (All born at Atlanta, Ga.)

William (Bill) Jason Shipley, Jr., b. Jan. 18, 1950.

Sydney Lawton Shipley, b. June 17, 1951.

Emily Celeste Tompkins Shipley, b. July 23, 1955.

ETTA MAY (BLOSSIE) ELLIS

Etta May (Blossie) Ellis (7) b. Sept. 9, 1887, at Lawtonville, S.C.; d. Sept.12, 1950, at Charleston, S.C.; buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Beaufort, S.C.; m. Aug.14,1907, John Lawton Medlock, b. Jan.3,1887, at Matthews Bluff,S.C; d. Dec.28,1935, at Beaufort, S.C.; buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Beaufort, SC.

Issue:

25. Charlie Willmott Medlock, b. Aug. 8, 1908, at Lawtonville, S.C.; m. Nov. 28, 1934, at Jacksonville, Fla., Genevieve King, b. June 2, 1911.

Issue:

Carolyn Jean Medlock, b. Feb. 10, 1936, at Jacksonville, Fla.; m. June 3, 1955, at Jacksonville, Fla., Russel Lee Shortridge, Jr., b. at Jacksonville, Fla.

Issue: (All born at Jacksonville, Fla.)

Deborah Jean Shortridge, b. Sept. 27, 1957.

Russel Lee Shortridge, III, b. Feb. 2, 1959.

Sandra Elaine Shortridge, b. Nov. 4, 1960.

Kenneth Wayne Shortridge, b. Jan. 10, 1962.

Joseph Michael Shortridge, b. Mar. 10, 1964.

Elaine Rose Medlock, b. Jan. 20, 1939, at Jacksonville, Fla.; m. Dec. 29, 1958, at Jacksonville, Fla., Clifton Eugene Bernier, b. June 27,1938, at Cornell, Wis.

Issue:

Jeffrey Duane Bernier, b. Feb. 13, 1958, at Jacksonville, Fla. (by previous marriage).

Clifton Eugene Bernier, Jr., b. Aug. 12, 1959, at Jacksonville, Fla.

Donna Marie Bernier, b. Oct. 31, 1960, at Jacksonville, Fla.

26. Verna Henrietta Medlock, b. Mar. 1, 1910, at Estill, S.C.; m. Dec. 22, 1935, at Beaufort, S.C., Bonnie Eugene Evans, b. June 10,1898, at Scranton, S.C.

Issue:

Robert Eugene Evans, b. Mar. 27,1937, at Parris Island, S.C.;

m. June 10, 1961, at Sumter, S.C., Patricia Elaine Alford, b. Nov. 27, 1944.

Issue:

Robert Eugene Evans, Jr., b. Feb. 20, 1962, at Sumter, S.C.

Bonnie Elaine Evans, b. Apr. 19, 1964 at Charleston, S.C.

Thomas Lawton Evans, b. June 18, 1947, at Charleston, S.C.

Charles William Evans, b. Jan. 7, 1952, at Charleston, S.C.

27. Cora Lee Edith Medlock, b. July 3, 1912, at Luray, S.C.; m. June 21, 1933, at Beaufort, S.C., Clair Lewis Patterson, b. Feb. 11, 1911, at Lock Haven, Pa.

Issue:

Clair Lewis Patterson, Jr., b. Feb. 7, 1939, at Dover, N.J.; m. Oct. 14, 1961, at Annapolis, Md., Janice Bowman, b. May 6, 1937, at Cumberland, Md.

Issue:

Clair Lewis Patterson, III, b. Apr. 6, 1965, at Anne Arundel Hospital, Edgewater, Md.

Bruce Sheldon Patterson, b. Mar. 24, 1962, at Bremerton, Wash.

28. Frampton Lawton Medlock, b. May 31, 1914, at Lena, S.C.; m. Aug. 15, 1939, at Miami, Fla., Peggy Adams, b. Mar. 3, 1911, at Thomasville, Ga., d. Feb. 24, 1965, at Del Ray Beach, Fla., buried at Jacksonville, Fla.

Issue:

John Lawton Medlock, b. Jan. 24, 1953, at Miami, Fla.

29. Virginia Elaine Medlock, b. Sept. 10, 1916, at Lena, S.C.; m., first, July 19, 1939, at Beaufort, S.C., Herman Lamb McDavitt, b. Nov. 19, 1911, at Wesson, Miss., d. Nov. 12, 1948, at Beaufort, S.C.; buried in Beaufort National Cemetery, Beaufort, S.C.; m., second, Dec. 24, 1952, at Beaufort, S.C., Milford Sloan Whitten, b. June 3, 1922, at Pelzer, S.C.

(No issue - second husband)

Issue: (First husband).

Ida May McDavitt, b. Jan. 30, 1943, at Parris Island, S.C.; m. Nov. 8, 1963, at Charleston, S.C., Robert Kirkland Burns, Jr., b. June 18, 1939, at Charleston, S.C.

Issue:

Lisa Elaine Burns, b. Sept. 1, 1964, at Charleston, S.C.

30. Charlotte Marie Medlock, b. Feb. 3, 1919, at Estill, S.C.; m. Mar. 14, 1937, at Beaufort, S.C., John Wesley Wilkins, b. Feb. 6, 1916, in Hillsborough County, Fla.

Issue:

Nancy Ann Wilkins, b. Aug. 30, 1939, at Charleston, S.C.; m. Aug. 9, 1961, at Charleston, S.C., Richard Larry Jones, b. Mar. 5, 1939, at Anderson, S.C.

Issue:

Richard Larry Jones, Jr., b. May 25,1962, at Charleston, S.C.

Cynthia Elise Jones, b. Oct. 16, 1964, at Huntsville, Ala.

Sharon Elaine Jones, b. Oct.16,1964, at Huntsville, Ala.

Gloria Wilkins, b. Apr. 7, 1941, at Charleston, S.C.; m. June 7, 1959, at Charleston, S.C., Bobby Grover Wertz, b. Jan.9,1936, at Augusta, Ga.

Issue:

Alan Mark Wertz, b. Dec. 26, 1960, at Boston, Mass.

Jennifer Denise Wertz, b. Nov. 3, 1962, at Charleston, S.C.

John Wesley Wilkins, Jr., b. Nov. 17, 1943, at Charleston, S.C.

Jean Roberta Wilkins, b. Apr. 5, 1945, at Charleston, S.C.

ROSA ADELAIDE (MARGUERITE) ELLIS

Rosa Adelaide (Marguerite) Ellis, (8), born May 16, 1890, at Estill, S.C.; m. Dec. 25, 1915, at Savannah, Ga., Claude Alec Ashley, b. Jan. 26, 1888,

at Fairmont, N.C. No issue. Her niece, Ida Rhodes Eadon, lived with them from an early age and, about 1942, she, Ida Rhodes, had her name changed legally to Ida Rhodes Eadon Ashley. b. Feb. 25, 1922, at Estill, S.C.; m. Oct. 11, 1953, at Atlanta, Ga., Charles William Brown, Jr., b. June 21, 1921, at Wrens, Ga.

Issue:

Claude Ashley Brown, b. Aug. 19, 1954, at Augusta, Ga.

Janet Marguerite Brown, b. Nov. 20, 1955, at Augusta, Ga.

Charles William Brown, III, b. Dec. 31, 1958, at Augusta, Ga.

Lillian Angela Brown, b. Aug. 6, 1961, at Aiken, S.C.

CORA NATALIE ELLIS

Cora Natalie Ellis (9), b. June 3, 1892, at Lawtonville, S.C.; m. Sept. 26, 1909, at Estill, S.C., Ben (Pete) Terrell Youmans, b. Oct. 2, 1889, at Lawtonville, S.C.; d. July 14, 1961, at Estill; buried Lawtonville Cemetery.

Issue:

31. Evelyn Eugenia Youmans, b. Nov. 12, 1910, at Estill, S.C.; m. first, Mar. 21, 1942, at Jesup, Ga., Clyde Leroy Carter, b. in Odum, Ga. ; d. Jan. 29, 1949; buried in Jesup, Ga.; m., second Nov. 1, 1952, at Estill, S.C., Robert Albert Bateman, b. Sept. 25, 1920, at Batavia, N.Y.

Issue: (First husband)

Cora Natalie Carter, b. Jan. 30, 1943, at Jesup, Ga.

Ben Terrell Carter, b. Mar. 4, 1945, at Jesup, Ga.

Terrell Lee Clyde Carter, b. July 8, 1949, at Ridgeland, S.C.

Issue: (Second husband)

Ronald (Ronny) Lane Bateman, b. Sept. 23, 1953, at Hampton, S.C.

Sue Anne Bateman, b. July 22, 1955, at Hampton, S.C.

32. Terrell Lee Youmans, b. Sept. 18, 1912, at Estill, S.C.; m. April 21, 1935, at Beaufort, S.C., Naomi Roberds, b. May 11, 1914 at Estill, S.C. (Her

parents were, Linwood W. Roberds, b. Feb. 25, 1878, at Lawtonville, S.C.; d. Aug. 24, 1949, at Estill, S.C.; m. Naomi Hall, b. Sept. 11, 1883, near Allendale, S.C., d. Jan. 9, 1946, at Estill, S.C. Both buried in Lawtonville Cemetery).

Issue:

Margaret Anne Youmans, b. Dec. 30, 1935, at Estill, S.C.; m. Apr.3, 1955, at Lawtonville Baptist Church, Estill, S.C., James Warren Wynn, b. Oct. 5, 1933.

Issue:

James Bryan Wynn, .. b. Jan. 5, 1956, at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Stephen Craig Wynn, b. June 7, 1957, at Kansas City, Kans.

Patricia Anne Wynn, b. June 26, 1958, at Indianapolis, Ind.

Janet Elaine Wynn, b. July 16, 1959, at Hampton, S.C.

Sandra Camille Youmans, b. May 29, 1942, at Estill, S.C.; m. Aug. 12, 1962, at Protestant Chapel, Fort Benning, Ga., William Arnoux Roosma, b. Apr. 18, 1935, at Governors Island, N.Y. No issue.

Connie Lee Youmans, b. Jan. 17, 1949, at Ridgeland, S.C.

33. Mabel Claire Youmans, b. Apr. 12, 1915, at Estill, S.C.; m. first, Oct. 2, 1935, at Hampton, S.C., Pasquale (Pat) Ienuso, b. at Brooklyn, N.Y.; m., second, on July 10, 1946 ?, at Savannah, Ga., Emerson Burch Scofield, b. Oct. 6, 1912, at Mason, Ohio.

Issue: (First husband).

Richard Paschal (Dick) Ienuso, b. July 2, 1936, at Brooklyn, N.Y.; m., Aug. 26, 1961, at Savannah, Ga., Marjory Dale Sutton, b. Feb. 17, 1941, at Savannah, Ga.

Issue:

Richard Paschal Ienuso, Jr., b. July 25, 1963.

Susan Kelly Ienuso, b. Mar. 17, 1965.

Issue: (Second husband)

Shirley Elizabeth Scofield, b. Apr. 18, 1948, at Cincinnati, Ohio.

FREDERIC EUGENE ELLIS

Frederic Eugene Ellis (10), b. July 8, 1894, m., first, Sept. 15, 1915, at Savannah, Ga., Doris Tolle, b. Sept. 4, 1896, at Thunderbolt, Ga.; m., second, at Savannah, Ga., Lillie M. Flannigan, b. Oct. 23, 1911.

Issue: (First wife).

34. Elizabeth Ellis, b. Feb. 2, 1917, at Savannah, Ga.; m. Aug. 6, 1933, at Ridgeland, S.C., Heyward M. Stuart, b. 1913, at Marion, S.C.

Issue:

Barbara Jeanette Stuart, b. May 13, 1934, at Savannah, Ga.; m. June 8, 1952, at Savannah, Ga., Joseph M. Tuten, b. Nov. 8, 1929 at Hardeeville, S.C.

Issue:

Virginia Lynn Tuten, b. Feb. 6, 1954, at Savannah, Ga.

Richard M. Tuten, b. Apr. 14, 1956, at Savannah, Ga.

35. Dorothy Ellis, b. Mar. 16, 1919, at Savannah, Ga.; m. June 29, 1941, at Ridgeland, S.C., Michael F. Martonicz, b. Sept. 16, 1917, at Farmington, Ohio.

Issue:

Gail Martonicz, b. Sept. 17, 1944, at Savannah, Ga.

Michael Martonicz, b. May 26, 1946, at Savannah, Ga.

Charles Martonicz, b. Jan. 19, 1953, at Savannah, Ga.

36. Frederic Eugene Ellis, Jr., b. Nov. 24, 1921, at Savannah, Ga.; m. Feb. 14, 1953, at Savannah, Ga., June Moore, b. June 10, 1921, at Sylvania, Ga.

Issue:

Frederic Eugene Ellis, 3rd., b. Dec. 11, 1959 at Atlanta, Ga.

37. Lewis Ellis, b. Aug. 16, 1924, at Savannah, Ga.; m. May 23, 1947, at Savannah, Ga., Evelyn Stembridge, b. July 21, 1928.

Issue:

Stephen Lewis Ellis, b. May 1, 1950, at Savannah, Ga.

Gerald Lewis Ellis, b. June 19, 1956, at Savannah, Ga.

Ronald Lewis Ellis, b. June 30, 1959, at Savannah, Ga.

Evelyn Louise Ellis, b. Jan. 10, 1965, at Savannah, Ga.

38. Ralph Ellis, b. Sept. 24, 1926, at Savannah, Ga.; m., first, Aug. 4, 1946, at Savannah, Ga., Wilda Norris, b. Aug. 16, 1927, at Pembroke, Ga. m., second, at Decatur, Ga., Betty White, b. Aug. 2, 1931, in Old Campbell County, Ga. Three of his children were born in Savannah, Ga. and two in Torrance, Calif.

Issue: (First wife).

Ralph Ellis, 2nd., b. July 10, 1947.

Arlene Ellis, b. Aug. 25, 1949.

Carla Ellis, b. Dec. 23, 1953.

Issue: (Second wife).

Valerie Ellis, b. Oct. 1, 1962.

Tracie Ellis, b. Oct. 1, 1963.

Issue: (Second wife)

39. Barbara Ellis, b. Sept. 16, 1932, at Savannah, Ga.; m. in California, Tom Brenkwitz.

Issue:

Laura E. Brenkwitz, b. in Calif.

Thomas Brenkwitz, 3rd., b. , in Calif.

DOUGLAS ROYAL ELLIS

Douglas Royal Ellis (11) b. May 26, 1896, at Estill, S.C.; m. Apr. 30, 1919, at Savannah, Ga., Evelyn Douglass Royall, b. Mar. 4, 1900, at Savannah, Ga.

Issue:

40. Douglas Royal Ellis, Jr., b. July 2, 1923, at Savannah, Ga.; m. Apr. 1, 1945, at San Francisco, Calif., Mary Nancy Bosse, b. Mar. 15, 1923, at Lisbon, Maine.

Issue:

Wayne Douglas Ellis, b. Feb. 8, 1950, at Nashua, N.H.

Catherine Anne (Cathy) Ellis, b. Aug. 16, 1961, at Savannah, Ga.

41. Charles Richard Ellis, b. Jan. 24, 1925, at Savannah, Ga.; m. Mar.10, 1950, at Savannah, Ga., Hazel Lanier, b. Feb. 25, 1925, at Ellabelle, Ga.

Issue:

Charles Richard (Ricky) Ellis, Jr., b. Oct. 27, 1957, at Savannah,Ga.

Patricia Lynn Ellis (Trisha), b. July 11, 1960, at Savannah, Ga.

MABEL THELMA ELLIS

Mabel Thelma Ellis (12), b. Aug. 7, 1898, at Estill, S.C.; m. first, Oct. 2, 1917, at Estill, S.C., John Monard Eadon, b. Sept. 15, 1890, at Eutawville, S.C.; m. second, Nov. 26, 1952, at Jesup, Ga., Preston B. Mitchell. No issue from second marriage.

Issue: (First husband)

42. Marguerite Elizabeth Eadon, b. Apr. 10, 1918, at Estill, S.C.; m. First, June 6, 1942, at Pas Christian, Miss., Robert Coleman, b. May 6, 1918. No issue. m. second, Mar. 4, 1950, at Miami, Fla., Gaston Marlowe Bridges, b. Sept. 27, 1913, at Mobile, Ala. No issue.

43. Daisy Leona Eadon, b. Mar. 1, 1920, at Estill, S.C.; m. first, Mar. , 1940, at Miami, Fla., Thomas Winslow Flowers, b. Aug. 12, 1916, at Jessup, Ga.; m. second, Aug. 11, 1962, at Orlando, Fla., Tony R. Shelnutt. No issue from second marriage.

Issue: (First husband)

Winslow Ellis Flowers, b. Feb. 12, 1941, at Miami, Fla.; m. Mar. 21, 1965, at Miami, Fla., Patricia Eloise Glasscon, b. July 6, 1942.

Thomas Otto Flowers, b. Aug. 25, 1943, at Miami, Fla.; m. May 30, 1962, at Miami, Fla., Lynn Marie Barwich, b. Feb. 16, 1942.

Issue:

Lisa Lynn Flowers, b. July 30, 1963.

Robert Flowers, b. Oct. 20, 1947, at Miami, Fla.

James Eadon Flowers, b. Sept. 28, 1951.

4. Ida Rhodes Eadon, b. Feb. 25, 1922, at Estill, S.C.; m. Oct. 11, 1953, at Atlanta, Ga., Charles William Brown, Jr., b. June 21, 1921, at Wrens, Ga.

Issue:

Claude Ashley Brown, b. Aug. 19, 1954, at Augusta, Ga.

Janet Marguerite Brown, b. Nov. 20, 1955, at Augusta, Ga.

Charles William Brown, III, b. Dec. 31, 1958, at Augusta, Ga.

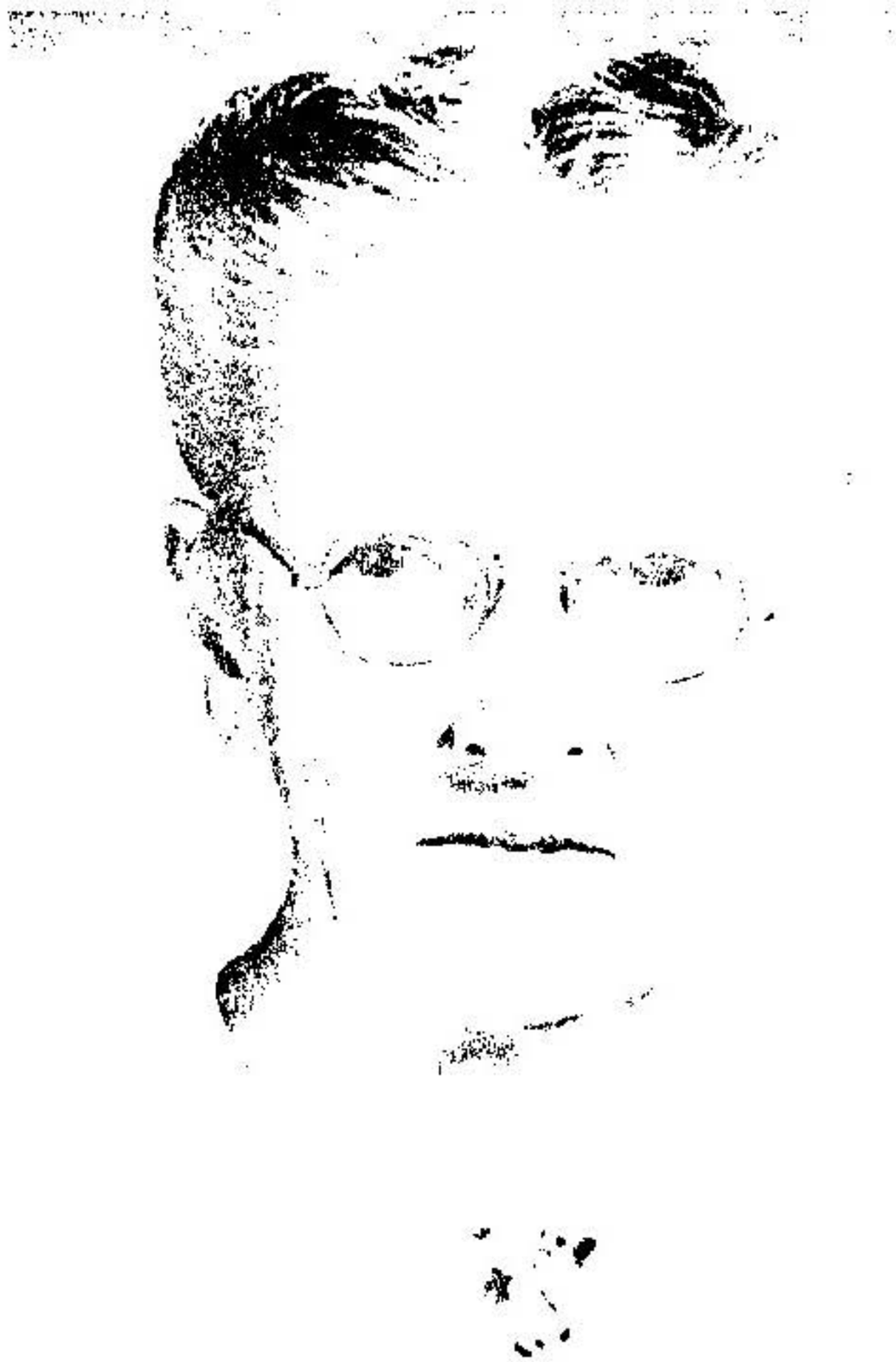
Lillian Angela Brown, b. Aug. 6, 1961, at Aiken, S.C.

SARAH ISABEL ELLIS

Sarah Isabel Ellis, b. Oct. 17, 1851, at Grahamville, S.C.; d. Apr. 3, 1912, at her home Myrtle Grove, in the Okatie area, Beaufort County, S.C.; buried in Grace Episcopal Churchyard; m. 1882, at Cedar Point, Andrew George Hasell, b.Apr. 1820 , at Charleston, S.C.; d. Mar. 7, 1894, at his home Myrtle Grove; buried in the nearby Grace Episcopal Churchyard, where many of the Ellis, Hasell, and Fripp families are buried. He had given the land "at the Hasell gate" on which the original church was built in 1857.

Issue:

NELLIE HASELL
(1911 – At Confederate Home)



NELLIE HASELL FRIPP
1891 – 1962

Andrew George Hasell, Jr., b. Sept. 10, 1883, at Myrtle Grove; d. 1885, about two years old, at Myrtle Grove; buried in Grace Episcopal Churchyard.

Bentley Hasell, b. May 12, 1885, at Myrtle Grove; d. Sept. 29, 1890, age 5, at Myrtle Grove; buried in Grace Episcopal Churchyard.

Andrew George Hasell, Jr., b. Apr. 23, 1887, at Myrtle Grove; d. May 8, 1948, at Beaufort, S.C.; buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Beaufort, World War I Veteran (Army); m. first, a Miss Lacy. Issue: a son Glenn. No further information obtainable.now.* m. second, Oct. 30, 1920, at Golden, Colo., Hazel Middleton, b. May 26, 1893, at Cripple Creek, Colo.

Issue: (Second wife)

Lucille Hasell, b. Sept. 30, 1921, at Denver, Colo.; m. first, May 2, 1942, at Beaufort, S.C., Russell Meredith, b. at Toledo, Ohio. No issue. m. second, Oct. 2, 1948, at Beaufort, S.C., William Culp, b. May 5, 1921, at Granite Quarry, N.C. No issue.

Andrew George Hasell, Jr., b. Sept. 30, 1923, at Denver, Colo.; m. May 27, 1951, at Charleston, S.C., Julia Thomas, b. June 24, 1928, at Walterboro, S.C.

Issue:

Frances Lenora Hasell, b. Oct. 10, 1953, at Charleston, S.C.

Andrew (Andy) George Hasell, III, b. May 13, 1956, at Charleston, S.C. Sixth generation of that name!

Robert Ashe Hasell, b. Dec. 23, 1925, at Denver, Colo.; m. June 5, 1949, at Miami, Fla., Lorette Kreiter, b. Mar. 25, 1924 at Erstein, France.

Issue:

Barbara Frances Hasell, b. Mar. 25, 1950, at Charleroi, Pa.

Bonnie Marie Hasell, b. Jan. 26, 1954, at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sydney Leonard Hasell, b. Jan. 7, 1928, at Littleton, Colo.; d. Dec. 4, 1947, at Tachikawa, Honshu Island, Japan, while in the U.S. Army

*See "Addenda" for later information on his first marriage.

Air Corp as Private First Class, 6th Photo Technical Squadron; buried on Jan. 15, 1948, in Beaufort National Cemetery, Beaufort, S.C. Never married.

Nellie Hasell, b. May 28, 1891, at Myrtle Grove; d. Apr. 25, 1962, in Colleton County Hospital, Walterboro, S.C.; buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Beaufort, S.C.; m. 1915, in Grace Episcopal Church (since burned by a woods fire), Robert Lee Fripp, b. Apr. 13, 1872, at the John E. Fripp Chechessee Bluff Plantation, in the Okatie area, d. Feb. 16, 1933, in Colleton County Hospital, Walterboro, S.C.; buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Beaufort, S.C. No issue. Adopted two girls and a boy - sisters and brother; all married and had children, and probably grandchildren.

John Ashe Hasell, b. Jan. 10, 1893, at Myrtle Grove; d. in Columbia, S.C.; buried in Columbia. Never married.

Mrs. William (Lucille Hasell) Culp, P.O. Box 524, Beaufort, S.C., has the Hasell papers that give the Hasell line. Her grandfather, Andrew George Hasell, was a Confederate veteran. (Company H, 3rd South Carolina Cavalry, C.S.A.).

THOMAS BAYNARD ELLIS

Thomas Baynard Ellis, b. Dec. 13, 1858, at Cedar Point; d. Feb. 17, 1919, at his home just outside Mount Pleasant, S.C.; buried in the Lutheran Cemetery, Mount Pleasant; was the youngest son of Dr. Edmund Eugene and Sarah Ellen Perryclear Ellis; m. Jan. 29, 1889, by Rev. Josiah McL. Seabrook, at Fort Johnson, James Island, S.C., Mary (Mamie) Lebby, daughter of Dr. Robert Lebby,Jr., b. Dec. 9, 1857, in Charleston, S.C.; d. Dec. 31, 1943, at 409 Church Street, Mount Pleasant, S.C.; buried beside her husband. These were my parents.

Issue:

Edmund DeTreville Ellis, b. Mar. 12, 1890, at Stiles Point, James Island, S.C.; m. June 15, 1915, Laura Frances Harris, b. July 22, 1886. Issue.

Robert Lebby Ellis, b. June 23, 1891, at Stiles Point, James Island, S.C.; m. Oct. 8, 1921, by Rev. Alexander Sprunt, D.D., Pastor, First (Scots) Presbyterian Church, Charleston, S.C., at Snee Farm, Mount Pleasant, S.C., home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Osgood D. Hamlin, May Elizabeth Welch, b. June 23, 1886, at St. Stephens, S.C. No issue. He attended Clemson College and The University of South Carolina. World War I veteran (Navy). She graduated from Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, N.C., in 1916 as a R.N. (Registered Nurse).

Thomas Baynard Ellis, Jr., b. May 7, 1894, at Stiles Point, James Island, S.C.; m. Aug. 7, 1918, in The First Baptist Church, Greenwood, S.C., Pearl Napier, b. near Greenwood, S.C., Aug. 8, 1886; d. Oct. 3, 1960 in Self Memorial Hospital, Greenwood, S.C.; buried in Magnolia Cemetery, Greenwood, S.C., in which Cemetery her father and mother (William Henry Napier, b. Nov. 11, 1853; d. Dec. 30, 1925; Elizabeth Tolbert Napier, b. Nov. 22, 1867; d. May 15, 1946) and other members of her family are buried. Issue.

Julia Bee Ellis, b. Nov. 1, 1895, at Stiles Point, James Island, S.C.; m. Nov. 18, 1914, by Rev. Alexander Sprunt, D.D., in the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Mount Pleasant, S.C., Thomas Royall Hamlin, b. Dec. 21, 1881, at Mount Pleasant, S.C.; d. Apr. 5, 1960; buried at Christ Episcopal Church (Six Mile), Mount Pleasant, S.C. No issue. She graduated from The Confederate Home College, Charleston, S.C., in 1913.

My father was born at Cedar Point and was two years, four months, old when the Civil War started, and six years, four months, old when it ended and the family was finally able to return to Cedar Point, after refugeeing to Barnwell, S.C. My grandfather's letter to my father, written in late 1883

shortly before he died, gives a graphic account of conditions existing upon their return home after the war.[25] Hence, while his brother Richard was in the war, my father was too young to realize the hardships imposed on all during the war. He grew up in the trying Reconstruction era, however, and knew full well about that phase. At an early age he left home to make his way in the world. Judging from the letters and postals, at about 16 to 18 years of age he was working at Lower 3 Runs in the vicinity of Martin, S.C., probably for cousins, one evidently being J. L. Ellis, son of his uncle Stephen Grattan Ellis. At about 19 he was with Mr. Thomas Savage Heyward,Jr., at Plum Island, S.C., just across the Ashley River from Charleston until Mr. Heyward disposed of Plum Island. He apparently was with Mr. Lawton at The Bluff Plantation, James Island, for a short while thereafter. He then settled down at the next Plantation, Stiles Point, James Island, S.C., and worked for Mr. William Godber Hinson - a former Officer, C.S. Army - most of the time until 1908.

His father died in 1883 and his brother DeTreville in 1886. This left his mother and two unmarried sisters alone at Cedar Point. Duty then called and my father evidently returned there, probably shortly after his brother's death in May 1886, to take charge and care for his mother and sisters - even as his father had done upon the death of <u>his</u> father in 1848! Two bad crop years, plus his heart being on James Island, evidently brought things to a head, as he returned to Mr. Hinson's in the spring of 1888. Satisfactory arrangements had been made for the ladies to move to the home of his married sister Rosa Benton on Port Royal Island - Mr. Benton looking after the family property on the Okatie, including some 400 acres that my father eventually owned there.

My parents were married in the official residence of the Quarantine Officer of the State of South Carolina and the Port of Charleston, Dr. Robert Lebby, Jr., on January 29, 1889 - my grandfather Lebby's 58th birthday - by

MARY (MAMIE) LEBBY ELLIS

1857 – 1943

Rev. Josiah McL. Seabrook. The house is still standing and is occupied by a Doctor and his family! It is only a few hundred yards from the spot where Dr. Lebby, in his capacity as a Physician, stood when "The First Shot" was fired from Fort Johnson at Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861! He later wrote an account of that historic event.[26]

My parents set up housekeeping in the house, still standing and occupied by one of my cousins and his family, at Stiles Point, James Island - about a mile and a half from Fort Johnson, and across the Ashley River from the present Fort Sumter Hotel, Charleston, S.C.[27] Their four children were born in that house, grew up in the usual country life of the horse and buggy age, attended the two room James Island Grade School, and the Presbyterian and Episcopal Sunday Schools and Churches (services alternated under then existing conditions), hunted and fished, visited among family and friends, and had a pleasant, happy, life while growing up and learning the rudiments of being useful citizens. Meanwhile, our parents carried their weight in the community and set us a good example.

My mother was born in the home of her grandfather Robert Rivers Bee at the north west corner of Legare Street and South Bay (now South Battery) in Charleston, S.C. Her father practiced medicine on James Island, where he was born, for many years. He served as a Surgeon, C.S. Army, to include Division Surgeon, during the Civil War. Later, for some 27 years, he was the Quarantine Officer, with station at Fort Johnson. Hence, except for the war years, when the family refugeed to Sumter, S.C., and while attending school in Charleston, my mother spent most of her life, until my parents moved to Mount Pleasant in December 1908, on James Island.

Even as quite a young boy my father evidently tried to attend an Agricultural College in Massachusetts, and later one in Alabama. Both attempts

fell through, I assume because of financial conditions during the tragic Reconstruction period. Later on, he gradually accumulated several hundred acres in the Okatie section, the first through purchase from his uncle Tom, and later through purchase of their interests from other members of the family. The Index to Deeds, Beaufort County, S.C., on file in the County Court House at Beaufort, shows he sold all of that property to Chelsea Plantation (a Hunt Club) in 1908. I think this was shortly after the death of his brother-in-law Sidney Benton, who had been looking after the property for him. It is of interest to note that my father was one of the Trustees under uncle Sidney Benton's will.

In the meantime, my father bought some land just outside Mount Pleasant, S.C. where he planted cotton, and where he built a home. This home and some ten acres of his former land, were later bought from the Estate by the Mount Pleasant Schools - the School Principal resides in the home. My father died in that home at age 60 and is buried in the Lutheran Cemetery, Mount Pleasant. My mother soon moved into Mount Pleasant and resided with her sister, Miss Julia Bee Lebby, at 409 Church Street quite near the Presbyterian Church that both attended. She died there nearly 25 years after my father's death, age 86. She is buried beside my father. (See Doc. No. 378 , for her Obituary).

EDMUND DETREVILLE ELLIS

Edmund DeTreville Ellis, b. Mar. 12, 1890; m. Tuesday, June 15, 1915, Laura Frances Harris, b. July 22, 1886, daughter of Dr. L. H. Harris and Laura Frances (Fanny) Elizabeth Cromwell Myers Harris, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Issue:

Laura Harris Ellis, b. Apr. 19, 1918; m. Thursday, Nov. 27, 1941, Tracy Ellsworth Mulligan, Jr., b. Sept. 25, 1917 at Mercy Hospital, Denver, Colo

eldest son of Tracy Ellsworth Mulligan (b. Jan. 12, 1880, in Washington, D.C.; d. Apr. 24, 1964, in his home at 3916 Northampton Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.; buried in Rock Creek Cemetery, Washington, D.C.), and Annette Royall Boswell Mulligan. (b. Oct. 14, 1886, at Bender Farm, New Kent County, Va.; r. Sept. 30, 1915, at Albuquerque, N. Mex.).

Issue:

Tracy Ellis Mulligan, b. Sept. 17, 1947, at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C.

John Robert Mulligan, b. Jan. 29, 1952, at Saint Albans Naval Hospital, Long Island, N.Y. He was born on the 121st birthday of my grandfather Lebby and the 63rd wedding anniversary of my parents!

I was born at Stiles Point, James Island, S.C. My wife was born at 1025 North Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. We were married in the Chapel of Saint George's Episcopal Church, Stuyvesant Square, New York, N.Y., by The Rev. Karl Reiland on Tuesday, June 15, 1915. This was just three days after I graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. We had known each other, however, for four and a half years.

I was named jointly for my grandfather Ellis and my uncle DeTreville Ellis, but have always been called DeTreville, or Det - as was my uncle. At age 16½ I went direct from the James Island Grade School to the University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C. where I later won a competitive examination to West Point. I entered West Point June 14, 1911, graduated June 12, 1915, became a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry, later transferred to the Quartermaster Corps, advanced through all the grades to include Colonel and retired for age by law Mar. 31, 1950, after nearly 39 years of continuous active service, including World Wars I and II. I had great difficulty obtaining certain information on <u>my ancestors</u>. Hence, entirely to save <u>my descendants</u> of future

generations much toil, if they ever wish to look me up, I enter the following about me: Graduate of: University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C. (B.S. 1910; C.E. 1911);United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. (B.S. 1915); Graduate School of Business Administration, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. (M.B.A. 1926); The Army Industrial College, Washington, D.C. (1926); The Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kans. (1935); The Army War College, Washington, D.C. (1937). This is enough about "me"! For more, see [28] and my folder under the Class of 1915, USMA, in The Library, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

My wife was tutored at home at St. Francis on the St. Johns River, ten miles from Deland, Florida. She graduated from The Preparatory School, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., and attended Dickinson College for one year, being a member of the Class of 1908. She later took some work at George Washington University, Washington, D.C. In her younger days she was quite active in Church work, including teaching Sunday School Classes, and in Girl Scouts. She is an Episcopalian. I am a Presbyterian and still a member of the James Island Presbyterian Church, James Island, S.C., that I joined as a boy. In that Churchyard are laid to rest a great many of my maternal line, including my Bee great grandparents, my Lebby grandparents, and many others of my Bee, Lebby, Rivers, King and Hinson relatives. A Presbyterian Church has been at that site for some two hundred and fifty years. We celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 15, 1965. Among many others who attended, was our grandson, John Mulligan, age 13, even as I, also 13, attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary of my Lebby grandparents at Fort Johnson in 1903!

My wife's father, Dr. Harris, was born Sept. 26, 1833 in Baltimore, Md. His parents likely lived at Swedesboro, N.J., at one time. He died in Pittsburgh, Pa., May 2, 1900 and is buried in Allegheny Cemetery, Pittsburgh. He married on May 4, 1864, in Pittsburgh, Laura Frances (Fanny) Elizabeth Cromwell Myers,

born in Carlisle, Pa. Oct. 7, 1844; she died at her home at Bright Waters, Long Island, N.Y., July 25, 1930; buried beside her husband. Dr. Harris resided in Columbia, S.C. from Sept. 1854 to Oct. 23, 1856 - age 21 to 23. He was baptized, and confirmed, March 24, 1856 in Trinity Episcopal Church, Columbia, S.C. ! In later years he was quite active, and at times a Lay Reader, in Episcopal churches in Pittsburgh, Pa. - where he had established a wholesale drug business.

My wife's paternal grandparents were: Enos T. Harris, b. 1791, d. 1836, m. 1816, Lydia A. Davis, b. 1796, d. 1878. My wife's maternal grandfather was Dr. John J. Myers, b. Jan. 23, 1806, in Baltimore, Md.; d. Aug. 24, 1854, at the home of his brother-in-law, Judge Joseph S. Carson, in Winchester, Va.; buried in Mount Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, Va. He graduated in medicine at The University of Maryland in 1826, with an M.D. Degree. In 1839, Dr. Myers married Margaret Hannah Amoss (1820 - 1890). She died in Pittsburgh, Pa. and is buried there in Homewood Cemetery. These were my wife's maternal grandparents.

Our daughter was born at Camp Mercedes, Mercedes, Texas (40 miles from Brownsville), when I was stationed on the Mexican border with the 16th Cavalry. She graduated, with a B.S. Degree in Physical Education, at George Washington University, Washington, D.C. in 1940. There she met her future husband, Tracy Mulligan, where he graduated with an A.B. Degree in 1937, and in law, with a J.D. Degree in 1940. Tracy also graduated from the University of Michigan with a Master's Degree in Business Administration, in 1951, and from The Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1955. They were married in Christ Episcopal Church, Petersburg, Va., by The Rev. Dr. Edwin Carter. Tracy is now a Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, on duty in The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. He served in the Army in World War II. Their two sons are quite active in Boy Scouts, as their mother was in Girl Scouts, and are active members of The National Rifle Association. Tracy, the oldest son, is an Eagle Scout and is an Assistant Scout Master. He graduated from Bethesda - Chevy

Chase High School, Bethesda, Maryland, on June 17, 1965. In September 1965 he entered The University of Maryland - where his great, great grandfather, Dr. Myers, graduated in 1826! John, the youngest son, is in Junior High School, Kensington, Maryland.

THOMAS BAYNARD ELLIS, JR.

Thomas Baynard Ellis, Jr., b. May 7, 1894; m. Aug. 7, 1918, in First Baptist Church, Greenwood, S.C., Pearl Napier, b. Aug. 8, 1886; d. Oct. 3, 1960; daughter of William Henry Napier and Elizabeth Tolbert Napier, both of Greenwood, S.C.

Issue:

Elizabeth Napier Ellis, b. Apr. 30, 1919, at Charleston, S.C.

William Henry Napier Ellis, b. Aug. 30, 1920, at Charleston, S.C.

Thomas Baynard Ellis, III, b. Jan. 10, 1922, at Charleston, S.C.

Elizabeth Napier Ellis, m. March 3, 1940, at 1186 South Main Street, Greenwood, S.C., the home of her parents, Samuel Ready Bradford, b. Dec. 31, 1915, at Greenwood, S.C.

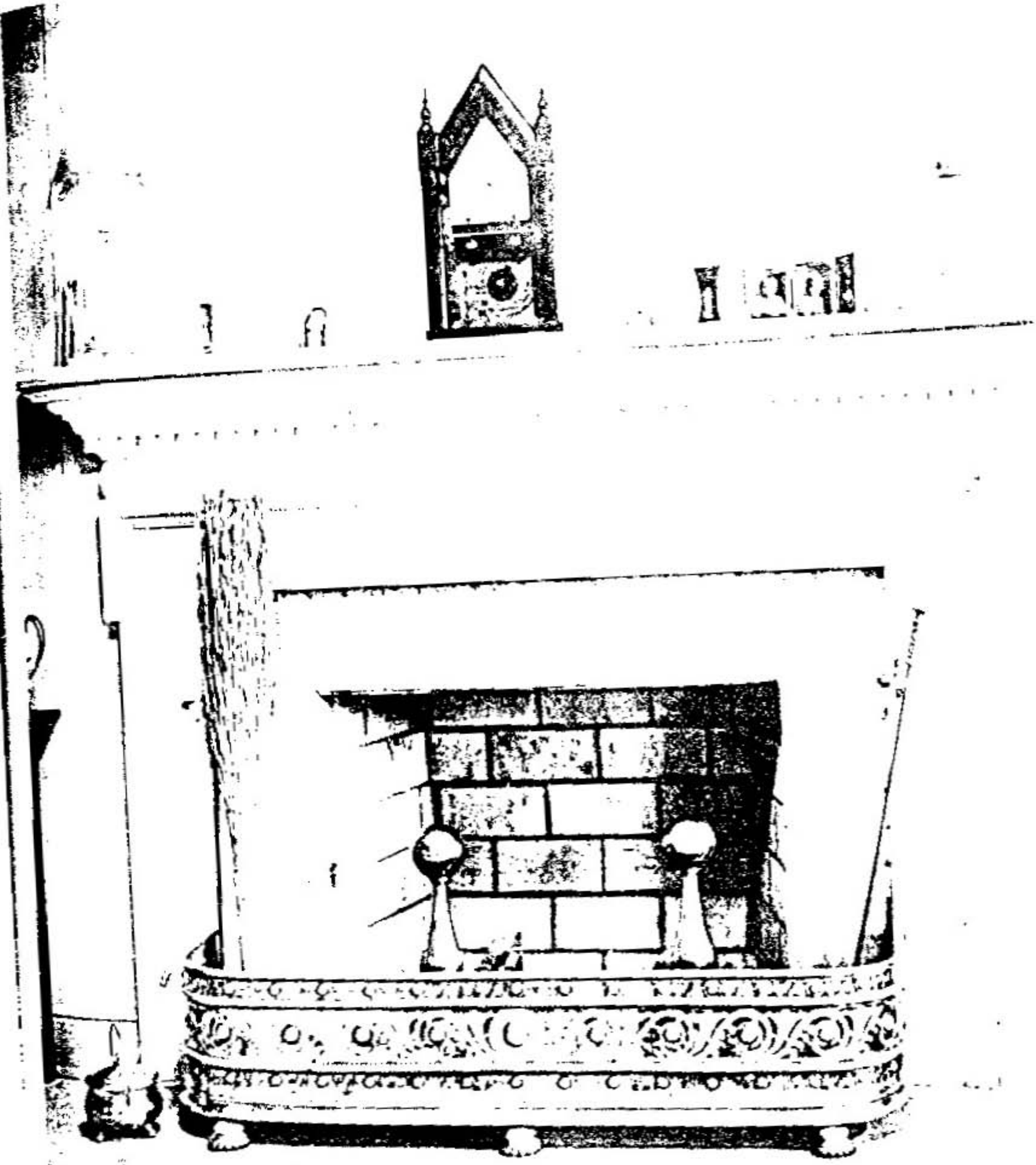
Issue:

Elizabeth Lebby Bradford, b. June 8, 1941, at Greenwood, S.C.

Samuel Ready Bradford, Jr., b. May 6, 1949, at Columbia, S.C.

William Henry Napier Ellis, m. Oct. 11, 1947, at Chattanooga, Tenn., Frances Elisabeth Woodward, b. Oct. 5, 1924, at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Issue:



MANTEL IN HOME OF THOMAS BAYNARD ELLIS, JR.,
GREENWOOD, SOUTH CAROLINA
WITH FAMILY HURRICANE SHADES, TALLOW LAMPS,
CLOCK, ANDIRONS AND BRASS FENDER

William Henry Napier Ellis, Jr., b. Nov.14, 1949, at Fort Eustis, Va.

Corbin Woodward Ellis, b. June 5, 1951, at Fort Eustis, Va.

Mary Elizabeth Ellis, b. May 27,1956, at Mitchel Field,Long Island,N.Y.

Julia Anne Ellis, b. May 20, 1957, at Okinawa.

Thomas Baynard Ellis, III, b. Jan. 10, 1922, at Charleston, S.C.; m., Mar. 19, 1944, at Newberry, S.C., Ruth Elizabeth Carter, b. Jan.13, 1924, at Newberry, S.C.

Issue:

Thomas Baynard Ellis, IV, b. Dec. 25, 1946, at Greenwood, S.C.

George Carter Ellis, b. May 10, 1949, at Greenwood, S.C.

Mary Lebby Ellis, b. Nov. 7, 1953, at Greenwood, S.C.

It is of interest to note that in the family of my brother Tom, three generations graduated from Lander College, Greenwood, S.C. - his wife, Pearl Napier, his daughter Elizabeth Ellis and his granddaughter Lebby Bradford. Lebby also graduated in Library Science from the University of North Carolina in 1964 and is now a Librarian in the Greensboro Public Library, Greensboro, N.C. I might add that my brother Tom attended Porter Military Academy, Charleston, S.C., which an uncle, Robert Bee Lebby, attended a generation before! Tom served in the Army in World War I.

Tom's son, Napier, graduated with a B.S. Degree from Clemson College (now University), Clemson, S.C., in 1942, entering the Army as a Second Lieutenant the same year. He graduated with a Master's Degree in Transportation from the University of Tennessee in 1955. He is now a Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, on duty in Bangkok, Thailand. He served in the Army in World War II. Napier's wife, Libby, is a graduate of Agnes Scott College, Atlanta, Ga.

Tom's son, Tommie, attended Georgia Military Academy, College Park, Ga. He served in the Navy during World War II. He then attended Greenwood College of Commerce, Greenwood, S.C., and is Auditor, State Bank and Trust Company, Greenwood, S.C., on duty in Columbia, S.C. Tommie's wife, Ruth attended Business College in Newberry, S.C. Their son, Thomas, is attending Camden Military Academy, Camden, S.C., for his second year.

This completes the direct line of Dr. Edmund Eugene Ellis based on such information as I have been able to obtain. Please advise me of errors, and suggestions for a future brief pamphlet.

Dear Edmund Bamfil Jany 1840

Yours of the 3d inst is before me & I
am sorry to learn that you are unwell
but hope before this reaches you you
will be entirely recovered. I expect to return to Brookhaven
about the middle of Feby next — Your
Father does not wish you to be concerned
on your account as he says you will return
when the crop is made. You will receive
$100 to pay by Benfors District with you
for the cotton about Columbus purchased
for 50 Cts & upwards — You can let
Moore Underwood have fifteen dollars
when I leave as my Note for my watch
will then be due as soon as I can get my cotton
it will enable me to pay him for the amount
I purchased from you. My compliments to Charlotte
in one of the Misses as Jeniah is now —
D. B. Thurmond tells Dr Johnson
he does Paris Leland cotton & cotton from
Hickman Land sell for 25 & 28 Cts That is
equal to 40 dollars on every bale I make
this year & I can assure at the present
time I would be able to satisfy my
creditors — My Pa often requests me
to write you & I now do so — Your

1840 LETTER
RICHARD WASHINGTON ELLIS to his son EDMUND EUGENE ELLIS

ABSTRACT OF THE ELLIS FAMILY PAPERS
from the originals and copies in the South Caroliniana Library

1. Indenture, or Marriage Contract, Oct. 4, 1814: Between Richard Washington Ellis and Sarah Witter. It was signed by both parties as well as by David Turner and Robert L. DeTreville. Witnesses were Paul A.Cartwright, Edmund Ellis and James Hogg. It was recorded Nov. 3, 1814. Turner and DeTreville were acting under the terms of the will of July 14, 1806 of Sarah Witter's deceased father Jonathan Witter, who had left her an Estate both real and personal, including Cedar Point Plantation (660 acres) in the Okatie area, 12 miles from Grahamville, S.C., and a lot in Beaufort. DeTreville was the husband of Sarah Ellis, half sister of this Richard Washington Ellis. Edmund Ellis was almost certainly closely related to the latter, possibly his brother, and James Hogg to Sarah Witter as her mother was evidently a Hogg.

2. Letter, Jan. , 1840: From Richard Washington Ellis at Beaufort to Edmund E. Ellis, his son, who was attending the Medical College of South Carolina, Charleston, S.C. Stephen (Stephen Grattan Ellis, another son) had fever, but is better. Dr. Johnson says you should be vaccinated as quickly as possible. You will receive the trunk today. With it will be your cloak, Colemans music book & 50 half spanish segars. Price of Paris Island and Hilton Head cotton is given. Be sure to get vaccinated.

3. Letter, Nov. 30, 1852: From Rev. J.M.C. Breaker at Newbern, N.C., to Dr. E.E.Ellis, Grahamville, S.C. He had been called to be Pastor of the Euhaw Baptist Church, Grahamville, S.C., Dr. Ellis having been designated by the church to handle matters. Dr. Ellis was 34. Rev. Breaker told of his expected arrival in time to preach on the first Sunday in January; that, as there was no direct communication from Newbern to Charleston or Savannah, his books would likely have to be shipped via New York. Apparently he would travel overland to Charleston and take the steamer there en route to Grahamville, likely via Beaufort or Savannah. The records of the Euhaw Baptist Church in the South Caroliniana Library likely would throw more light on this letter, and Rev. Breaker.

4. Itemized Accounts: Jan. 7, 1853 to Dec. 20, 1854 of Mrs. S.W. Ellis with J.S. Tyler & Co., Beaufort, S.C. These three accounts evidently contain the entire account for two years. One was from Jan. 7 to Oct. 11, 1853 for $299.36. This amount was carried forward to the next one of Oct. 11 to Dec. 14, 1853, the total then being $433.97. This was receipted as paid March 28, 1854. The other account was from Jan.4 to Dec. 20, 1854, amount $360.66. This was receipted as paid April 2, 1855. This shows the usual procedure of that period, bills being paid after the cotton was sold. Mrs. Ellis was the Sarah Witter of the Indenture, above. Her husband had died in 1848. At this time she was living either in Beaufort or on one of her plantations on Port Royal Island. In general, the items purchased during these two years were groceries, clothing, tobacco, farm necessities, etc., and were in fairly large amounts at times, reflecting the needs of the slaves as well as of the family.

5. Bound Book, April 11, 1858: In ink "Mrs. John E. Fripp, Bluff Place, Grahamville, Beaufort County, S.C., Recpte Book". It contains a number of cooking receipts, but most of the book is taken up with medical preparations. Hence, it may have belonged to, or been used, at one time by Dr. Ellis, whose Cedar Point Plantation was next to The Bluff - which belonged to Mr. John E. Fripp. The families were very close to each other through the years, a Fripp son having married one daughter of Dr. Ellis and a younger Fripp son having married his granddaughter, Nellie Hasell.

6. Letter, June 28, 1859: From Dr. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to Mrs. Sarah Witter Ellis, his mother, at Beaufort. On her request he had sent some sheep and lambs to be sold in Charleston, remittance to be made direct to her. A stable and a boat house were being built. He asked her to send his hat to wear on Sunday and on the 4th of July. He was sending her a fine Suffolk sow.

7. Letter, Aug. 16, 1859: From Eugenia Ellis at Grahamville to Mrs. S.W. Ellis, her grandmother, at Beaufort. The young men organized a company called "The Black Riders"; tournament; parade ground, etc. Mentions the new teachers; Miss Dupont has taken charge of the girls academy; Annie Webb here on a visit of two or three weeks; Mr. John Morrall is preaching in the Baptist Church - well liked.

8. Letter, likely in 1860: From Dr. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to Mrs. S.W. Ellis, his mother, at Beaufort. He had made her tax return, and enclosed receipt, as had not heard from her. Lydia (evidently a slave and house servant) is mad as a hornet at your sending her to me. Her desire is to range about the streets of Beaufort. I think I will have no difficulty in getting Toby (a slave) hired to Mr. Fripp. Gustavus Holcomb has taken Edmund to board with him. He is one of the best teachers in the State and already has over 40 scholars.

9. Letter, likely Apr. 1860: From Edmund Eugene Ellis, Jr. at school in Lawtonville, S.C. to Mrs. E. E. Ellis, his mother, at Cedar Point. He tells of going to the Savannah River, fishing, swimming across to Georgia, setting lines but catching no fish, making a net for a friend, looking forward to vacation, asks how many swallows had taken his new house, tell his two younger brothers they can take his swallow house, and call all the little inhabitants theirs, that it was clearing and time to get ready for church. (He was 15).

10. Letter, Apr. 9, 1860: From Mrs. S. R. Rose at Orange Grove, St. Helena Island, to R. A. Ellis, her 12 year old granddaughter, at Cedar Point. This is a whimsical letter gently prodding Rosa to write to her about the ordinary doings of the family and trying to draw her out by pointed questions. Just fancy yourself seated on an ottoman at my knee, chatting away about all your little concerns - all will be interesting to me. She had sent some Tatting of an entire new pattern taken from Godeys Ladies Books, and mentions Cambric Muslin, fine long cloth - or Linen, etc.

11. Letter, May 14, 1860: From Mrs. S.R. Rose at Orange Grove, St. Helena Island to Rosa A. Ellis, her 12 year old granddaughter, at Grahamville. Her letter of April 9, 1860 to Rosa had evidently brought a response and she was much pleased with such a nice letter. This letter was by way of encouragement for Rosa's superior composition and writing and with hope

Cedar Point.
28th June 1807.

Dear Mother:

Agreeably with your request I sent to Charleston yesterday 8 lambs & 4 wethers with a letter to Ingraham & Webb instructing them to sell them 12 head of sheep & remit the money to you at Beaufort.

I send Cedar & Toby to finish the stable & bring home your small boat. They have very little to do to the stable & they ought to finish it by Haiddy & return home on Saturday

Yours
E. E. Ellis.

P.S.
The geese shall be picked & the feathers sent to you by the first opportunity.

1878 LETTER (part only)
DR. EDMUND EUGENE ELLIS to his son THOMAS BAYNARD ELLIS

she would write again. It commented on Rosa making herself useful and for having a taste for domestic concerns. Note that the family had moved to their summer home in Grahamville sometime between April 9 and May 14.

12. Note, July 24, 1860: From E.E. Ellis, Jr., Lawtonville, to Dr. E.E.Ellis, his father, at Grahamville. It was marked "To whom it may concern" and "From my dear son E.E. Ellis, Jr., while at school in Lawtonville". It refers to repairs to the road in, or near Grahamville. E.E. Ellis, T.W. Webb and Wm. J. Haiser (?), pledged themselves to furnish the number of hands, and implements shown, for three days, the hands to be and appear on the road at or before 6 o'clock on Wednesday morning, the 2nd day of August. Dr. Ellis and Mr. Webb were each to furnish 7 hands and 3 hoes, 2 axes and 2 spades, for three days.

13. Letter, May 5, 1861: From E.E. Ellis, Jr. at Lawtonville to Dr. E.E.Ellis, his father, at Cedar Point. He was pleased with the situation, with the people and the school. He had joined the troop under Captain Frost and they were drilling very often - expected to make a show at the exarination. The question had been raised of a plain uniform costing $1.02 ½. The young ladies were to make the jackets for some. Note this was written less than a month after the "First Shot" was fired at Fort Sumter on Apr. 12, 1861.

14. Letter, June 26, 1861: From Mrs. S.R. Rose at Orangeburg, S.C. to Mrs. E.E. Ellis, her daughter, at Cedar Point. She, and others mentioned, had refugeed to Orangeburg where she evidently had some relatives. It was written during the early part of the war, is quite interesting, gives some family news and ends on an optimistic note.

15. Letter, July 8, 1861: From E.E. Ellis, Jr. at Lawtonville to Mrs. E.E. Ellis, his mother, at Cedar Point. He had recently returned to Mr. Holcomb's school, evidently after a brief vacation, and found everything as it was before. Dr. Frost was keeping up the company, reference being made to the war. A petition had been sent to Governor Pickens by Captain Smart and General Ellis for 50 rifles for us, and our Captain will teach us how to use them properly for the defense of this part of the country. Our drilling does not interfere with the school as we drill in the afternoon. I really hope we will not be needed, but should we be called upon I would be willing to defend my country.

16. Letter, July 21, 1861: From E.E. Ellis, Jr. at Lawtonville to Dr. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point. He had evidently driven up in two days, likely with John Goldwire - the coachman, having stopped one night en route with Dr. Mocock. He found everything exactly as they were before. Mr. Holcombe had opened school on July 1st. All the old scholars were back except three. Nine new ones entered since he arrived, making 49. Mr.H. said he was not going to take any more unless they were very small (?). Dr. Frost still drills us. "He has sent to Governor Pickens for 40 rifles for us but I think it is very doubtful he will get them."

17. Letter, Aug. 11, 1861: From E.E. Ellis, Jr. at Lawtonville to Mrs. E.E. Ellis, his mother, at Cedar Point. He had received her letter but was too busy to write before; great deal of rain; now quite hot; glad to hear forts are being built on the seacoast (he likely referred to Fort Beauregard at Bay Point and Fort Walker on Hilton Head Island - both at the

entrance to Port Royal Sound); thinks one should be built on Daws Island too so that, if the Yankees do pass Bay Point, they will have to give another bully fight before our brave soldiers will allow any of the cowards to land; it would take 8 Yankees to whip one Southerner; refers to Manassas; a good many of the men about here have gone to Virginia to join in the fight for their liberty; our captain is gone and we voted for Mr. Shovin, who drills us every Wednesday; he had met old Mrs. Holcombe, who told me all about grandmother and all the Ellis family; she asked more questions about them than I could answer and sends her love to all; had gotten a hat for 80 cents; was obliged to get a pair of shoes, tell Sister (Eugenia) I will answer her letter soon and tell Sissy (Rosa) she must write to me very soon; tell her she need not think when she is writing, but to write anything - how she employs her time and all about Treville and Tom and all; tell all over howdy for me; tell Sonny (Richard) he must either write himself or get you to write a short letter to me and tell me how the fish are biting and about the hound dogs, etc. He was not quite 17 when he wrote this letter.

18. Letter, Sept. 1861: From Mrs. E. E. Ellis at Cedar Point to E.E. Ellis,Jr., her son, at Lawtonville. They were still at Cedar Point and had given up all idea of moving to Grahamville (where they had a summer home) unless obliged to leave on account of the anticipated invasion; some persons were already leaving Beaufort; Thomas Ellis (Probably his uncle and in the Beaufort Volunteer Artillery) is at Bay Point (Fort Beauregard) to stay there until April; your father likely saw him there yesterday while en route to Beaufort to look into matters on a plantation for your grandmother; a wild cat got many of her turkeys and the hounds treed it, but it got away before Sonny (Richard) could get there with his gun; she had lost 39 young turkeys one night when he was there; had a great deal of rain in past two weeks; lightning struck a pine tree near our house in Grahamville and it fell on the house crushing through the shed of the piazza but not injuring the body of the house; Thomas went up to cut it away; mentioned a friend, by name, having been to Virginia and returned, who had ridden over the battlefield (Manassas) - an awful sight though several weeks after the battle; we expect daily to hear of another great battle; be careful of yourself as it is now September - the month in which we are more apt to have fever than any other; we have joined the "Soldiers Relief Association" of Grahamville; they sent us down a bundle of homespun shirts to make for the soldiers, & since then a woolen coat & pants.

19. Letter,Sept. 16, 1861: From Eugenia Ellis, at Cedar Point, to E. E. Ellis, Jr., her brother, at Lawtonville. She was 19; he just 17. This letter reveals such historic information that it will be quoted in full, as follows:

"I suppose you have been expecting a letter from me, and perhaps you have been disappointed in not getting one before, but do you know it has been near a month since we heard from you, dear Bubs. Of course we take into consideration the inconvenience you have to submit to in writing, but I do think you can send a letter about once in two weeks.

I got a letter from Grandma Ellis a few days ago. She sent her love and wanted to know why you had not written her. She writes me that there has been such a crowd at the Ellises all summer that Henry had to

sleep in the drawingroom, and Rose in a passage! Of course we have not moved, but I do not mind it much, as it is not nearly as lonely as it used to be, and there is not any amusement anywhere in these times, except sewing for the soldiers.

I suppose Mama wrote you how busy we have all been, I got a note from Mrs. Tracy some days ago, saying they had a large bale packed to be shipped.

How unfortunate that Cape Hatteras affair was, & they are making so much of it. Well, it is the only conquest the poor things have had to brag about so far, but I am afraid it will not be the last, for now it is certain our coast will be attacked, & you know it is very far from being ready. Of course they are doing all they can for its defense, but it is now Sept., and things are not nearly completed.

People are already leaving Beaufort. Indeed they were completely panic-stricken a few weeks ago. One night a bright light was seen out on the Atlantic, and they took it for granted that the town was about to be attacked, which of course created quite a sensation!

Mr. John Scriven's Company of Guerrillas, numbering over a hundred men, with another regiment, I have forgotten the name, have been ordered to take place of the Guerillas in Grahamville.

On the first approach of danger, we will move to Grahamville, though I hope there will be no necessity for it. Grandmother Ellis has begun to take a rational view of the war, and quietly gave up Tommy to his duties. Tommy, and also Uncle Stephen and Wilson Hall, are at Bay Point, where they will probably remain until next April. Father spent two days with them, on his way to Beaufort, last week. One of the officers remarked to him, not to be surprised if they should all be taken prisoners and carried off any night. (Note: Those mentioned were with The Beaufort Volunteer Artillery, stationed at Fort Beauregard).

I do not suppose you have much time to read. I have read a good many pretty books this summer. Mr. Wm. Heyward sent us a large lot from Grahamville, some time ago, & Mr. John Fripp also sent me some. I only wish, dear Bubs, that you were here to enjoy them with us".

20. Letter, Sept. 22, 1861: From E.E. Ellis, Jr. at Lawtonville to Dr. E.E. Ellis, his father, at Cedar Point. Ashamed for not writing before, but been laid up with an abscess under right arm; better then; everything very still there; sometimes a good many men meet at the Post Office on mail evenings; planters busy picking cotton for some time and nearly finished breaking corn, of which they made a pretty fair crop.

To quote the rest: "A group of men were conversing the other day about the hard times and one of them said that we would not starve that is certain, for we have a plenty of corn, and bacon, if nothing else. But there are a great many who have no bacon, and have to sell their cotton before they can even get that. Mr. Holcombe was saying this morning that the people who are keeping boarders are complaining very much about hard times, and that they will lose by it unless they raise the prices. Mr. Holcombe says that he is out of bacon, and that he has tried to get some every where, but without success, and that he does not know what to do. He says bacon is too high in Charleston. He says that he is afraid he will be obliged to break up School before December. Henry Hy, Mr. Oswald, and Mr. Shovin are going to Bay Point tomorrow.

Three boys are gone to Virginia, one to Bay Point and a good many others are going very soon to fight for the liberty of their country.

Dear Father, Boys and Men are called upon for the defense of their country. I am old enough to go, and therefore feel it my duty to go. I am perfectly willing to go. I know you are unable to go, as your constitution is not strong enough to stand what a soldier has to stand, and besides you have got family and could not be spared from home. So Dear Father I am willing to go in your stead".

This letter was not signed, so there must have been at least another page. The handwriting, and content, however, definitely pin point the author.

21. Letter, Oct. 8, 1861: From Dr. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to E.E.Ellis,Jr. his son, at Lawtonville. "I received your letter in which you request permission to go to Bay Point Fort for the defense of your country. However gratifying to me such a patriotic spirit may be, I think it highly improper & inexpedient for you to make the move at present. - Little Treville is quite sick with fever - as soon as he gets better I will pay you a visit & I will talk with you farther on the subject. - I expect soon to join a very fine horse company of over ninety men under Gen. Howard. Treville has been delighted at the "little letter" Bubber wrote to him, & wonders if Bubber will write him another. - As Mr. Fripp's mail boy will soon leave I must only add that the whole family send their love to you. - Study hard & make the best of your time".

22. Letter, Oct. 1861: From E.E. Ellis, Jr. at Lawtonville to Dr. E.E.Ellis, his father, at Cedar Point. "I received your letter. I was very sorry to hear that Treville was sick, but I hope he is better by now, and that you will come up next week.

I will be looking for you every day. Mr. Halcombe also got your letter, and will be looking for you. I will start to read Caesar next week, and I would be very much obliged to you if you would bring up your Ainsworth Dictionary for me, as there are a great many words in Caesar that I cannot find in the Latin Dictionary.

Do not disappoint me for I am anxious to see you."

23. Letter, Oct. 1861: From E.E. Ellis, Jr. at Lawtonville to Mrs. E.E.Ellis, his mother, at Cedar Point. This is the last known letter from Edmund, and it will be quoted in full. His father finally consented to his joining the army. While at home preparatory to his entering the service, his horse stepped in a hole while penning cows and Edmund was thrown. He died Jan. 15, 1862, age 17, from the injuries received at that time.

"I had just written a letter in the morning to you, and intended to mail it in the evening. I will send it by John (the Coachman) and save that five cents. I did not go hunting, as I said I thought I would, because I could not get a horse; but I got one in the evening and had a delightful ride. A whole lot of us went, there were four boys, besides myself and six girls. I was delighted to find John here on my return, and disappointed to find that Father had not come. I am sorry indeed to hear that there has been so much sickness home; but I am glad that they are now better.

I am very much pleased with the clothing and very much obliged to you, and Father for them. The Coat Grand-Mother sent for me is a splendid one - I am very much obliged to her for it. If you get an opportunity I wish you would send word to her so. I wrote a letter to her about a month ago, and I will write another very soon in which I will thank her myself. And the pants too, I forgot, is a very neat one. I tell you won't I step about that Church yard tomorrow! Oh yes, the times are getting very

hard. I don't know what we will do if the war lasts much longer. I expect we will have to do without a great many things that we have always been accustomed to!

I will take good care of my clothes, especially my dress coat and pants. I will do as you tell me about the coat and pants, it is a very nice rack (?) you sent for the coat. I tried it on him, and found that it fit him splendid, it is a very good plan. I am glad you thought of it. I was obliged to get a pair of shoes today; there are none in the village, but there is a good stock at a store (8) miles from the village and Mr. London got a pair for me there and charged them to himself. I went for them myself before it was time to go to ride, and picked out a stout, heavy pair with thick soles, they are coarse, but after wearing them awhile they will look very well. It is late now, and I will go to bed, and write more in the morning.

Sunday morning:

I have collected up all my thin clothes and I think got them all. I put most of them in the carpet bag, and the rest I sewed up in the towel. I will send all except my thin black coat and pants, I think I had better keep them in case we have some more warm weather. It won't be long now before the examinations - only one month - but it will be the longest month to me in the year, at least it will seem so.

Tell Sonny (Richard) I am very sorry to hear that he was sick and that I am very much obliged to him for the chinquepins he sent for me, but I am afraid he must have sent all he had, and he aught to have kept some for himself, they are quite a treat. There are not many about here if I did have time to gather them. Tell Father I will be glad to see him any time. I am sorry he could not come last week, he must try and come this week. I am very glad to hear that he has made a good crop.

I must end my letter now as it is time for church. Tell all over howdy for me. Write soon. Good-bye. Your ever affectionate Son."

24. Letter, Nov. 4, 1861: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to E.E.Ellis, Jr., her brother, at Lawtonville. She was not quite 14, he 17. "I would have written before Dear Brother, but between sickness and delay I have just made up my mind to write you a few words, and as Sister (Eugenia) is going to write you, I think it is a good opportunity for me to tell you how we spend our time which I hope will be as interesting to you as anything I can think of. Well, to begin with we spend the mornings in nothing, now that is between our studies and sewing, but to tell the truth we are almost wild in evenings. When chinquepins were in we were after them sometimes as soon as dinner was over, and between us all we got a good many.

We are picking myrtle berries to make wax with luck we will mix taller and see if we cannot make some candles, that is if we get berries enough to make it worth while, for will be obliged to burn light wood in the rooms, as a good many other people are doing already, then I guess we will begin to feel the blockade!

The weather is so delightful now that we often take long walks and ramble in the woods, and eat pharch (?) berries which is still better than the myrtle berries to us.

It must be considerably cooler up there than down here. I meant it must have been colder earlier than down here, for our trees are just beginning to cast their leaves, and John said you had frost up there on Monday, and he has not visited us yet, and I know you wrote us that they had fires up there long before we had any.

I know the poor camp people will miss their nice warm beds and firesides. Father will I am sure. I do not know what we will do without him at home, for his business must want attending to of course. I do not suppose he will be away long though - at least I hope so. I suppose when you come you will be after joining the Company too, but if you go into camp once I expect you will wish for your bed at home many times, and for fire too, but you would undergo only what many a brave boy has already.

Oh! how glad it makes me feel every time I think of it to think one more month you will be with us again Dear Brother, those four weeks will seem very long to us, I wish they were four days instead.

You must really excuse such a short note, but as Sister has written too I guess you have heard everything that is worth hearing.

Answer my letter soon, Dear Brother, and believe me your aff. Sister Rose."

25. Letter, Nov. 4, 1861: From Eugenia Ellis at Cedar Point to E.E.Ellis,Jr., her brother, at Lawtonville. This is being quoted in full as it views things through the eyes of a 19 year old girl. Just three days after this letter was written, on Nov. 7, 1861, the U.S. Fleet captured Fort Walker (on Hilton Head Island) and Fort Beauregard (at Bay Point). This opened Port Royal Sound, and Beaufort, to the U.S. Army and Navy, and meant that Hilton Head Island became the U.S. Headquarters and Base - with, at times 40,000 troops.

"It is my turn now, Dear Bubs, to deserve a Scold for not writing before. One reason for not doing so, was that Father expected to leave for Lawtonville for near a month before he sent John up. I suppose Mama wrote you that we were sick. Yes Sonny (Richard), Sissy (Rosa) & I were favoured with visits from the Fever at the same time. The fevers were slight, but what with starving and dosing up for a week, we looked more like ghosts than anything else when we got up. We have entirely recovered, however, and anyone seeing us now, would not think we had been sick.

Cold weather has come at last, and it is delightful now in the country.

I wish Dear Bubs that you were at home with us, for do you know that by eleven oclock today Mr. Alick Cuthbert will be the only gentleman left in the neighborhood? Up to last Saturday it had been very quiet here, and the only intimation we had of the war was the occasional boom of a cannon at one of the Forts, impressing one with a sense of safety. But on Saturday the Fripps, who are members of Mr. Kirk's company at Bluffton, were summoned in the night to go into an encampment, and Heyward Howard came down in haste yesterday evening with a like summons for the other men in the neighborhood who belong to Gen. Howard's company. Father joined it about a week ago and is getting ready now to start, which will break up an arrangement which he had made for Sonny and he to start this morning for Beaufort, to spend the week there seeing Tomry's corn broken in, and hunting. Tomny is now in Beaufort sick.

The cause of this excitement is a dispatch received a few days ago from Pres. Davis, to put the coast in a state of defense and prepare for the worst, 27 men-of-war having left Hampton Roads, on last Thursday; their destination, however, is not known. Though our Forts are well garrisoned, I fear that if such a large fleet should make a bodily attack, they would gain the day. Heywy said that freight trains were passing by the Village with great speed all day on Sunday, yesterday, without stopping to give them a bit of news.

Perhaps you can join Gen. Howard's company when you return, both of the Howards belong to it, and a good many other boys. Father says it is a very fine company. Mr. Tom Scriven (?) returned some time ago from Virginia to recruit, staid only a week. He had been quite sick and looked very badly.

They had a concert in Grahamville on last Thursday, week, to assist the Soldiers Aid Association. A great many went to it. I had an invitation to go up but was not prepared.

I have written you everything which I can think of Dear Bubs and must beg you to pardon my neglect and write me very soon. Mama & Sissy say they will write notes to enclose. Ellen, Sarah and Treville send their love. They were very much pleased with their notes and beg to write again if you have time.

Your ever affectionate

Sister."

"P.S. I had a book to send you by John but as it is near Dec. I concluded to keep it until your return when would have more time to read it. I don't know whether you can make out my letter, it is written so shockingly. You must ascribe it to the general excitement, mind I don't say that I am frightened for I do not think there is the least personal danger. We all long to see you. Goodbye once more."

26. Letter, 1862, or 1863: From Mrs. Sarah Rose Rose at Orangeburg to Mrs. E.E. Ellis, her daughter, at Grahamville (?). She had refugeed from her plantation, Orange Grove, on Chowan River, St. Helena Island. She deplored the monotony of her life; pined for her own loved home; felt as if twenty years had been added to her age since she had been forced to leave home; supposed "all our home comforts are gone to waste and ruin - but still if we could only get Home - I think it would benefit us all, to see you there - if we have only Hominy, Corn Bread and Oysters, we could make out to be happy". She then gave news of family and friends - Mrs. William Henery and Mrs. Oneal - "Livvie (?) has knit ten pair of socks - she frets very much about home, and is quite disappointed that you did not go to Barnwell - thinks she would feel more reconciled if she could only see you all - How does poor Cousin Sarah (evidently Mrs. Sarah Witter Ellis) bear her situation? - We are all poor creatures indeed - Mrs. Washington and C & H DeT (evidently DeTreville) are however doing very well they are pleasantly located - and have met with kind friends".

27. Letter, part only, late 1862 or 1863: From Mrs. Sarah Rose Rose at Orangeburg to Eugenia Ellis, her granddaughter, at Grahamville (?). "her way from Lexington to her Father, who has found refuge a few miles from the village. Mrs. DeTreville, from Barnwell, remained here a week - and dear old Doct. Vidier, staid here one day and night, he had business in Orangeburg. His family are in Newman County, Georgia. He was quite overjoyed to see us, it is cheering sometimes to meet the familiar faces of our poor scattered friends.

We have all been in the greatest excitement for the last week - the few men that are left are gone to the City, and the Ladies can not do anything but walk to the Depot to meet the Train, in order to hear the news, all feel deeply anxious for the fate of our beloved Charleston. May the Lord be with our brave Warriors and give them the victory.

There was a Lady here yesterday, and she looked as if she had been ill, she has three sons who hold dangerous positions in the army, and

she is so distressed and anxious that she can feel no rest or peace - what Mother can who have those dear to her at the post of danger.

I have been prevented from writing all the week by visitors, we had no less than eight Ladies in our apartment, besides two I went into the Drawing Room to see, and pop-calls, I assure you are not the vogue here, for they usually pass the morning or afternoon. Betsy E., Lavinia and Rose have been purchasing Calico Dresses at two Dollars and twenty five cents per yard. I think we will have to darn and patch ours at that rate. Have you seen the Field (?) and Southern Fireside? We have them sent regularly to us, it is an interesting paper - we are constantly supplied with reading matter. Do you still continue to teach dear Ellen? Give my love to Richard and tell him I hope he will be kept in safety, from the Yankee bullets, while he is giving them as many of his as he can well spare. Kiss Lily (born Aug. 14, 1862) for me and give my love to them all. I am glad that Sissy has so many correspondents. Letter writing is very improving to a young person - as my paper has given out I must say good bye dear Gena. Your Grandma

S.R.R."

The first part of this letter cannot be found.

28. Letter, part only, 1862 or 1863: From Mrs. W.D.(Lillian Perryclear Rose) Birt at (?) to Mrs. E.E. Ellis, her sister, at Barnwell (?). The first part of the letter cannot be found, but the remainder will be quoted in full: "Poor old Celie has gone to her rest. Her White "Family" must miss her very much. She was one of ten thousand. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of the Lord". I consider Celie as one of my old home friends. My earliest recollections is of her. She nursed her old Master and Mistress in their last illness. She ought to have been laid to rest at their feet, as a tribute justly paid her. It is sad to see such faithful servants pass away, and to say "There goes the last mark of a happy period, pass away, even to God!"

If I could see my dear old Carrie coming up to the house, I would hasten to meet her, and hug and kiss her!

I still have a home of my own, though it has become a very poor one, through the want of repairs. Since Henderson left, there is no one to drive a nail. I would be glad to share what I have with you, my dear child, only things are so different from what you are accusomed to. (Her husband, Captain Birt, was probably in the Army then.)

I can still see the lovely setting of our old home on the bank of the quiet river and feel the caress of the sea breeze.

Your affec. Sister, L.P.R. Birt".

29. Letter, part only, Aug. 1863: From (?) at Lower 3 Runs to "Dear Mother" at (?). The last part of the letter with signature cannot be found. This letter announced the death of Sarah Baynard, on Sunday the 9th after a brief illness. Details were given, but an humble and sincere faith showed through. "Dr. Lawton preached the funeral service at the Church*** though our hearts have been made to bleed, yet we have also been made to rejoice, for on the same day that poor Sarah died our Daughter Julia was baptised by her uncle Calder, who is pastor of the Columbia Church*** Four other persons were baptised on the same day and several more have been converted: and five colored persons were also baptised on the same day. Calder is a zealous, warm-hearted Christian - and God seems to be blessing his labors - With the light assistance of one preacher, who preached twice for him, he kept up a protracted meeting for eight days. I doubt if such a thing was ever heard of before.

Some time ago I wrote you that I had a fine School, but at present*** I have only seven paying Scholars and as this number does not exempt me from service I may have to return to the army. If I do return to the army, I feel confident that sickness would soon take me out of this world, if a bullet failed to do it. I am not the same man now physically that I was before the war. My constitution was seriously impaired by exposure in camp during the winter".

30. Letter, latter part of 1863: From Mrs. Sarah Rose Rose at Orangeburg to Mrs. E.E. Ellis at Barnwell (?). The refernce to Lilly places the approximate date of the letter. Mrs. Rose died in Orangeburg Dec. 27, 1863 age 63 and was buried there. This is the last letter from her that has been found, and, as it depicts the times so well, it will be quoted in full:

"I am very glad, my dear child, that it is in your power to be busy, for there are some who have not the means to do anything. I hope that you will succeed with your clothes, for this is indeed a dreadful time both for food and for raiment. I bought two homespun night wraps, and gave twenty one dollars for them, and now I cannot get two for Livie even for that!

And I have to give forty dollars for a pair of shoes for her. Oh, it is distressing beyond measure. She would be thankful for a homespun dress, but I have not been able to get her one yet, and every kind of material is higher every day.

Many thanks to you my dear child, and to Edmund for your remembrance of my necessities. The bill was received perfectly safe, and was very acceptable, but Edmund has such a large family to provide for, I fear he could not spare it. May the Lord bless you both, and return it to you a hundred fold. To think of giving two dollars for three common (torn?) !

Give my very best love to darling Sissy, and tell her the collar is very sweet and pretty, and her own loving Grandma appreciates it very highly. I suppose Lilly can run all about now, Dear little baby, how much I would like to see her. I am glad that you are pleased with the embroidery. So far from being a trouble, it was a pleasure for me to make it, for those I love.

I am so glad that Richard is stationed near you. It will be a great satisfaction, as you can hear of his welfare often, and see him too I presume. Livie is sorry that she is not near enough to add to his camp corforts. She made several articles for Henry before he left for the wars. Poor boy, he has not been home for months, but expects to get a furlough soon. Mr. E. is also expected next week from Pocotaligo. Camp life agrees with him very well. He has learned to walk since he has been there, and seems to feel better for it.

Rosalie has an orange tree which has produced over fifty oranges. To us poor miserable refugees, tantalizing, reminding us so much of our loved island home.

I have been much indisposed for the last few weeks, with a cough, and the worst is, the Doctor has no medicine to prepare a proper mixture, and there is certainly nothing to be gotten here. Mrs. Henery, however, has sent me something that has relieved me very much. It was very kind of her, for everybody seems to be weary of well doing. Even my good friend, Mrs. Whaley, does not send as often as she could, and it is not that she has less abundance, for she is blessed with plenty, and her family is smaller than ours. Mr. Edward W. sent his children to Sumter to his Mother.

I have gotten nineteen dollars and sixty cents for cotton the last month.

Your affec. Mother,

Sarah Rose Rose".

31. Bills for professional services, March 22 to Oct. 1865: From Dr. E.E. Ellis to:

Mr. Wm. Peeples	-April 7 -Infant. Visit & mileage		$ 3.50
J.E.Fripp,Esq.	-Mar. 22 -Son Edgar. Visit & medicine	$2.50	
	-Apr. 7-Little negro " " " &c	2.50	
	-Oct. -15 lbs. cotton at 30¢	4.50	
			$ 9.50
B.R.Bostick,Esq.Jr.	-Apr. 7-Two negro children-visit & mileage	$3.75	
	" " " " -cutting guns & medi.	2.25	
	-Sept.13-Man Daniel. Visit mileage &c	3.50	
	" 14- " " " " "	3.50	
			$13.00
Jos.Johnston	- Apr.12- Son.Visit mileage & 15 grs.Cinchona	$5.00	
John Manuel	- Aug.16-Little girl & infant.Visit,mileage,med.	4.00	
	- Aug.18- " " " " " "	3.00	
	- Aug.19- " " " " " "	3.00	
	- Aug.20- " " " " " "	3.25	
	-Sept.1 - " prescript.& med.	1.25	
			$14.50
John Bowers	-March 30-Wife-Visit mileage & medicine	$4.00	
	-Aug.19 -Anne & Elizabeth-Visit mileage &c	4.50	
	-Aug.20 - " " " "	4.50	
			$13.00
Mr. Dowling	-Apr.23 - Self - visit & mileage	$3.00	
			$ 3.00

Judging from a letter written by Dr. Ellis on April 18, 1874, in which he stated "my neighbors are too poor to pay for my services", it is doubtful if he received payment for some, at least, of the above bills.

32. Letter, March 3, 1867: From Henry Ellis, probably at Orangeburg, S.C. to Dr. E.E. Ellis, at Cedar Point. They probably were first cousins, and Henry a lawyer.

"I received your letter and was glad to find that you were all well. Sherman played the devil with me, but I am recovering, having now a large practice although money is scarce.

You say you want a Government office. You can't take it. How about the Oath?

I sent Lizzie Rose your letter. She is staying in the Village. Her Post Office is here.

How is Aunt Sarah (likely Sarah Witter Ellis, Widow of Richard Washington Ellis). I hope she is well. Do remember us to her very kindly.

We are all well. Remember us to your family. Write soon".

33. Letter, March 7, 1867: From E.H.Strobhank (?) at Beaufort to Dr. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point.

This letter refers to request by Dr. Ellis for delay in payment on Bonds until his cotton could be prepared for market. Strobhank had to meet his house rent on March 15, and if Dr. Ellis could pay $100 by that date he might possibly wait until May 1 for the remainder. Otherwise his attorney must act promptly.

34. Letter, Apr. 20, 1867: From Wm. Jervey at Charleston to Dr. E.E.Ellis at Cedar Point.

"Mr. Hammond claims that --- (not readable here) Mr. George Edwards during his lifetime sold 15 or 20 of the Trust Estate negroes -

This is evidently a mistake; Mrs. Edwards told me that the old gentleman several times had to sell negroes to pay Mr. H's debts, but that he always sold his own negroes. Do you remember his selling negroes a few years before his death, and to whom they were sold? I would like to find out - Perhaps Graves or Cest (?) cker (Strohecker?) might remember what negroes were sold and to whom."

This letter might refer to the Indenture of Oct. 4, 1814 - No. 1 above.

35. Letter, Aug. 10, 1867:From Pressley, Lord & Inglesby, 21 Broad Street, Charleston, S.C. to Dr. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point. Two members of the firm of Nayler, Smith & Co., had died, and their representatives and heirs are pressing for a settlement of the affairs of the firm; they do not wish to distress any old friends, but wish to secure full payment from those who may be able to pay and such partial payment from others as their circumstances may permit; a reply was requested stating when he could pay the open account of $54.70 due to the firm; if unable to pay in full, state the amount able to pay, and when and give your full pecuniary condition; the firm wants to do what is fair and right, etc.

36. Agreement, 1867: In pencil, on the back of the above letter of Aug. 10, 1867, evidently drawn up by Dr. Ellis: "We the undersigned Freedmen a) agree that a fair day's labour shall be rated as follows - & which we promise to perform - In bedding or listing old land 1/2 an acre - In bedding or listing broom grass land one task or 1/4 ac - In chopping & hauling cotton, potatoes, rice, or peas 1/2 an acre - In chopping round and hilling corn after it has been ploughed one acre - In chopping or hilling chinese sugar cane one acre - in splitting rails 125".

37. Letter, Oct. 14, 1867: From Colonel Richard DeTreville at Charleston to Dr. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point. They were first cousins, the former 66, the latter 49. Quoted in full:-

"Dear Doctor,

Yours of the 2nd has been received.

In reply to so much as concerns Mr. Hasel's Claims, I am entirely unwilling to take any action unless he will write to me himself and request it - He must set forth what his expectations are and the terms in which he expects me to engage in the business for him - I might as well say that the note of Mr. Henry Lechmere was not found enclosed in yours -

I think it highly proper that you should express Judgment to your Wife's Trustee for the amount of the Bond given for her property and I recommend you call on Mr. Charles E. Bell who will prepare the papers necessary. He must immediately write to Mr. Cuthbert and give him notice of the Judgment (?) & get his approval.

You can change your Trustee by and by - for the present the expression (?) of Judgment is the most material thing to be done.

I will send to William for your Rail Road Bond, & put it in the hands of a Broker for sale - The value of such security I know nothing of - but you had better limit the price - or fix a time for the sale - & say what is to be done with the money -

I am sorry that I have not the least influence with Gov. Orr - my detestation of him is so extreme that kingdoms could not tempt me to approach him - I feel very much for your situation & distress but it is not in my power to help you - I am struggling with great difficulties myself - I frequently am at a loss where to get Bread for my family - The most common necessities of life are frequently beyond my reach -

My family is as large as yours & perhaps quite as helpless - It is a great mistake to suppose I am making - or rather getting money - all my work is done on credit - clients seem to think that Lawyers can live without eating and therefore pay nothing.

You must struggle on a little longer - You are a young man - I am an old one but I do not despair - a brighter day is about to dawn on us I think. Yours hastily,

Rich DeTreville".

(Note: Col. DeTreville was from Beaufort, graduated at West Point in 1823, resigned in 1825, became Lt.Gov. of S.C., a lawyer & Colonel 17th Regt., S.C. Volunteers, E.D.E.).

38. Letter, Jan. 25, 1868: From Wm. Jervey at Charleston to Dr. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point.

"I am afraid that Oes tricker's (?) (Strohecker?) testimony is not strong enough as to the number, names & ages of the negroes sent to Miss Hammond - Can you help us at all? Do you remember any of the negroes, their qualifications, ages, value, &c? Or can you refer me to anyone who would be likely to know?

If you think your testimony would help us, let me know in what particulars; and give me the names of any two persons in your neighborhood who would act as Coroner (?) to take your testimony.

Please answer promptly". (This, when considered with No.34, above, may refer to some of the Trust Estate negroes who may have been sent to work on the Defenses of Charleston Harbor in 1861).

39. Notes, 1868: By Dr. E.E. Ellis, written in pencil on the back of the foregoing letter, evidently as rough notes on which to base a reply (some illegible re folds of paper:

"About a year ago I begged have to loan yr - at - to a balance due on our acct - amount for 1361 - You replied the Est. (Estate?) was much embarrased & that the 75$ you paid me in Dec.'61 was to defray the expenses in carrying a lot of negroes to Charleston.

My opinion did not amt. to this sum ---

Since that time my wants have been very pressing, & we have suffered many privations - Yet I have refrained from troubling you on the subject - until now my lands (?) were (?) taken from me under a foreclosure of mortgage which I can raise a few hundred dollars (?).

Can you assist me through my friend".

40. Conveyance of Real Estate, May 5, 1868: From Sarah W. Ellis of St.Luke's Parish, Beaufort District, to Thomas B. Ellis, her son. "In consideration of the natural love and affection that I have & bear unto my son Thomas B. Ellis and of five Dollars to me paid by the said Thomas B. Ellis *** Two Hundred and Seventeen Acres *** in St. Luke's Parish in the District of Beaufort in the State of South Carolina ***". This was recorded in "Register's Office, Beaufort County, S.C., 9 April 1869". Witnesses to this Conveyance were John A. Hasell and R.W. Ellis. This

was evidently part of the 660 acres of the Marriage Contract of Oct.4, 1814 (No. 1, above). Some, if not all, of this 217 acres was later bought by DeTreville and Thomas Baynard Ellis from their Uncle Tom - as will appear later.

41. Letter, Aug. 23, 1868: From John I. Reeves at Laurel Point to Mr. John Fripp, Bluff Plantation. "Dear Sir. I send you five Dollars in money & O'Bryens Receipt for Ten Dollars which I would sent you before this but never had the time to do it".

42. Deed of Trust, March 27, 1869: From Sarah W. Ellis to John W. Kirk, Trustee for Sarah E. Ellis, "in consideration of the natural love and affection which I bear to Sarah E. Ellis, wife of my son Edmund E. Ellis, and to their children, and in further consideration of the sum of ten dollars to me paid by John W. Kirk *** One hundred and eighty three acres of land, the same being one half of my tract situate on the Oketee River, County of Beaufort, in the State aforesaid (S.C.), bounded North by lands of E.E. Ellis, and J.E. Fripp, South by lands of T.B. Ellis and the Oketee River and West by lands of I.H. and A.G. Hasell, and containing three hundred and sixty six acres, more or less; to be set off by a line here after to insure dividing my said tract into two equal parts; the said one hundred and eighty three acres, to include the land contiguous to the residence of Dr. E.E. Ellis". Change of Trustee was provided for.

43. Deed of Trust, Draft only, 1869: From Sarah W. Ellis to John E. Fripp, Trustee for her son Robert DeTreville Ellis, conveying one hundred and eighty three acres of land (along the same lines as in the preceding conveyance to John W. Kirk of a like amount for Sarah E. Ellis). This draft was in several pieces, hard to make out, and, judging from a certificate of Sept. 26, 1874 of Sarah W. Ellis, was likely never actually executed. (Attached to this draft deed of trust are nearly two typed pages of my "Random Thoughts" as of July 25, 1962 "tieing in" these land transactions with the Marriage Contract of Oct. 4, 1814, and surmising about her division of property between her four sons (Stephen Grattan Ellis, Robert DeTreville Ellis, Edmund Eugene Ellis and Thomas Baynard Ellis) and her daughter (Caroline DeTreville Ellis Baynard) in her later years. E.D.E.)

44. Statement, Jud't, 24 Apr. 1869: "Cohen, Hanckel & Co. vs. A.G. Hasell, Surity of E.E. Ellis. $447.56. Rec'd of A.G. Hasell, Esq - on the foregoing Judgment the sum of $552.85 in full of debt, interest & costs. Colcock (?) & Hutson". On back in pencil 15 Mch. 1872, "Statement of my debt to A.G. Hasell".

45. Receipt, Aug. 19, 1869: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to John E. Fripp at The Bluff. "for tuition of his children the sum of Twenty-five Dollars $25.00".

46. Receipt and letter, Dec. (?) 1869(?): "Mr. E.W. Londes per Dr. Ellis. Bought of Julius Levkoy, Successor to H. Haym, 174 Broughton St., Savannah, Ga. 30 yards best Atlantic 18¢ 5.40. R Payment Levkoy" Across "Dear Sir". On back, in pencil, corner torn off:

"Rebecca - Dear Sister - I will (?) so is her sister delighted (?) to know from you & to know you are getting on - & answer it as soon as can - to Grahamville to care of Ellis - or care of Mrs. (?) (torn off).
Zealeys vignier & bill for hauling lumber for (?) It is said Zealey was paid it may get (?) Homespun 18¢ yd
I can't write much now (?) will do so on receipt of Yrs.".

47. Account, April 1, to July 1, 1871: From Lathrop & Co., Savannah, Ga. to Dr. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point. "Statements rendered monthly. Apr. 1,1871."

"To act Rend June 1/71	82.06	
Cr. Mch 15 by Cash	47.00	35.06

July 1/71". On reverse: "Lathrop Receipts for 47$ *** Dr. E.E. Ellis 35.06 July 1/71".

48. Receipt, Dec. 4, 1871: From Chas Bell, Plff Attys. to Dr. E.E. Ellis. "John Klinck & Fabian R. Wickenberg Surviving Partners of Klinck Wickenberg & Co. v Sarah W. Ellis Judgment. Received from Dr. Edmond E. Ellis the sum of Fifty ($50.00) Dollars to be applied toward the judgment in above case and four ($4.00) Dollars towards the costs in same".
The above was in ink, but in pencil below:
"Also 5$ in Syrup = 59$".
On the back, also in pencil: "Bell's receipt for 54$ in Kl & Wick. Com". Also "Hasels's Receipt". Also some figures. All in pencil were in the handwriting of Dr. Ellis.

49. Change of Trustee, Dec. 15, 1871: James Porcher vice J.A. Cuthburt, late Trustee under the Marriage Contract March 23, 1841 between E.E. Ellis and S.E. Ellis (his wife). The change was signed by E.E. Ellis and S.E.Ellis and witnessed by John A. Hasell. James Porcher signed a statement consenting to act as Trustee.

50. Receipt, Jan. 6, 1872: From J.N. Moore, plffs Atty. to Dr. E.E. Ellis.
"Mary M. Farr (?) Adux v Dr. E.E. Ellis

Decree	$26.52
Int. from 2 Apl. 1867 to 6 Jany 1872	8.84
	$35.36

Received from Dr. E.E. Ellis Thirty Five Dollars and thirty six cents, in full of principal and interest in above stated case".
On back in pencil: "Mrs. Farr's (?) Receipt. Receipts Bell 2 receipts Dunnoman Hasell - Taxes of Robis (?) State (?) Receipts".

51. Sheriffs Cost, Feb. 5, 1872: "Cuthbert v Ellis $41.25"; in pencil "Marriage Settlement E.E.E. & S.E.E. Affidavit for Mrs Buckman (?). Assignment of Mortgage, Judgment, Bond &c by Mrs. (?) Strobhart (?) to James Porcher Trustee for Mrs. S.E. Ellis".

52. Account, March 7, 1872 to June 10, 1873: Davant, Waples & Co., Savannah, Ga. to Dr. E.E. Ellis, Grahamville, S.C. This shows the usual method of that era of advances for running a plantation and payment when the cotton crop was sold. On the back "E.E. Ellis lien to Davant, Waples & Co. - all paid".

53. Receipt, Dec. 23, 1872: From Chas E. Bell, Plff Attys to Dr. E.E.Ellis. "Judgment, Klinck Wickenberg & Co. v Mrs. Sarah W. Ellis. Recd from Mrs. Sarah W. Ellis thru Dr. E.E. Ellis forty dollars on afc of judgment in above case. $40.00". Below "Also 5$ - Costs". On the back: "Bell's Receipt - 45$ - Dec. 23d 72".

54. Tax Receipt, Feb. 13, 1873: Beaufort County, S.C., Tax Receipt No.3033, G. Holmes, County Treasurer, Received from Dr. E.E. Ellis $16.54 in full for Taxes for the fiscal year ending 1872. This was broken down "On Real Estate, valued at 676 and On Personal Property, valued at 295; State Tax 11.65; County Tax 2.91; School Tax 1.97. Total $16.54".

55. Letter, Dec. 4, 1873: From W.H. Dunnemann (?) at Charleston to Mr. John E. Fripp at The Bluff. The letter concerns "them Debts them Colered peapol Ohe me", and asks Mr. Fripp to try and collect same and "to take out *** what money pay you for all your trobles".

56. Letter, Feb. 23, 1874: From DeTreville Ellis at Miller's Mill (about 12 miles from Barnwell and near Appleton), S.C. to Thomas Baynard Ellis, his brother, at Cedar Point. He evidently was working for Dr. Miller, must have been there for some time as he had received letters of Jan.19 and Feb. 5 from his sister Rosa, had no hard work to do but was constantly employed - superintending the saw mill and corn mill,measuring lumber, keeping the books on lumber, ginhouse and store and serving in the store. The Doctor had given him an elegant revolver for protection. "I live well, have an accomplished cook, and washer and fine drinking water *** I haven't had time to flourish much among the girls, but expect soon to be able to do so". He was not quite 18 and Tom just over 15.

57. Letter, April 18, 1874: From Dr. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to Mrs.Martha P. Reid in New York. This letter gives so much about his life, and conditions under Reconstruction, that most of it will be quoted:

"Many years ago as a lad of seventeen summers (about 1835) I parted with you and your dear mother at 178 Chestnut St., Phila.

That visit, with its intensely pleasing incidents and recollections, has ever occupied a green spot in my heart! Have you forgotten our two weeks sojourn at Burlington? - our visit to & day spent with those good Quakers, the Heywards *** The afternoon of our riding party when your bucephalus of a horse stampeded with you down the street, and the gallant charge I made on a diminutive pony to your rescue?

Well, I returned to the "Sunny" South - spent about five years with books - graduated in Medicine 1841 - then taking a wife, I removed to Screven Co., Ga., where I practiced my profession for five years. My health failing from exposure incidental to a large practice, I returned, in 1848 (the year his father died), to this State; & yielding to the inevitable destiny of most Southern men, became a cotton planter, settling on a plantation twenty-six years ago; & where I am still living; & making the most unremitting efforts to subsist and maintain a family (five daughters) of ten individuals, including my mother who is 81 yrs. - of age - poor & feeble.

We have been reduced to the most distressing degree of poverty & physical suffering by a cruel fratricidal war, with which I had no connection whatever, either in a civil, or military capacity.

I escaped conscription *** on account of my profession - the practice of which I have had to abandon as my neighbors are too poor to pay me for

my services; the only meagre support we, therefore, have is derived in an uncertain way from the culture of a few acres of cotton & corn by the labor of a few unreliable, indolent, freedmen - affording us not a sufficient amount of the most common necessaries of life! - This condition of things is bad enough; but the darkest feature of this gloomy picture is the appalling fact that unless I can raise by the 10th or 15th of May next money sufficient to pay the high taxes ($41.50 now past due) imposed on us by a negro legislature our humble home & farm will be sold by the Sheriff in June, & my large family turned adrift, without a home, upon the wide world!! In this distressing exigency, I venture dear Mrs. Reid, by memories of the past, to appeal to your sympathy, and entreat that you will be so kind as to try & assist me in this way: 1st, I have in my possession the original autograph letter of Gen. Horatio Gates announcing to his "Excellency John Hancock" his capture of Gen. Burgoyne & the British army at Saratoga - all camp equipment etc. - the letter - about a page - is legible & shows unmistakable evidence of its authenticity. - Perhaps the U.S. Gov., or some private individual or historical society - would purchase it.- If you think it can be made available in affording me any pecuniary relief in my great trouble & will be so good as to permit me, I will mail it to you. - If the small amt. of even 30 or 20$ can be obtained for it this would be of material service in raising my tax money.

Our Cousin "Betsy" is living comfortably at Orangeburg with some of poor Henry's family.

My Cousins, the DeTrevilles, are living at Summerville. Cousin Harriet & her niece Miss Hattie Washington, have a school of twenty-two pupils. - Cousin Lizzie, I think, is keeping a boarding house. Cousin Caroline is in bad health, suffering from chronic rheumatism. - The "Col" (DeTreville ?) is also living in Summerville. Pardon me, dear Mrs. Reid, for troubling you with this letter - the best evidence of such pardon will be your kindness in replying. In closing permit me to subscribe myself - Sincerely

Yr. friend

Edmund E. Ellis"

"Grahamville, S.C. is my P.Office"

(Note: This letter evidently did not bring results, but one in 1877 to Mr. John H. Screven, Westchester, N.Y. evidently did. E.D.E.).

58. Letter, Apr. 20, 1874: From DeTreville Ellis at Miller's Mill to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at Cedar Point. "Your letter of March 21st I received some time ago, & would have replied before but have been so busy with my Store, grinding corn etc. & flirting with the Belles of locality *** I was so much amused at several remarks in your letter that I came near giving up the Ghost! But your relation respecting 'coon & 'possom hunting interested me more than you can imagine - my old passion for the chase being as ardent as ever". He had called on a girl & was to take her on a horse back ride; went to Barnwell on Saturday; he asked how much cotton his father expected to plant and the number of hands he had, have you been fox-hunting since I left; sent his love to Grandmother & Uncle Robert, and howdy to old Daddy Peter & Cupbard & old Daddy Sandy & extremely sorry to hear of Maum Hannah's death; sent his love to Julian & Edgar Fripp. "I am the same old devil. DeT. Ellis".

59. Promissory Note, May 15, 1874, for $70.40 at 40% interest: From Z.T. Morrison. Signed by Rosa A. Ellis, E.E. Ellis and S.E. Ellis. Witnessed by Julian J. Fripp. The interest rate was reduced from 60% to 40% with the signed consent of Z.T. Morrison. The reverse of the note shows the first payment ($36) was made on Nov. 1, 1874 (15 days before the stipulated date) and that further payments were made from time to time until the balance due was paid in full Feb. 22/84.

60. Letter, late May, or early June, 1874: From DeTreville Ellis at Miller's Mill to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at Cedar Point. Refers to his interesting letter of May 26; not feeling well - think ate too much cat-fish for supper last night; seems that drum fish are biting with less voraciousness every year & fears in two or three years they will have lost their appetite entirely; would have been delighted to have been one of your party when weather-bound on Daws Island; he had always taken a special delight in maroons &c; "Has Mr. John Hasell planted any thing this year? I think someone told me that his brother has got Myrtle Grove back, if so does he plant it? I suppose old Mr. Lechmere is still living? I want you to come up here in the Fall. There is a girl in this neighborhood whom I want you to make love to *** a good substantial person *** she has *** $2,500 cash in bank, besides a good plantation. When you write tell me about the crops in the entire neighborhood. Is old Epping still hammering at cotton planting? How much cotton have Julian and Edgar planted?"

61. Letter, June 5, 1874: From DeTreville Ellis at Miller's Mill to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at Cedar Point. He acknowledged receipt of his letter enclosed in "Sis-s"; he had little to do then but can never leave the mill as had to watch the water, flood gates, etc. even if rain comes at night - and a graveyard is near the mill too; old Uncle Bob runs a garden and Mr. Hasell a water-melon patch; he had planted nothing that year, but if he remained he would plant about four acres of cotton next year; the soil suitable for upland cotton and makes a bale to the acre; suggested training of a young dog to hunt; sent howdy to Cup Board; has to work all Winter to rest all Summer - just the reverse of what he had been accustomed to. This was signed "Chewy" - a nickname.

62. Account, June 24 to Dec. 9, 1874: Davant, Waples & Co., Savannah, Ga. to Dr. E.E. Ellis, Grahamville, S.C. This shows the usual method of that era of advances for running a plantation and payment when the cotton crop was sold. This starts with a promissary note for $53.00, June 24, 1874, by Dr. Ellis: "due 1/4 Nov./74"; shows payment by draft on the firm of some $200 in Nov. and Dec. to W.C. Howard, B.W.Seabrook, D.H. Wall, Z.T. Morrison, Mrs. N. Howard, D.H. Wall (again), E.S. Knowles and Waterhouse.; payment of the $53.00 note; cost of corn, bagging & ties - all offset by the sale of 5 bales of cotton between Oct. 21 and Nov. 11, leaving a net balance of $13.47 to the credit of Dr. Ellis.

63. Letter, Aug. 2, 1874: From DeTreville Ellis at Miller's Mill to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at Cedar Point. He had received Tom's letter of July 12; would like to visit you all with Sonny (Richard) but can't leave as must measure lumber every two or three days; Henry Bennette and he had gotten up a picnic here yesterday; large crowd attended, had dancing all day, but the party which continued all day broke up in a fight; he being a stranger. Henry had invited the folks; of about fifty persons there

was not one gentleman & he was perfectly disgusted; it will be the last affair of the kind he would have anything to do with; Dr. & Mrs.Miller were kind to him, but he will not stay there another year as too many use oaths & the grossest language imaginable; "Richy (probably his brother) came down here sometime ago & wanted me to go into copartnership business with him"; mentions "courting", etc.

64. Bill for $9.00, Aug. 5, 6 and 7, 1874: From E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to Beaufort County for "3 days work on Charleston & Sav. Public Road with a wagon, 1 pair of mules & hire of teamster necessary in building Bulkheads for a Bridge & for other purposes on said Road at $3 per day". The above was in ink. On the reverse, in pencil:

"This is to certify that the above mentioned bridge was destroyed by an extensive fire which swept through our forests during the prevalence of a protracted drought; that as no one else would furnish a team & as it was my duty as overseer to rebuild the bridge, I had to use my own wagon & mules, to have the lumber company form courses (?) & bulkheads. The manual labor was performed by hands subject to road duty & cost the County not one cent. The lumber was hewn out of pine trees. E.E.E.".

65. Itemized Account, Aug. 21 to Dec. 19, 1874: E.L. Knowles to Dr. E. E. Ellis at Cedar Point. This shows the usual method of advances, payment in cotton, orders drawn on others, etc. The maximum amount was $57.14. It was receipted as paid Dec. 19, 1874.

66. Deed, Sept. 26, 1874: From S.W. Ellis at Cedar Point to Robert De Treville Ellis, her son, at Cedar Point (?), or Miller's Mill (?). This is really a "Certificate", and may not have been worth much, even without considering the "when redeemed".

"State of S. Carolina -

"This is to certify that I have given my farm on Port Royal Island containing Two Hundred acres to Robert DeT. Ellis. I intended giving this tract to Thomas B. Ellis, but, altered my mind & gave him a tract on the Oaketie in lieu of the above tract - The said tract on Port Royal Island will be the Property of Robert DeT. Ellis when redeemed -

September the 26th A.D. 1874

S.W. Ellis".

"H. Hubbard
John E. Fripp".- Evidently witnesses.

67. Receipt, Oct. 3, 1874: From A.G. Hasell to Dr. E.E. Ellis. "Received from Dr. E.E. Ellis $37.97 to be deducted from debt paid by me, as his security, to Messrs Cohen Hanckel & Co.". On back, in pencil: "A.G. Hasell's Receipts".

68. Letter, Oct. 29, 1874: From DeTreville Ellis at Martins Station,S.C. to T.B. Ellis at Cedar Point. DeTreville, or as he signed his letter, Treville, apparently had left Miller's Mill since his letter of Aug.2, 1874, and was then with Mr. Furse. He acknowledged receipt of two letters from Tom - Sept 5 (forwarded by Dr. Miller) and Oct. 15. He was glad to hear our Cousins are such engaging your ladies; he had seen two Miss Dunbars at Church; he lived within a mile of Uncle Stephen's and had a good deal of fun with Miss Julia; he would like to go down

about mid-Nov., but can't get off before Dec. & can stay but two or three weeks as had to be back by Jan. 1; he asked Tom if he had dogs enough to make up a pack as would like to hunt a little when he went down; Sony (Richard) says he wants Juno or Romeo (dogs), or both, if he can get them next year; commenced ginning that morning; mentioned Cousin Sarah Furse & referred to them as "Gus" & "Sal".

69. Account, 1874 (?): George (torn in two, the right hand part missing), Savannah, Ga. Dr. E.E. Ellis, Cedar Point. "Bought of George (?) " kerosene oil, meal, soda, salt, tea, biscuit, flour, tobacco. "Paid". On back: "Morrison's Receipt for School Certificate". Also, "Knowles Acct for 1874 & Receipts for Same".

70. Receipt, Feb. 5, 1875: From C.E. Bell at Grahamville, S.C. to Mrs. Sarah E. Ellis at Cedar Point. Receipt of $20.00 "to be accounted for in purchase of Land from Jno G. Barnwell".

71. Bill for professional services, Dec. 18 to 28, 1875: From Dr. E.E. Ellis to A.G. Hasell "For med. attendance on Mr. Lechmere *** 18.00. Rec'd payment". Mr. Lechmere was probably the Father-in-Law of Mr. Hasell.

72. Articles of Agreement: Feb. 8, 1876 between Thomas B. Ellis, Barnwell S.C., and Sam Muny (?) for work by the latter for the former on Cedar Grove Plantation during 1876. Part only - remainder has not been found. This provided for advances for provisions, etc., t o be a lien on the 1/3 of the crop that would accrue to the worker, referred to the Law of S.C., etc.

73. Letters, (4), April 6 to 14, 1876: From Mrs. S.E. Ellis, Rosa, Lilly and Carrie Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, son of the first and brother of the others, at Lower 3 Runs, near Martin's Station, S.C. They wrote about drum fishing, crab dinner, blackberries being killed so we can make no wine, size of the calf "Thrifty" he bought from his Grandmother the year before, his cow "Holly" had a calf which Carrie (9½) named "Frisky", the gardens, Papa had just left for Beaufort with Paul and Cupboard as oarsman - they being the plowmen that year, when Paul gets home twelve o'clock every day Lilly (13) teaches him to read, write and cipher and he is making good progress, news of his Fripp friends, the hats (palmetto) they made for both, sent love to Richard and Ida, etc.

74. Letter, June 30, 1876: From Carrie Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at Lower 3 Runs. She was 9-3/4, he 17½. She had received his letter; she and Lilly were studying very hard; Lily is going to Charleston to school (the Confederate Home) in Nov. "Friskey sends her love to you & says she is too small to learn to read yet"; "give my love to Sister Ida and Brother Richy".

75. Letter, June 30, 1876: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at Lower 3 Runs: Thanked him for his "little wee notes"; thinks of him very often and prays for him (he was 17½, she 28); Treville writes to you regularly; sorry you find it so lonely up there; know you must mind it, being accustomed to living in a house with so many; mentions Treville romping and playing with Lilly and Carrie. From this it appears that DeTreville had returned home since his letter of Oct. 29, 1874 from Martins Station and that Tom had gone "up country".

76. Letter, July 7, 1876: From Lilly Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at Lower 3 Runs. Thanked him for his "very long letters" - likely a bit of gentle "ribbing"; mentioned his hen; a terrible gale about three Sundays before; stealing of Irish potatoes by a negro boy - caught by Chewy who had been reading at the Lime Kiln; two ladies (named) ate supper there last night and we children had a delightful swim in the moonlight; Julian and Edgar Fripp (5½ years later she married Edgar) are coming home next month; she and Carrie had a very good time on the 4th as Chewy begged Sissy to give us a holiday and they had two nice water melons after dinner; sent love to Sister Ida and Brother Richie.

77. Letter, July 7, 1876: From Mrs. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her son, at Lower 3 Runs. Glad to hear from him; asked about his crop; his Father's injured by the heavy rains in June but have recovered; he says Treville's the best in this neighborhood and his own cotton the next best; corn looking very well except a few tasks drowned by rain but expects to make more than last year; Mrs. Hyatt, also mentioned in the preceding letter, took tea with them last evening; bring home all the clothes you cannot wear now and she would fix them up; mentions her fowls and chickens; splendid patch of sugar cane; hopes will have good potatoes; they expect Julian and Edgar last of this month and do not expect them to go back (likely to Porter's in Charleston).

78. Letter, likely July, 1876: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis his brother, at Lower 3 Runs. Hot weather; just come out of field - been plowing his cotton - "laying it by", finish next week; part of his cotton very fine, balance just fair; re your suggestions about planting slips, cut bushes off a piece of ground but could not plant as could not get a mule to break it with; Father goes to Grahamville tomorrow, Sat.; Juno (hunting dog) still there; a fight occurred at Backus' (negro) last night; sent love to Sony (Richard) and Sister Ida.

79. Letter, likely July, 1876: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at Lower 3 Runs. We miss you very much now, but will miss you more after the Fripp boys return, as you helped so much to entertain them and expect they will seldom come over; they do not expect to return to school in Charleston; we are trying to make some arrangements for sending Lilly to school in the fall; understand Ida intended going to Lawtonville - let me know when she returns home; Seen Julie Hall? Where is she now? Mr. Bellinger preaches on the 29th. (Lillie did go to The Confederate Home in Charleston later).

80. Letter, Sept. 14, 1876: From Mrs. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her son, at Lower 3 Runs. Glad to hear from you; much fever about and fears it will be a sickly fall; Lilly and Carrie both had fever; busy boiling sorghum syrup - have none of our own, but made 10 gallons already boiling for others and have others to boil for; with care hopes it will last until their sugar cane syrup is made; "do not let anyone persuade you to go to Florida or anywhere else as it is very sickly and I should never expect to see you again. A great many people have come to Grahamville from Savannah on account of yellow fever. Our old house is occupied".

81. Letter, Sept. 14, 1876: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at Lower 3 Runs. Now boiling sorghum syrup for others and taken 10 gallons in toll and more to grind; Julian and Edgar Fripp still at home and have given up all idea of returning to Charleston;cotton crops wretched here - rains in June, protracted drought in July, another flood, then very dry hot weather, caterpillars now doing a vast amount of damage; his crop will be a failure - not make enough to pay expenses; you said there is some doubt of your getting paid for your services; referred to what Mr. Furse told him last fall about the State laws on this; suggests he and Richard if necessary consult Uncle Stephen; apparently Richard was renting some land from their Uncle Tom, and Tom was looking after it; mentions Juno; can he identify the cow he got from Mr. Johnson, and that has been stolen? It may be at Mr. J's; it seems very singular that the negroes should have killed both your cow and calf and not one of his; cotton worth but 2¢ (?) in the seed here; can't gin his because if he did it would not get to market until Dec.

82. Letter, Sept. 14, 1876: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her brother, at Lower 3 Runs. This was evidently enclosed in a letter from DeTreville to Tom, as was one from their mother. She mentions fever, Lilly and Carrie being the only ones so far; news of family and friends, of a fishing trip, of an evening playing cards, of a Sunday dinner at the Frippe, of a grand sail a long ways below Scott's Point; Julian and Edgar will not return (probably to Porter Military Academy) as they are now afraid of the yellow fever; afraid Lilly will not be able to go until after frost; tell "Cousin" Martha nothing would give more pleasure than to attend the wedding but that it was impossible. "You would love Aunt Julianna dearly if you knew her better, she is such a kind sweet lady".

83. Letter, fall of 1876: From Mrs. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her son, at Lower 3 Runs, Sissie has written you a long letter, so little for me to write; sorry you are all alone, but you are watched over by a kind heavenly Father; perhaps Richard will return before you get this; if not keep the little note I send till he comes; take care of yourself as it is time to look out for the fever; we are all busy making up Lilly's clothes for her to go to Charleston; she regrets so often that she will not be here when you come home.

84. Contract, Jan. 26, 1877: Between Mrs. Sarah E. Ellis, Beaufort County, S.C., and DeTreville Ellis and Thomas B. Ellis, her sons, for the sale to the two sons of 80 acres of land. Witnesses: R.A. Ellis and E.M. Ellis. The Contract stated in substance that she was the owner in fee simple of 183 acres purchased by her from John G. Barnwell on Apr. 21, 1876, on which $154.00, with interest, was still due; that her two sons wanted to purchase 80 acres (of the 183), the east boundary to extend from the lands of E.E. Ellis to the River and run parallel with the private avenue leading to the Low Bottom Settlement; and that she was selling them the 80 acres in consideration of their paying in full the debt due Barnwell. On the back: "Whereas T.B.Ellis having paid in full the purchase price of the within mentioned land, I De.T.Ellis party of the second part do hereby renounce all claims thereto. Jan. 1881".

85. Letter, Feb. 3, 1877: From Julian Jenkins Fripp at Plum Island, S.C. to T.B. Ellis, his friend, at Cedar Point, Grahamville.

"I received your letter of 31st asking whether Mr. Heyward wants you or not.

He said he had written you about it. And said that you will be down on the 13th of this month. I will be at the depot to meet you. The cars get in about 5 oclock. You must let me know what day to meet you. Well I am having a very nice time of it. Plenty of young Ladys. Miss Mary has been over here two or three days. Brought another Miss Mary over today new one enough to set you crazy but you will know them to your cost. They are fixing their caps for you. So look out -we pay. Remember me to all the family".

86. Letter, Feb. 18, 1877: From Charles E. Bell at Grahamville to DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point. "Have you and your mother executed the Memorandum- the same I gave you the head of when I was on the Okatee? If you have not, you should do so at once - That is if you intend to carry it out - I want to know what to look to - It is not binding unless in writing - You had better attend to it & let me keep it for you".

87. Letter, about Feb. 25, 1877: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at Plum Island. This was written on the reverse of the letter from Bell of Feb. 18. Think we better attend to it; will fix it up and send to you to sign and keep, as it is intended to secure our interest; had the blues dreadfully ever since you left; had gotten Mr. Hasell's steer (they named it "Brandy") - will begin to break him tomorrow; try and send me $1.50 by March 1st - Sissie needs it to add to what she has for Lilly's summer dresses; let me know if you reached Plum Island; mentioned his trunk and coat. This, plus the preceding letters, seem to show that Lilly Ellis did enter the Confederate Home School in Charleston in the fall of 1876, and that T.B. Ellis left Lower 3 Runs in late 1876, or early 1877, was at home a short while at Cedar Point and accepted a position with Mr. Thomas Savage Heyward, Jr., at Plum Island about Feb. 13, 1877.

88. Letter, March 16, 1877: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, his brother, at Plum Island. He had wanted to write before but no chance to get the letter to Grahamville(their Post Office - 12 miles away); had "broken" Brandy and was using him in the plow; gives acreage he will plant in cotton, corn and rice; can't do much planting until he can live at Castleton as his father does not give him much time to work for himself; succeeded in keeping fire off their future pasture; trees they had set out all died.

89. Receipt, Apr. 3, 1877: From the Post Office, Charleston, S.C. to S.C.L. & Trust Coy. for a Registered Letter addressed to DeT. Ellis, Grahamville, S.C.

90. Letter, spring, 1877: From Mrs. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her son, at Plum Island. They missed him very much when he left; send word by Julian if your trunk arrived safely at Plum Island; if your finger is better; am sending your clothes in Lilly's box; also your bank book; will send the other clothes after awhile. On the back, Rosa Ellis asked him to send her a paper giving the account of the Home girls excursion on the L.J., and that Richie returned his boat to Treville.

91. Letter, spring, 1877: From Mrs. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her son, at Plum Island. Glad he was well; will get your letters tomorrow as Treville expects to go to Grahamville tomorrow; had a letter from Ida a few days ago - says a cousin of hers saw you recently in Charleston; hopes he has a cook by this time as does not like his being entirely alone on the island.

92. Note, spring, 1877: From T.S. Heyward, Jr. at Charleston to T.B.Ellis at Plum Island. "I send you a small boy named Jackson. He will relieve you of the annoyance of cooking and be useful in many ways *** I send poison for rats *** 3 bushels potatoes - cut with ashes & plant as you think best *** "There were also 8 other short notes, none dated but all written in 1877 - 1878, to "Dear Tom" at Plum Island and signed "T.S., Jr". Mr. Heyward lived in Charleston, worked at the South Carolina Loan and Trust Company, Charleston, S.C., owned Plum Island and frequently went there by boat across the Ashley River. Some of the notes asked Tom to send over pigeons, chickens, eggs, oysters, a cow, etc. Tom was asked to dine with them on occasion; when sick he was given advice what to do, and, if no better, to come over and Mrs. Heyward would nurse him; money was sent to Tom to pay the different ones, himself included, etc.

93. Letter, Apr. 10, 1877: From Rosa A. Ellis at 79 Canon St. Henis X Roads to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island. This letter was started in late March; mentions he had been away six weeks; asks how he liked the Heywards and Mr. Palmer; she had received his letter in early April; she had nine scholars, her pay being $9.00 a month; the understanding was that she teach for one quarter and if not mutually satisfactory, she was to return home; everything was fine, however; she had heard from Lilly who enjoys his visits; sorry the river is between you two; do not get discouraged, time passes so swiftly and she trusts he would soon have a home of his own, and not long after perhaps a dear little wife; you are young yet and have a great deal to look forward to; asked if he attended the same church Lilly attended; they had commenced a Sunday School. "I will enclose this to Lilly as it will save me a stamp". Lilly was at the Confederate Home, and he received some mail through her, some through Mr. Heyward.

94. Letter, likely May, 1877: From Mrs. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her son, at Plum Island. Sorry you have been sick; Lilly had been sick too; rains have done us a lot of damage; your father will have to plant over his corn, the first planting having rotted in the ground; potatoes also injured, but some will soon be large enough for the table; drum fish are plentiful in Beaufort; asks about the chickens and tells of hers; her flower garden beginning to look very pretty; old Jacob, who lived on our place last year, is dead and the negroes think his wife poisoned him; the girls have sent 4 pair of socks.

95. Letter, May 18, 1877: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, his brother, at Plum Island. He had written a long letter about mid-Apr. and acknowledged receipt of $10.00 sent by mail; the cloth you mentioned you were sending to be made up had not been received but likely at the depot; he may get it tomorrow; "There has been considerable excitement here among the negroes. William Weston has been charged with grand larceny by three people. It has been clearly proved that he stole Cupbord's bull, a large cow belonging to Backus Singleton, and a cow of

Hubbard's. Mr. Sharp (Trial Justice) examined the witnesses in the case and bound Wm. over for trial before the County Court next June. He intended sending him to jail, but Wm. got some of his kin to bail him out for $300. Sharp seems to think he is good for the penitentiary". Mentions his cotton, rice and corn crops; drum fish are biting splendidly; sorry the storm injured Mr. Palmer's vegetables. Does Palmer and Heyward plant on shares? Juno was found eating a sheep, so must keep her tied up all the time until she can raise some pups; Sampson's wife left him and has taken up with William Weston; as he is too lazy to work, he expects to go to Charleston and offered to sell me his cart for 17$; I offered Sampson 12$ if we could make some arrangement; if you are willing to pay half, I can pay the rest in the fall; needed a cart very much and did not think they could get one any cheaper; let me know as soon as you can.

96. Letter, May 22, 1877: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.P.Ellis, his brother, at Plum Island. Had written him last week -sent the letter by Mr. Fripp who brought back Tom's letter of May 7, the first from him since Apr. 1; glad he had a chance to enjoy himself when he went to the "Home"; "better see all the company you can this year for you don't know if you will ever again have access to City Society"; I have a good prospect for cotton and rice crops, but corn poor; refers to the European War and afraid cotton will sell low in the fall; had cleaned a hole, got good running water, and thus saved the expense of digging a well next year; referred to "the cart", that Sampson had paid $17 for the wheels, but wants to pay his way to Charleston and said he would take $10 cash for the cart; if had the money he thought he could get it for $8; will get along famously with Brandy next year, he plows as well as a horse; mentioned Tom's cow and calf; asked if only Palmer and Tom worked on the Island and if Mrs. Palmer carried lunch to him as she did to the Fripps; asked if Mr. Heyward cleared anything at farming and the kinds of vegetables they grew on the Island; Juno is "blocked" re killing sheep; Lilly wrote you speak of coming up with her, evidently when her vacation starts; is it probable you will?; he was making a small stable at Castleton for Brandy and hauling the poles with Sampson's cart which he had delivered on condition a little be paid on it by the middle of June; thought he could get it for $8; thanked him for the $1 he had sent - will help pay for the cart; glad he gave the 50¢ to Lilly; if you can spare $2, or $3, to pay Sampson's way to Charleston, he could give him an order on you for the balance to be paid a little at a time for the next few months as he expects to live in Charleston; if can't get the money he will sell to someone else; we must have a cart in order to plant and can't get one as cheap; thinks Sampson will wait to see how Weston's trial turns out; opinion of all the white men in this neighborhood he will go to the penitentiary for about 15 years; Mr. Fripp got $5.50 a bbl. for potatoes in Beaufort; Cupboard is plowing for Father, also Dick's little William; economise as much as possible; promised Bell we would try and pay him $100.00 this winter; he does not expect anything before Jan. 1; I will make up my half on the cart in pay for shingles, rails etc.; Sampson would rather take an order on you than our note payable next Fall; knows his expense for clothes must be very great; thought you were to send cloth to be made up; answer soon as you get this.

97. Letter, May 28, 1877: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at Plum Island. Though wrote you recently, can't resist another chat with you; will send to Lilly through Mrs. Lowndes and get her to hand it to you. "William Weston's trial is to come off next week. He has employed Whipper the negro lawyer to defend him & may possibly get off clear". (This Whipper was a negro lawyer - "Carpet Bagger" from the North - who became a power in South Carolina during Reconstruction. E.D.E.). Have hoed cotton and now hauling it up; have some beautiful rice; wish had planted a few Irish potatoes - bringing $5.50 a bbl. in Beaufort; if could have anticipated the European war would have planted all rice for market in preference to cotton -"we must try and plant largely of potatoes next Spring - also of rice - I am disgusted with Cotton culture".

98. Letter, May 31, 1877: From Dr. E.E.Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, his son, at Plum Island. "Mr. Knowles alleges that you owe him 75 cts as interest on the $3.00 which you returned to him *** suggest you enclose this sum *** to your mother, & I will pay it to him, & get his receipt & send it to you - I have not one cent of money myself *** That steer you got from Mr. Hasell has made one of the best oxen in this neighborhood. He walks unusually fast with the plow & is perfectly gentle - Treville takes the best possible care of him. Treville works very hard & I am glad to say he has quite a promising crop of cotton & corn. My own cotton & corn look very well & I am in hopes with a good season to make corn enough to "do us" another year. My vegetable garden is very good. By-the-way, the U.S. Gov. has determined to establish a naval depot near Parris Island which will, another year, create an increased demand for vegetables. Mr. J.E. Fripp sold a barrel of potatoes last week at the Battery for $5.50. He dug these potatoes from 5 task rows, yielding him 1$ to the row! He sold his peas at 1$ per Bushel in the shell. This is more profitable than cotton culture. (This, and the preceding letter, show an early concept of doing away with the "one crop" system. E.D.E.) As regards that piece of land you and Treville bought from Mr. Bell, I think you had better not wait until January to pay him any money, but whatever money you can spare from your necessities, if only 25 or 30$ occasionally pay it to him. This will induce him & his clients to give another year's (1878) credit to pay the balance of the debt due should any remain".

99. Note, June 11, 1877: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, his brother, at Plum Island. "Sorry I've put off writing till its too late for me to do so. I am about going to Beaufort to carry my potatoes. Made 7 bus. from 3 pcks Seed besides a lot of small ones. Cotton & corn first rate. Please write soon".

100. Letter, June 11, 1877: From Mrs. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her son, at Plum Island. She begs him to write; that she now hears of him through Lilly, but when she comes home I shall want to hear from you very much; Can't you come with her? heeds rain; asks about his vegetables and mentioned they had potatoes, beets and squash, and likely plenty of melons later; oats ripening, so her hens doing well and getting plenty of eggs; Carrie begs that he bring her a little dog if the Heywards still have them and he can get one, not a female though.

101. Letter, June 24, 1877: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at Plum Island. Had received his letter of June 1 with contents ($7.00); Sampson is a tricky scoundrel - he attempted to serve me a rascally trick; for 6 weeks he has been trying to sell me a cart he had already sold to old Caleb, who now has it.

"Weston was tried in Beaufort for the killing of Backus' cow. Whipper cleared him, with a jury composed of all negroes - William's friends. He was tried again last week for stealing Cupboard's bull. The jury consisted of 4 negroes & two whites. The whites were for convicting & the blacks for acquitting him. As they could not agree, it was pronounced a mistrial. He was tried again last Wednesday in Grahamville by Bell. Jury again composed of 4 blacks & 2 whites. The blacks were all either near relatives or thick friends. The whites, Dr. Gregory & Daniel Wall tried to get the negroes to bring in a verdict of guilty, but of course failed. Instead of pronouncing it a mistrial as before, they yielded to the negroes, and cleared him. He is evidently a cow thief & I intend to do everything in my power to get him from Low Bottom. I'll try and get a purchaser for the place & get Uncle Tom to turn him (William) off. Do you think Uncle Tom would do it?" *** The negroes are sworn to have revenge on William Weston - Sampson will kill him if he ever gets a chance, I am afraid."

Referred to the blooded mare Tom had written about as a trade for Brandy, the ox, but delay it a few months if possible, giving reasons; crops fine except corn; be as economical as possible as our expenses will be very heavy, in addition to $100 for Bell; he was determined to live at Castleton next year; he had a talk with Bell about the debt; he will send Knowles the money; thought their principal market crops next year should be rice and Irish potatoes; before paying Bell he wants to get a title.

102. Letter, July 10, 1877: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, his brother, at Plum Island. He will go to Grahamville on Friday for Rosa and Lilly; have not heard from you since yours of July 1st; mentioned the Fripps; fine rain last night and had intended planting his slips, but had to plant Father's; crops in whole neighborhood fine; had engaged a negro to split rails for their pasture; if Tom had not already traded Brandy for the horse and paid $20 to boot, it would be better to invest the $20 in a pair of cartwheels as can do without a horse but not without a cart; our expenses to begin with will be rather heavy, 3000 rails needed to enclose the pasture, after all a well must be dug as the water from the hole dug in the spring is now fit only for stock; must plant one acre of potatoes; glad you got a pistol as did not like the idea of your being on the island without one.

103. Letter, July 10, 1877: From John H. Screven at Westchester, N.Y. to Dr. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point. "My dear Doctor,

You will have to make some excuse for me, & my delay in replying to your favour, & old fashioned O K T friendly letter. I fancy you extending your grip to your friend as of old in the hearty So Ca style. The recent marriage of my son Thomas Edward - to Miss Walker of Maryland - our long travel there in the Alleghanies will account in part for the delay. I am about to begin to dispose of your Revolutionary Relic - as I am now in possession of an introduction to the Secretary of the N.Y. Historical Society, and will

1877 LETTER (part only)

DETREVILLE ELLIS to his brother THOMAS BAYNARD ELIS

(Paper was scarce. This letter illustrates its conservation by "crossing"! A NUMBER of the family letter were "crossed". The 1883 letter of Dr. Ellis (Doc. No. 268) was written on the INSIDE of envelopes—four small pieces of paper!)

ascertain as soon as possible whether it will purchase it. It is a pity you could not afford me the information - which would authenticate it's history: where got - & how, & by whom it has been preserved.

Probably I will not dispose of it until you have time to answer the above queries; in the meantime let me ask you to receive the enclosed to enable you to meet the exigency, (the payment of your taxes) so that you & yours may rest in peace.

God grant that our people may recuperate after their manifold tribulations - and I believe we shall - if we use our recent victory (This likely refers to the election of General Wade Hampton as Governor of South Carolina, the end of "Reconstruction", etc. E.D.E.). with prudence, moderation, and clemency to the inferior race. Now is the time to solidify Southern interests by getting the negro over to our side - body & soul. Don't bully him is my motto - but use moral suasion - which sometimes may be termed moral coercion.

I presume you - like myself, feel the march of time: - for after a fellow has passed the half century - most people call him "the old fellow" & there is no use in "Kicking against the (such) pricks".

With kind remembrance to your family and all friends".

104. Letter, Oct. 10, 1877: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island. She had promised to write him by Lilly, so a few hurried lines, as Lilly leaves tomorrow (for return to the Confederate Home); she had just finished a long letter to Mrs. Snowden; am still at home as the O's sent word they could not afford to employ me again, and did not say when they could pay me for what they owe me now, but I hope when they gather their rice crop; am now teaching Velsa, and Emmie, Charlie and Robie Fripp and Carrie and enjoy being home; the Fripp boys are working very hard getting in their crops but we see some of them every Sunday; get Lilly to tell you everything; they had no opportunity of sending to Beaufort, so please get, or ask Mrs. Heyward to get, a balmoral skirt for Lilly and also a lead pencil, money enclosed.

105. Letter, Oct. 11, 1877: From Lilly Ellis, at The Confederate Home, to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island. "Leulie has just come for your letter & as I have time only to write a few lines to beg you please to have my brooch fixed with a little of the money which you intend giving me.

Sissie (Rosa) begs you to get a balmoral for me for 75 cts & I send you 25 cts to get me a bottle of shoe polish & 1 box of pencil points for a gold pencil you know. I am sorry to hear that you have had fever. Come & see me as soon as you get well. You need not let these few things worry you".

106. Letter, Oct. 28, 1877: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to Lilly Ellis, her sister, at The Confederate Home, Charleston. She had recently started on her second year at the "Home", age 15 at this time. Leila Fripp had spent a night with them; all had a "pillow fight"; old Mr. Shovin spent a night with them and preached next day at Kelvin Grove; Carrie went to the Fripps one evening to help them dig groundnuts - so she made some nice candy; we finally received your long awaited letters - no one had been to the Post Office in Grahamville before, else would have had them a week before; glad you were so joyfully received by your friends; letters from Tom and Richie today too - Tom wants to come while Richie is here, likely in Dec.; really glad Tom is not coming home to stay and that he will spend Christmas in the city - where some of his friends will

be; sorry you were two weeks without hearing from home - 3 of us wrote, but hard for us to get letters to and from the P.O.; tell Tom we are glad he will visit us and thank him for me again.

107. Letter, Nov. 1, 1877: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, his brother, at Plum Island. Had received his letter of 1st, had not heard for a long time and was anxious to hear since we had heard you intended returning home Jan. 1; judging from your letter this must be a mistake; thinks it much more judicious to remain; Richie wrote he can't come down until Dec. 1 and would like very much to meet you here when he comes; let me know and I can meet both at the same time at the Depot; if can come then you can return and spend Christmas in Charleston where the Fripps expect to be; refers to cloth for shirts, sweet potatoes, sugar cane, ginning cotton; had made 2 bales; after paying Bell $50 and settling his other debts he hopes to build a small house to live in at Castleton; must rest some land else it will be completely worn out; will have land surveyed as soon as he sells his cotton; jumped a fox last night with Juno and Tramp; foxes and wild cats are plentiful; will write a long letter as soon as can get a stamp.

108. Letter, Nov. 1, 1877: From Mrs. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her son, at Plum Island. Treville says you wish to know the number of yards, etc., for a shirt; gave the information as well as about underwear; she can make his everyday clothing, but anything for dress you had better get ready made; get thread and buttons; sorry you had fever last week; delighted at the idea of seeing him again, if even for a short visit.

109. Letter, Nov. 11, 1877: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, His brother, at Plum Island. "You take a thundering long time to answer a fellow's letter. I ought not to send you this, but I hate to miss such a good opportunity without having a little chat with you.

I went hunting with Julian last night - He says that they will try and get the Jenkins girls up here to spend Xmas, & if they succeed, they won't go to Charleston until after Xmas; but if not, they will spend Xmas with the Heywards -

I will keep posted & let you know promptly if they change the program so you will know when to come up".

The whole Chaplin family expect to come up on Xmas so the Fripps will have a lively time; the Chaplins are speaking of buying Mr. Wm. Chisolm's place and coming up here to live; we have not ginned cotton yet; expect to start tomorrow; now digging slips - very fine this year; Father made a good corn crop, but only two bales and a half of cotton; don't suppose we will get over 5 or 6¢ for our cotton this winter.

110. Letter, Nov. 11, 1877: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island. Does not owe him a letter, but as "Sayer" (Sarah) will write, will only enclose this little note to beg that you will try to get Lilly's package to her as soon as possible; it is a calico dressing gown, which she wants very much, but she wants to buy some flannels which she needs more than the gown as Dr. Parker told her to put on flannel under-vests, or her health would be entirely ruined; she never did have the money before to send to Mrs. Snowden either; but had received eight dollars from the Overstreets and a little from the Dripps, so she enclosed that too; sorry he had been kept out of his clothes so long, but mama has been really sick for a month, and all have had so much fever it was as much as she could do to teach and nurse; gave news of the Fripps; Julian and Edgar will spend Christmas at home if Mattie and Mamie Jenkins come from Wadmalaw; if not they will go down;

they have written to the girls, and as soon as they get a reply, I will write you so you can know when to come up; Julian and Edgar are decided on one point - that you and they are to be together whether here, or down there; why have you never been to see poor Lilly? she has been quite sick too; and seems toodisappointed that you have not been to see her.

111. Letter, Nov. 20, 1877: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island. Expresses joy that he had been baptised and we were with you in spirit last Sunday. Was Lilly at the baptism? How I wish she too could be converted and baptised! Do not think hard of us for writing so seldom; we write to Lilly so regularly that you can hear from home through her; her last letters were all so bright and cheerful - she is so good and affectionate; she said you had carried her "an elegant bouquet"; she had an offer from Mrs. M. at Ferebeeville to teach in her family and will accept it if Mrs. Fripp does not wish her to continue teaching her children but prefers to remain at home; all are looking forward to his visit with so much pleasure; Treville will meet you; they are ginning a bale a day and will soon be through; news of the Fripps; Julian and Edgar made 40 bushels of rice and will get $1.00 a bushel; they think of selling their cotton in the seed; it is kind of Mrs. Heyward to invite her and Treville to pay her a visit; she must be a "splendid" lady; read and give her the enclosed note.

112. Letter, Dec. 2, 1877: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, his brother, at Plum Island. Had written some time ago and appointed the first Friday in Dec. to meet you at the Depot, but as Lilly does not know when you are coming up, I decided to write; Edgar went to Grahamville yesterday and your clothes were not there; better check with the express agent in Charleston; had finished ginning cotton over a week ago. but, for reasons beyond his control, he had not been able to ship his cotton to Savannah as yet; Julian and Edgar Fripp want you to go with them to the hunting Islands; don't know if Richie intends coming; afraid our cane is ruined by the cold; expect to begin packing cotton at Epping tomorrow; Bell says he is very hard up for money - Can't you bring what you have for him and then you could if you wish pay more soon after your return? I shall exchange some cane with Mr. Fripp (his is banked up and not frozen) for you to carry for the Heywards.

113. Letter, Dec. 22, 1877: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, his brother, at Plum Island. Hopes you arrived safety in Town. (Hence, he must have made the visit home and returned to Plum Island before Christmas. E.D.E.). "Dr. Gregorie told father that when you returned to the depot that day he was there with a scary horse and that you very politely rendered much assistance in quieting him down. I met the old Dr. at the depot yesterday & he told me also that he "feels very grateful to you for yourkindness". *** Richie went to Liberty Co., Ga. yesterday. He expects to get business in Savannah on his return after Christmas, or rather will try to do so, but I am afraid there is but a dull chance for him. If he fails he will purchase a horse & plant at the Lower 3 Runs next year. He still suffers a great deal from his side but never complains, & many believe him to be in robust health - We went squirrel shooting occasionally and met with better success after you left than at first - Last Thursday morning we went out marsh-hen shooting and had splendid sport - the whole marsh seemed to be alive with them". Shipped my cotton to Savannah yesterday; wanted to see Mr. Bell about our business

but he was in Beaufort; I shall, however, make it my business to see him and come to some definite understanding before 1st Jan.; am afraid those miserable crackers will insist on turning their stock out next year; if so the whole community will have a hard time at fencing this winter; believe Dan and Tom Fripp are going down also to spend Christmas; tell Lilly I will write her soon by mail.

114. Letter, Jan. 1, 1878: From DeTreville Ellis at Grahamville to T.B.Ellis, his brother, at Plum Island. "I came up this morning to see Mr. Bell about our business; he says you had better send your money to me & let me pay him -

My cotton is not yet sold but Mr. Bell is willing to wait until it is. Any time within a week or two will do for you to send your money. I have made satisfactory arrangements about the paper &c.

The amount in full due by us is $186 - including interest and all - Mr. Bell says he wants all the money which we expect to pay this winter at one time".

115. Receipt, Jan. 14, 1878: From Southern Express Company, Charleston to T.S. Heyward, Jun. for "One pckg. Sealed and said to contain Fifty ($50) dollars Addressed to DeTreville Ellis, Grahamville, S.C. Freight paid 25 cts. Sgd. Johntsl".

116. Letter, Jan. 23, 1878: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island. Treville was leaving for Grahamville and I will drop you a few lines; am entirely out of stamps, but when get some will write a long letter; you have not written us and have not been to see Lilly; she says you were not at church two Sundays ago and we are afraid you were sick, but Mr. Heyward did not mention it in his letter to Treville; she wants to enclose some money and a note to him to beg Mrs. Heyward to select some dresses for Lilly for me; Do you think she would mind doing it? It is hard for us to get anything here; mama sends kind regards to Mrs. Heyward and tell her she would let her have the syrup with pleasure if she had it to spare, but has only enough for her own use; the boys tell some rich jokes on you, if true.

117. Letter, Feb. 4, 1878: From T.S. Heyward Jr. at So. Ca. Loan & Trust Co., Charleston, S.C. to T.B. Ellis at Plum Island. "Let the man with Hasell's sloop have the hogs - all of them except the white Chestw (?) burrow (?) - he will have to take them in from the back landing - Kepp an account of the number of pigs of each litter & the number of hogs - tell him to fix his boat so that the young pigs will be by themselves - let him be careful with the sows with pigs".

118. Letter, Feb. 11, 1878: From DeTreville Ellis at Grahamville to T.B.Ellis, his brother, at Plum Island. Your letter received, but not time to answer now; enclosed $15 for the cart wheels - wanted to send $20 but his cotton sold for 9¢; should have brought 11½¢ and got $27.50 less than had expected; had paid Bell your $5.00 and will send receipt next time he writes; mentions receipt from Bell for $45.00 which will be credited in the bond; still trying to get his house up - now waiting for you to send the wheels to haul the shingles with; please send the cart at once.

119. Receipted bill, Feb. 18, 1878: From C.D. Franke, 28 & 30 Wentworth Street, Charleston, S.C. to DeT Ellis, Grahamville, S.C. for 1 pair Cart Wheels & Axle $23.00; shipping $1.50; Total $24.50. Paid".

120. Letter, late Feb., 1878: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at Plum Island. Was ashamed for not writing before; been disappointed in every thing; got all for the house but not money enough to buy flooring boards and no way to haul any thing - not even the shingles he had bought and paid for; tried to borrow a cart from 4 different persons but failed; now independent in that line - much pleased with the wheels and thanked him very much; had set aside funds to pay for the surveying but cannot get any one to do it now; mentioned the low price for his cotton; will have their land surveyed as soon as possible; still working on his house but does not expect to live in it until fall; thanked him for offer of advances, but won't need them; have planted a task of Irish potatoes for market - if succeed well, might plant more next year; the John Frippe expect to plant about 15 acres of rice; he likes to plant it in place of cotton if can get possession of their ponds; don't expect to make much of a crop this year; gave reasons; hopes he will make enough from his potatoes to pay for flooring boards; enclosed the Bell receipt.

121. Letter, early spring 1878: From Mrs. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her son, at Plum Island. Received his note last week; sorry you must spend so many lonely nights on the island; we had a severe winter; asked if he had an overcoat; thinks he must have needed one in crossing the river so often; asked if he raised poultry on the island; her hens laying regularly and commenced setting them - hawks were bad early in the season; Edgar Fripp has given up going to Charleston; your father has Aron and Paul to plow for him this year - they have just commenced; he will plant sugar cane next week; planted oats two weeks ago; asks price of quinine in Charleston; Dr. Seabrook charges 2 cts a grain - we must use so much in the fall that it amounts to a good deal; hopes the strawberries and vegetables are doing well; whenever you feel lonely write me a little note.

122. Letter, spring 1878: From Mrs. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her son, at Plum Island. "I sent you a note some time ago asking you to send me some Cinchonidia (You told me to let you know when I needed it). Since then I find that Dr. Seabrook is selling it as low as it can be got in Charleston; he charges $1.25 for an ounce. So if you intend sending it, it would be just as well to send the money, & would be less trouble to you than to send the Cinchonidia. Of course it is cash, and I have not the money to get it. I had to borrow some from Mr. Fripp. He got an oz. from Dr. S".

123. Letter, March 7, 1878: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island. She writes to ask Mrs. Heyward to try and get a pattern for her to make a dress for Lilly; if not too late send it in the package, also 4 yards of calico, like sample; have not been paid for teaching so far this year - really needs a few things herself; if you have anything you wish us to make send it up; Mr. Wm. Fripp is hauling cane for us to grind tomorrow - wish you could get some of the fresh syrup; Julian and Edgar Fripp have just come with a load of their cane for us to grind; supposes the young ladies will soon be on the Island; hope you will enjoy Miss Mary's visit as much as possible;

have you walked to church with her again lately? I wish I could send my love to her but that won't do! received long letters from Lilly - said you had been to see her Friday night; Maum Lydia (likely the one mentioned in No. 8, above) sends howdy.

124. Letter, March 7, 1878: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to Mrs. T.S. Heyward, Jr. at Charleston. Asks to be excused for troubling her again so soon; at a loss about cutting out Lilly's dresses; she wrote and asked us to make one or two by a new pattern, the "Breton basque", I think; she sent only a miniature pattern - we need a larger one, rough drawing given below; we will appreciate it if you can get a pattern and send it through Tom; you cannot realize how hard it is for us in the country to get anything of the kind.

125. Letter, March 28, 1878: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island. That morning she had received the package of Lilly's dresses that Mrs. Heyward had so kindly selected; very pretty and extremely obliged to Mrs. H.; referred to a note she had sent him on Feb. 11 (enclosed in Treville's letter with $15.00 for the cart wheels) about thread and price of cloth for a summer uniform for Lilly; you are the only one who has helped me in any way with Lilly & you cannot imagine how hard I find it often to supply her most necessary wants as can never get paid when due; Lilly needs some things now for warm weather - a hat and dress; asks him to try and let Lilly have the money to buy them; all busy planting; the Bishop preached at the Bluff; the seven boys were all over on Sunday a week before after tea to sing; "I hope Mrs. Heyward is now on the island, & you are enjoying the company of the young ladies, especially that of sweet Miss Mary W! Please, if you have the money to spare to lend me, let Lilly have it & the linen as soon as possible, and if you have not write me immediately. I would not trouble you if I could help it".

126. Letter, Apr. 19, 1878: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, his brother, at Plum Island. His letter and the $5.00 for Herbert had been received; disappointed that he can't start house-keeping at Castleton that year; planted 3½ acres of corn and 2 acres of white rice; will plant cotton next week; intends having 4 acres cotton; has a task of root potatoes and some Irish potatoes; will plant pease in July and slips; if has a good season, will finish paying Bell and have enough to make Castleton habitable; paid him $40 last winter, though wanted to pay $50 - low price of cotton made the difference as had to pay a good many small bills; foxes are plentiful; jumped two at one time one night, Tramp one and Juno the other; when you come home we will have a glorious time hunting and drum fishing; want to raise a pair of hound puppies this fall from old Juno; try and get a pointer before you come home for good - the county is actually over run with partridges; wish you were here now to go drum fishing with me; likes spending the night there - camping is the best part of it; biting better than any time since the war; their land is not surveyed; hopes to get it done in the fall - the man promised to do it in the winter, but did not; with regards to Low Bottom - Wm. Weston plants the side next to us; How do you and Miss M.W. get on?

127. Letter, Sat. night, Apr. 19, 1878: From Lilly Ellis at the "Home" to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island. Directed to "Dear "Innocent"". Thanked him for the shoes and flowers, received Thursday night; you ask about the news - "How in the world do you imagine us to have any news in this old nunnery! (excepting, of course, news about the young ladies for they are the most interesting subject of thought or conversation of you young men)". Mrs. Snowden not returned from the country, but will in time to have our pic-nic next Friday; "you and Mr. Fraser must put up a white"flag of truce" on Plum Island that day so that Miss Cattie and I will be able to distinguish it from the other islands around, for I can never see poor little Plum Island"; mentioned the terrible consequences of Wednesday's storm in Walterboro and hopes the cyclone did not pass their neighborhood; excuse this scratch - writing with shoe polish as against the rules to have ink in their rooms; "St. Michael's has just chimed quarter past 11 o'clock, so it's time for me to enter dream-land and obey my liege lord, Morpheus". (This was signed "Lilly" - as were most of her letters - rather than "Lily" as used by many of the family) "P.S. Sun. morn, in Sun. School. *** Annie Willingham begs you to bring her a white rose-bud next time you have an opportunity. You must give it to me, to give her. Tell Mr. F. (Fraser) that Miss Carrie & Miss Effie can not stand in the corridor now, they have been forbidden to do so by Miss Florrie".

128. Letter, May 3, 1878: From F.G. Fraser at Charleston to T.B. Ellis at Plum Island. "I will be very happy to have you come and take Dinner with me on Sunday. I will either meet you at the house or at the mill as I would like to have a talk with you about your staying with me when I get the island. It is very important that we should see each other before I go up the Country. I am your friend".

129. Letter, May 9, 1878: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island. Treville intends to write this week so she will enclose this letter; disappointed in not hearing from him; time to decide about Lilly's returning to the "Home" next term; had just written an Application to Mrs. Snowden for her readmission next year; as her return so much depends on him, should have written him first; but time did not permit, re delays in mail, etc., since the school breaks up earlier and applications must be in before end of session; asks if he can help Lilly as much as he did this term; if not she did not then see how it could be arranged - new winter and summer uniforms, shoes, clothing, books etc.; realizes his expenses and sacrifices; she will do all she can, but gets only $4 a month for teaching and had actually received but $5 since Jan.; she needs shoes now (already acted on - see 127, above); Lilly then in the second class; if returned would likely enter the first, or graduating class, and then have but a short time to complete her education; all want her to graduate; "let me know if you are willing & able to help me again, as you so generously did this term"; asks if he expects to come up with Lilly in July - it will be a treat to all to have both of you home together; the boys working so hard we have seen little of them lately; "How are you and the lovely Miss M.W. getting on now? How long did she stay on the Island? Has Mrs. Heyward gone back to the city yet? *** I would not trouble you if I could help it. You do not know how it grieves me to be compelled to do it *** I do it only for Lilly's sake. *** We cannot get our mail, so have not heard even from Lilly for nearly three weeks, but Mr. Wm. Fripp will go up on Saturday, so will hear I hope from you both".

130. Letter, Sunday, June 2, 1878: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at Plum Island. "I think you deserve "the thrashing" now - why you have not written for 2 months. We have not sent to the office for a month (Note: It was a 24 mile round trip and this was the horse and buggy age. E.D.E.) so I hope there is a letter there from you now. *** Have you been getting into any more skirmishes lately with the cook? Corn is first rate, cotton good, but have very little rice; it came up badly & the birds played the old harry with it. *** If the season be good for cotton I think I will be able to finish paying Mr. Bell this fall". It had cost him no extra labor to work his crop that year; cotton all hoed and hauled; little Paul thinning it now; will try and pick it without hiring any labor - picking cost him $16 last year; Paul is doing very well - gives him $15 and clothes and allows him to plant a patch of cotton; thought of getting Elsy to live at Castelton next year to mind the place when he was absent but she has taken up with the thief Paul Lee and would not have him about; thinking of getting old Wm. Pain - the old man who stayed there just after the war; suggests he pay Mr. Bell the rest of his share as soon as he can raise the money and save the interest - nearly $5.00 a year; asks about "the sweet" Miss M.W.; his corn will give out a month before corn comes in and will have nothing to feed Paul on; asks for a loan of $1; if can spare it please send the next time you write; makes Paul grind his on Wiggins steam mill - he drives Brandy out there once a month.

131. Letter, June 14, 1878: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island. "Your very welcomed & affectionate letter was indeed a great treat to us all, as it had been such an age since we had got a line from you.

I cannot tell you, my dear boy, how very much obliged to you I am for your generous contribution to our Lilly - I think we shall be able to get along nicely now with that sum. Do you think you could spare a part of it in August? I would like to get L's winter uniforms as early as I could to make up while she is here during holidays. The balance you could give to her 1st Oct. This my last opportunity of sending, & the F's have not paid me a cent yet so I am compelled to get you to give her her cab fare.

We were surprised to hear of the change of affairs of the Island & hope you may be satisfied with the new owner. Glad you will have an increase in yr. salary, for you well deserve it - Do you still keep your dress clothes at Mrs. H's? Treville sends his love *** says he has an extra fine crop of cotton *** corn beautiful *** Julian's and Edgar's cotton, I hear, is very poor but their father has a fine crop. The boys, you know, always work his before their own, & they cannot get the negroes to work for them this year - Father took in our potatoes yesterday, but did not make as many as last year. We have had an abundance of plums this year *** if you are not coming, write us by Lilly *** I am glad "Miss Mary is still the sweetest girl in the country" & I hope she will wait for you - Mamma returns her "5 bu" of love with compound interest - but the others say you were very "stingy" in their shares, but never the less return good for evil, & send you lots.*** - we all want to see you "too bad". Carrie sends many kisses. Paul & Lydia send "heap o' huddy for you".

132. Letter, June 15, 1878: From Dr. E.E. Ellis at Grahamville, S.C. to T.B. Ellis, his son, at Plum Island. (T.B.E. was only 19½ then. R.D.E.).
"My dear Son,

I am sorry to learn that you have ceased your business connection with Mr. Heyward, but I hope you will get along as well with the gentleman who has leased the Island.

We are looking forward with much pleasure to Lilly's return home, & wish it were possible for you to spare the time to come along with her.

My crop is quite promising, but I am bothered by joint grass, as I am planting a part of the Point field. Upon the whole, I think my crop rather better than at this time last year.- but there is at present terrible difficulty in the way & that is the want of corn. We have only corn enough to last us about three weeks longer - say until the 3d of July - & then we, I fear, will be in a most distressed condition. I have, as you know, a large and helpless family,besides two plowboys to feed, & no one to help me except hired laborers to be paid out of the 2 or 3 bales of up-land cotton I may make.

My factor in April sent up to us a few supplies with the understanding that I am not to get any more advances until I send my crop to them in the fall.

I have recently received from a lawyer in Washington a letter in which he encourages me to hope that he will be able in a month or two to remit me some money, but it will be too late to relieve us of the corn trouble.

I have 2 fine harridicks (?) but I will not be able to get a sale for them before the last of July or August, also too late to help us.

Under these painful circumstances, is it in your power, my dear Son, to help us? - The small sum of 10$ will carry me through until the 20th Aug. at which time I can get corn out of the field. - I have a very fine crop of oats which now subsist the mules. - I can get good corn here at a moderate price, but the cash is required.-

Your mother says you have very generously offered to assist Lilly in returning to the "Confederate Home School" next fall. By that time I think there will be no difficulty in returning you the money -10$- which you could pay over for Lilly's benefit.

The family do not know, nor do I wish them to know, that I have written to you on this distressing subject. - Should it, dear Tom, be in your power to lend me the money, please enclose it in a letter and get Mr. Heyward to address it to me as the family would know your handwriting on the back.

Even 5$ sent up between this & the 3d July & the other 5$ by the 15th or 20th July would relieve me. I do not wish Lilly to come home & find us starved out for want of corn.

A reply will oblige your affectionate father.

E.E. Ellis".

133. Letter, June 22, 1878: From Rosa A. Ellis at ? to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island. Wished she had time to write a long letter; heard from home today; they say you think of coming home with Lilly; if you could that would be a pleasure to all; glad Lilly can see you sometimes; so kind of Mrs. Heyward to take such interest in you both; Lilly enjoys her evenings there so much; writing to ask a favor of him;

been able to collect only a few dollars, and then had nothing at all; at end of this year she will having owing to her some $25.00: people anxious and willing to pay as soon as they can get it, but afraid it will not be in time to send to Lilly to get a few things I need; she has no decent hat to wear to church and feels so ashamed of her old palmetto hat she does not want to go to church sometimes; so I want you, if you can spare it conveniently, to lend her five or four dollars; if you have it, give it to Lilly and whatever is left over from my things, she wants. Lilly to spend for herself as she may need some little things before coming up; hates to bother him, but it is so hard to get money these days, and she will return it just as soon as she is paid; if it does not perfectly suit you to do it, do not put yourself to any inconvenience on her account as she can wait; hopes it is a mistake about the school breaking up not till Aug.; "I am much obliged, my dear bro., for yr. offer of helping a little to send L. back. I hope I may be able to send her if she gets the place again, but I am afraid if we do not (?) we will have to accept your kind offer, if it is ever so little. If I get my money in time I will send it to L - to get what I want - It worries me so much to have to trouble you - *** if you do not come up with L. I promise to write you a long, long let. as soon as I get home but you must be sure to come if you can".

134. Letter, July 17, 1878: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island. A "sweet pleasure" to be "home"- everything so cool and sweet and quiet - sometimes I feel have reached dream-land; she and Lilly are determined to make the most of their holidays - are "company now"; all the "boys", except Willie, called on us Sunday-morn- seemed very glad to see us; hard work has made them quite thin; Edgar has been quite sick, but nothing takes the badness out of him; Julian never changes - the same sociable, friendly boy as ever; we miss you, but you were right not to have come up for such a short time; I am more than obliged for the loan; I got a little just before I left, and would return yours now but I was compelled to get a few underclothes for my- self, and as am fully determined for Lilly to return Oct. 1, am keeping four dollars, to get some things for her in case I collect no more be- fore that time; has twenty dollars owing her, which she expects to get before Oct. 1, but likes to be certain; she is to return to the X Roads Sept. 1 and will have perhaps 15 or 16 scholars; "I am more than obliged to you for yr. very kind offer. I had no idea, my dear boy, of yr. contri- buting more than $5.00 or $6.00, & you have no idea Tom what help even that would be to me. I know how hard it comes on you, but being in so much company, the poor child needs so many little things & those very trifles come to something eh! but she has been economical & as careful as could properly be. We are going to Mrs. Wm. Fripp's this evening *** we will make the figs fly".

DeTreville Ellis wrote a brief note to Tom on one page of this letter. "Julian says please ask Ned Heyward to save a male puppy for him from little Fannie. I mailed a letter to you in Grahamville- but sorry to end so abruptly - Dicksy (dog ?) was killed by Cupboard".

135. Letter, July (?), 1878 (?): From Mrs. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her son, at Plum Island. Had read his letter with much pleasure; thankful for the kindness of the Heywards' to him and for her making his shirts; hoped he would be able to stay with them next year if he did

not come home; so happy to have Rosa and Lilly back and they seem to be happy too to get home; hopes he has not decided to trade off Brandy for a horse as neither he or Treville can afford it yet; glad to hear he is living so well for knows he is fond of good living.

136. Letter, Aug. 23, 1878: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island. Had received his letters; he must accept her and Lilly's heartiest thanks for his kindness; afraid he deprived himself of some thing really necessary; received letter from Mrs. Heyward saying she had sent the package; Trevills will go for it tomorrow and she will write Mrs. Heyward as wants to see the things first; give her my love and thanks and beg her to give the change to you; you have lost your old sweet-heart - Leila is engaged to Johnny Tison; our picnic was a perfect success - had a very nice dinner - Mr. Wh ---(?) played for us, had some dancing and a real nice time - Old Mr. Hasell was delighted and did all he could for his guests; all six of the boys were here Sunday before last and four last Sunday ; having a pillow battle; she will be only too glad to go to Brighton (?) Dec. 1; glad he thinks he will be with them longer than last year (Dec.?); thanks him for offering to carry her, but it would cost too much; Who is it you want to see up there? Can it be Miss Mary? "I got a letter from Ida this evening - They are getting on very well - Sonny (Richard) is harvesting Mr.Peeples' crop at $25.00 per month - Ida sent me little Cecil's picture, a real fat sweet fellow". (Cecil was born Oct. 13, 1877. E.D.E.).

137. Letter, Sept. 1878 (?): From Mrs. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her son, at Plum Island.

"My dearest Tom,

I hardly know what to advise you about your staying with Mr. H. another year - if you were only out of debt, I would say at once come and plant, for I know that Treville & Yourself could get along very well planting - and I know my dear son that you must be tired working for others, but we have all consulted about it, and concluded that it would be best to stay where you are certain what you will make, as planting is such an uncertain business, until you pay for the land. At the same time, if you stay, you ought to try & get more than you do, Mr. H's being in debt is no reason that you should work for him, for less than it is worth. If Julian had stayed he would have got 15 per month, still if you cannot do better, 12 is better than the uncertainty of cotton planting while you are in debt. You must write as soon as you conclude what to do. If you stay another year you must certainly come home next winter and pay us a visit. I will be very glad when it does suit for you to come and plant, but with the debt to pay I am afraid you would have to live very hard, which you know you do not like. We commenced boiling sorghum on Thursday for Mr. W. Fripp; he made 34 gals from 2 tasks. We will boil next week for Mr. J.F. (Fripp).

Your father expects to commence hauling a cotton press soon, which he bought from Mr. Knowles. It is somewhere in the neighborhood of Lawtonville. He went up last week to look at it, & saw Richard & Ida. All the Fripp boys come over very often; they are all here now, except Edgar, & he was here yesterday and helped Lilly to skim the syrup. They tried in the evening to make candy, but burnt it. I am so glad to have Sissie (Rosa) a month longer than we expected. I am glad dear Tom that you will be able to help Lilly. I don't think she could have gone back otherwise, we are all so poor.

Your affectionate mother S.E.E.".

138. Letter, Oct. 1, 1878: From Dr. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, his son, at Plum Island.
"My dear Son,

Lilly will leave for Charleston in a few minutes & I am grinding Sorghum cane this morning so that I have time only to write you a hurried note.

I am sorry to say that rust has injured my cotton so seriously that I do not expect to make but a little over 2 bales, & the staple of the most of this is so stained by rain and storm that I fear it will bring a very low price.

I am much distressed and my life is a very unhappy one. I was in the summer expecting to get some money in Washington, but it has turned out a failure.

I am trying hard to get my cotton press up - which would have helped me in the way of toll if I could have erected it earlier in the season; but there were difficulties to prevent. I have all the stuff on the ground except one wagon load still at Lawtonville & can't haul it from the want of a strong wagon. I tried to get Mr. Fripp's wagon but he would not lend it. As soon as I can get some cotton to market I will try to refund the money you kindly lent me.

Your letter from the President of that Agricultural college at the South has been handed to me by your Mother. I think it highly commendable in you to wish to avail yourself of its educational advantages. I have not time to give you my opinion about the scheme (as breakfast is ready) so I can only say - I am dear Tom your poor, but affectionate, Father,

E.E. Ellis."

"P.S. On next Sunday I will be 60 years of age, & yet have to struggle harder than at any period of my past life.

E." (Hence he was born on Oct. 6, 1818 - from World Almanac, Perpetual Calendar. E.D.E.).

139. Letter, Thursday eve, Oct. 17, 1878: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island. She referred to his sickness and not being able to keep in touch because of difficulty in getting their mail; glad he was better; thank the Heywards' on our behalf for their kindness and attention to you; thanked him for taking Lilly's money to her; Lilly must have given you the home news; since she left they had so much sickness that they could do very little except nurse each other; Lilly likely told you the offer Mrs. Rhodes made me to live with her next year; What do you think of it? she would not care to go except for her health - a change is necessary - and the $4 a month, or $36 a year, is too little to live on and help Lilly too; it will take $10.00 just for her books - the Board required $15.00 but she told Mrs. Snowden she could not pay more than $10.00, of which ½ is your money! The Fripps had a great deal of sickness; Treville is writing you tonight, or is in the cane patch "stealing" cane; "Paul & Lydia send many huddies. All yr. best friends & all at home say don't think of going to Mass. Others have tried it & failed!"

140. Letter, Oct. 17, 1878: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, his brother, at Plum Island. Had Mr. Heyward's letter saying you were very sick; we were dreadfully alarmed; he would have gone to see him if had any fine clothes; got Lilly's letter today saying you were better and are much relieved: "No doubt but what it would be a great thing for you

Cedar Point
1st Oct. 1878.

My dear Son!

Lilly will leave for Charlestown in a few minutes & I am grinding Sorghum this morning so that I have time only to write you a hurried note. I am sorry to say that Sirot has injured my cotton so seriously that I do not expect to make but a little over 2 bales, & the staple of the most of this is so stained by rain & storms that I fear it will bring a very low price. I am

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E. E. Ellis

P.S. Am next Sunday I will be 60 yrs of age, & yet have to struggle harder than at any period of my [illegible] life.

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1859 LETTER (part only)

DR. EDMUND-EUGENE ELLIS to his mother SARAH WITTERELLIS

if you could go to the north, but under your present circumstances, I think it impractical. All your friends up here think so too. Mr. Jno. Fripp says these agricultural Schools are perfect humbugs *** The climate in Mass. is so severe you would have to get a $40.00 overcoat to begin with - if you had $200 or $300 to start with I would say go - but *** I cannot encourage you to make the effort". Thanked him for the offer of the loan but had reached the conclusion it was best for him to remain there until entirely free of debt; made 1 bale of cotton, 2 bushels of rice and 20 to 30 bushels of corn; will try and turn the cotton over to Bell and use the rice and part of the corn to pay Elsie for Paul's services; does not quite understand him as you say you do not wish to spend your money on Castelton or any other way; asks if he intends to finish paying his portion of the land debt; please write about this; does not blame him for not wishing to pay for houses, etc.,"when you do not expect to come up to live for two or three years, but I advise you to finish up on your portion of the debt and secure your 40 acres of land by all means. It is always well to have something to fall back on. It is my candid opinion if you come up here and go to farming on your own hook, you would be much more happy than anywhere else. The people all think so much of you. I would always go for the place where I am most appreciated".

141. Letter, Oct., 1878: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, his brother, at Plum Island. Tax books close Oct. 31; do send me money to pay same - likely $3 or $4; "William Weston has so bad a reputation that no white man will consent to live near him. Whenever you can afford to buy him out let me know *** If you can borrow enough to buy at some future time by mortgaging it I will help you to pay it back *** His stock has completely destroyed most of our corn crop. I killed a good many of his hogs but that does not restore the corn and potatoes they have destroyed. Do send me the letter you got from Uncle Tom in which he says that you are to have the rent due for this year - What with the late planting, storm & caterpillars I will make a very short crop of cotton *** The Manigault crowd are the Devils who killed that fine heifer of yours - I marked all of yr. calves yesterday & cut two. You now have 7 head of cows & calves - 2 Bull calves among them".
"P.S. I killed a very fine sow of Weston's yesterday that has been eating our potatoes for some time - he found it a few minutes after it was killed and threatens dire consequences. Says he will get his pay next winter when our stock is turned out - I am afraid I will have much trouble with him - I am anxious to leave here and get work somewhere down your way this winter but am afraid if I do so Weston will completely break the Dr. up - I will have to run a cross fence where the little gate stood and keep the hogs up during the winter & keep a close watch on the cows - Louis Fripp has gone to Wadmalaw to keep store for Mr. Hart and Allie Fripp to John's Island to clerk for Mr. Grimball. The former is to get but $13 per Mo.; the latter $20.

Edgar Fripp wants me to plant on St. Helena's with him but I cannot leave here. Julian and Edgar made a little over 4 very heavy bales cotton - Got 11 & 11½¢ for it; besides the Sea Is.C--500 lbs. in seed".

142. Letter, Nov. 3, 1878: From Mrs. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her son, at Plum Island. Expect to send his package on Thursday; sorry to have kept it so long; fear he has been in want of the clothes; she had fever and could do nothing for two weeks; Rosa was the only one who had not had fever, and her health was far from good; all like his pants; let us know as soon as you receive the package and also when he was coming home; digging potatoes yesterday; have a better crop than last year-the Bermuda yams are very fine, Carrie has some large ones put up for you; made one pot of syrup last week and think of boiling the rest next week; Mr. W. Fripp has a nice cane mill and boiler; his father sent a beef to Beaufort some time ago, but Treville could only sell half and brought the other half back; it was tender and fat so kept a good share for themselves and sold the rest to the negroes; beef soup was the very thing she wanted, as her appetite was very bad, and she enjoyed it very much; Treville got two loaves of bread in Beaufort for her, but they started at daylight and did not get home until night, so they got hungry and Mr. Fripp, Treville and the negroes eat all her bread, except 2 slices T. saved for her; she had not gotten over the loss yet! hoped he had not had fever. Lilly says you have not been to see her.

143. Letter, Nov. 3, 1878: From Carrie Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island.

"I am very sorry to hear you have been sick but hope that you are now quite well and strong again. I have been sick too; I was in bed over a week. Mama has been sick for nearly two weeks, she is sitting up today for the first time for a long time. all in the house have had fever except Sissie, but I am in hopes it will stop now as we have had two good frosts. Miss Leila is quite sick. They had to send for Mrs. tom Fripp. We are all so sorry to hear that Lilly has been sick too. Papa kild a beef, and Chewey carried it to Beaufort but sold only half so he brought it back and sold it out to the negroes. We have not boiled cane yet, I wish they would I want some nice syrrup, but I don't think they can for a long time as they are going to commence to gin tomorrow. Mrs. W.Fripp gave me a little black chicken last summer and now it is a hen. Edgar is going to carry Sisy to Mrs. Chisums this evening. I long so much to see you & hope you can soon come home". (Carrie was only 12 when she wrote this. E.D.E.).

144. Letter, Tues. Eve, Nov. 3, 1878: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island.

"Sarah did not write as I really thought she intended doing, & I haven't time to write more now. Carrie has gone over to the Bluff to get some opoponacks to send you. Sorry we cannot send you any potatoes, as Edgar is to carry this up when he carries Mrs. Tom F. back, & with her baggage it would be too heavy. Do carry L's things to her as soon as you can & oblige".

145. Letter, Mon. Dec. 2, 1878: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island. Yesterday they had received his letters of the 10th; disappointed he did not mention coming home; presumed he is waiting to hear what arrangements Julian and Edgar Fripp will make for Xmas- but, as the girls have not yet written, they are still undecided what to do; do not wait any longer on them, but appoint some day soon for coming up, and you can make arrangements for returning

later; reason for writing, "we were taken by surprise last night by the arrival of Brother Richie, Ida and their dear little baby (Cecil Walter Ellis, born Oct. 13, 1877. E.D.E.) - they will stay about three weeks and both want to see you so much - send much love - Ida says "Tell Tom I say he must come double quick"! & Bro. R- says "tell him to make an appointment & I will meet him at the Depot - only he must be sure & keep the appointment." He has a nice horse & buggy".

"We all want to see you.- & the ducks are fat & waiting, & I want you to come in time to get yr. share! Father is going to Grahamville today.

You must be sure please to go & see Lilly just before you come, for I am going to write & ask her to send something up by you. Ida's baby is a bouncer, pretty & the best baby!"

146. Letter, Dec. 2, 1878: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, his brother, at Plum Island.

"Your letter of 10th inst. duly rec'd---
Father is going up today and I will write you a word to say that you had better try and come now & while Ida & Sony are up here as they are anxious to see you.
Sony says if you will make an appointment he will meet you at the depot in his buggy - He will stay 3 weeks -
It looks like the Fripps can't hear from the Wad- (Wadmalaw) girls-"

147. Letter, Dec. 2, 1878: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island. This was written on the back of the preceding.

"Write immediately back & say what day you will come - if you can come soon, we can get a letter from you (or card) on Sat. I expect - or one day next week - as Treville will be carrying up cotton - after you come up a note can be written by the F's, or any of us, to let Mrs. Heyward know if you all intend to spend Xmas with them-

Be sure & see Lilly - poor dear child. I know she will be so homesick when she hears Ida & baby are here - Do be sure to give my love to Mrs. Heyward - she is so kind.

You only got that coat to make the pretty girls look at you! Julian & Louis took tea with us on last Thurs. eve -"

148. Letter, Dec., 1878: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island.

"Much love from us all. Why do you not write to me? May get a letter tomorrow though - but I expect you are too busy entertaining Miss ---

No one has mentioned Lilly's pkg. It is only a dress, which will you please carry to her some time soon. We write by mail to let her know that it has been sent to you, & I know she will be anxious to get it".

149. Letter, Dec., 1878: From Mrs. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her son, at Plum Island. Though very glad to hear from him, was disappointed when she got his note saying he could not come for Xmas; hope he enjoyed himself very much; Carrie was in bed with fever at Xmas; Edgar also had fever then and had been in bed ever since; wanted to know how he spent Xmas, "& if I am to look out for that 7th daughter, but be quite sure that she is good and amiable. I rely on your own good sense, not to allow yourself to fall in love with a lady who has only

a pretty face"; was glad his package had been found; when you write tell us when you think you can come up; wish he could have seen little Cecil; he is a dear little fellow; Richard brought with him 2 beautiful little dogs, both smaller than their cat Willie; he promised to save a puppy for Carrie; several notes to go in the envelope, so she could not write much.

150. Letter, likely Jan., 1879: From Sarah Ellis at Cedar Point to Lilly Ellis, her sister, at the Confederate Home in Charleston. Had written her a long letter the day after Christmas, but by her not having answered it, or her reply, must have been lost; has had cough and cold; Carrie sick in bed again with fever after having taken cinchonidia for five weeks; Sissie told you of our tea party last week - had music, dancing and enjoyed themselves in spite of the absence of Julian Fripp, their main dependance at such gatherings; have had fun dancing at the Bluff; Edgar Fripp makes quite a graceful dancer - she likes to dance with him, he is so funny; the girls (evidently Jenkins from Wadmalaw) are going home tomorrow; we will miss them; had no chance to send to the P.O., and now two weeks since start of this letter; "will begin with a subject that I know will interest you. We heard last night about 6 o'clock, sweet strains of music wafted on the air in the direction of our road, & soon found that our ever constant friend Edgar was coming over with his accordian, on which he plays more sweetly than ever; we spent a delightful evening; the time passed away so pleasantly that we were surprised to find that it was after 11 o'clock when he left. Treville teases me almost to death about F. Fraser - even told Edgar something I said about him. *** The Fripps have heard from the J's since they left; they want to come back again; say they miss the Fripps dreadfully & I expect they do".

151. Letter, Jan., 1879: From Julian Jenkins Fripp at Bluff Farm to T.B. Ellis, his close friend, at Plum Island. Asked how he was getting on; so much rain we can't do a thing; Allie wants you to get him a place on the Island if you can, but am afraid it is too late - wish you would enquire and let him know at once; he and Herbert were going to plant on Uncle Geo.'s place but Herbert can't work as has an abscess on his shoulder blade and it is not getting better; they expected to get a horse on time; Allie is fraid to try it by himself - guesses he is right too; waiting to sell their rice before we go over to the Island (likely St. Helena Island where he and his brother Edgar had intended to plant); looks like it will be sometime yet.

152. Letter, Feb. 18, 1879: From Carrie Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island. Had written him one letter, but had not heard from him and would write another as does not mean to give up her part of the bargain; had not been studying since Dec.; you told me to give your hen some corn for her Christmas present but she is missing out of the yard and seven others are missing too; they had two clocks that were not running, so gave one for having the other fixed - we find it very useful; she and Sissie spent Saturday at the Bluff; she and mama had not done much work in the garden, but will when it stops raining; Paul and Aaron will plow for us this year.
"(19th). Emmie, Charlie and Robbie (Fripps) have just left. They came to school this morning and the rain kept them here. We boiled some candy, played cards and had a jolly time. It is getting dark now so I will stop. I am sorry Edgar decided not to go down this month".

153. Postal Card, March 11, 1879: From T.B. Ellis, Key Box 62, Charleston, S.C. to The Baptist Courier, Greenville, S.C. "You stopped sending me the Courier without having notified me that my time was out - I saw no "red X" on any of my papers. Please continue to send me the Courier. I have missed it very much. Will send you the money in April".

154. Postal Card, March 22, 1879: From James A. Hoyt, Office Baptist Courier, Greenville, S.C. to T.B. Ellis, Key Box 62, Charleston, S.C. "Yours 19th received. I have re-entered your name on subscription book - and mail you copy this week's issue, in accordance with the terms of your note".

155. Letter, Apr. 28, 1879: From Carrie Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island. Had received his letter on Sunday; thanked him for the paper - not got it yet but expect to do so next Saturday; Sissie will write this week, so she thought would write too; drum fish were biting splendidly; "Daddy James and Charles (Mom Liddia's son) went down last week, each caught one, and gave us a piece"; whooping cough and measles in neighborhood; "I don't know how Mr. Benton is getting on but I know he never skips a week in coming to the Bluff. About every Monday we see his sail coming round Scotts Point with a bunch of flowers or some books. The garden looks very pretty now. I hope you will soon give me a sister-in-law so I can get some strawberries to eat. I hear she has a patch. I am so glad July is so near. I long for Lilly to come home, and to see her again. I thank you very much for the offer of the books. Sissie will write to you about them". (Carrie was 12½ then).

156. Postal Card, May 1, 1879: From James A. Hoyt, Baptist Courier, Greenville, S.C. to T.B. Ellis, Key Box 62, Charleston, S.C. "Your favor enclosing Two Dollars for subscription has this evening been received. I will send receipt in next issue, May 8th. I have entered the name of Mrs. S.E. Ellis, Grahamville, S.C., and sent copy of this week's issue, as you have requested".

157. Letter, May 2, 1879: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island. We have your letters of last Sunday; you always expect some unpleasant business on receipt of my letters, and will not be disappointed in that respect when you get this; assures him it gives her no more pleasure to write them than he to receive them; it is almost time for her to write Mrs. Snowden to apply for readmission for Lilly for next term if she is to return; it must of necessity again depend upon him whether she returns; she is anxious to graduate and can do so in one more term; she wants Carrie to go in her place, but that will not do; "I want Lilly, if possible, to graduate. Carrie could not possibly go down this year, for many reasons, even if L. did not go back. L. is tooyoung to go out among strangers as a governess or teacher & I know she will not be willing to remain at home the whole of even one year after leaving school - for we are too poor for one more to be added, & she will want to do somthing for her own support. If she goes back to school - the following year, she will be in her 19th year ~~~ and better fitted to battle with the Wide, Wide, World". If she returns, will not need a new Uniform Dress, but will need other things; "you could send up a few things

whenever it suited you later in the summer, but obliged to have some long cloth to make up for her and would be very glad if you can bring that up with you when you come in July, that is, of course, if it will not put you to any inconvenience to do so *** You must have forgotten to put Carrie's stamps in the letter. She asked me to thank you for them, & begs that you will give them to Lilly to enclose to her - I will write you of her books the next time". All anticipate your visit with much pleasure; some of the boys have been down four different times fishing, but caught nothing; she answered a letter from Ida some time ago and told them you might pay them a short visit in July; Maum Lydia sends lots of "huddy"; I will make the hat with pleasure. Please, if possible, let me hear from you before the 1st of June".

158. Sale of Estray, May 10, 1879 (?). "Public Notice
"I will sell at Public outcry on Thursday the 10th of May at the Buck Hall Plantation at 12 o'clock (M) one Pided Cow marked Smoth Crop in Left Ear no mark in the others, taken up by Cuffy McDaniel at the Buck Hall Plantation as an Estray and can be seen at Said Plantation.
Ceasor Small
Spr Con
For E. N. Barnes
T.I."

159. Letter, Oct. 14, 1879: From F.G. Fraser at Charleston to T.B. Ellis at Plum, or James Island. "Dear Tom,
I suppose that you think I have forgotten you, but I have not, have been to Savannah to a parade, and so busy ever since. Will come and see you the first chance. Hope you are well. Your friend".

160. Letter, Oct. 15, 1879: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her brother, at Plum Island, or James Island. He had evidently been home on a visit, had written only once, and she teased him about having gotten back to Miss "----", the angel of his heart; they had been pretty quiet for some time; after he left "the boys" met at Cedar Point, or at the Bluff, nearly every week; Lilly was back at the "Home"; she had given up all idea of returning and had written to try and get a place in the up country, but did not send her "Return Ticket" to Mrs. Snowden until Sept.* in the "Home" as ½ teacher & ½ scholar & to pay her $25.00. Lilly accepted at once, but she got sick, and went on Oct. 1st *** she has three classes to teach, any amt. of other work besides her own studies, but is getting on nicely". Before receiving the offer from the "Home", Lilly had planned to visit Lawtonville , Allendale and The Runs in Nov. and Dec., had written to Ida, and Richard had promised to go for her. "Mrs. Heywey Howard has offered me a place in her family for $5.00 per mo., but if Mrs. Fripp will pay me the same I prefer staying at home on Carrie's account, only I will have to board myself out of that too. Lilly will still cost me the same,you know, as her expenses last year were $52.00. I got a letter from Mrs. Rhodes lately begging me to go & live with her, but sewing brings too uncertain a salary for me. She & Uncle Tommie are keeping house together. I got a letter from Richie lately too. He has done well this year - that is made a good crop, but had to hire land so his expenses will take up all the profits, still he is now in possession of a horse (or mule) & spring seat jersey of his own, & next year he

*As soon as Mrs. S. got the ticket the Ladies wrote and offered her a place

will plant on a little place near Uncle Stephen's which used to belong to Mr. Calder Baynard. You know the place, I suspect, it now belongs to Aunt Julianna, so Richie will not have to pay rent, & I suppose will, of course, do better next year than he did this. (Mind, paper is scarce, so I will cross the other side). I forgot to say Richie says he will take us by surprise some day & come down in his jersey so I suppose he will come in Dec. *** Leila is to be married in Jan. *** We have made no arrangements about Xmas yet, but I suppose it will be a pleasant one. If you can possibly get off you must come & spend yours with us too. (Don't forget your birth day cake). All the boys except Herbert & Allie went to Savannah to attend the Centenniel. They enjoyed their visit much. Mr. Fraser was there with his company - wish you could have gone too, but it was very hot - expensive - & a great jam. Chewey (DeTreville) has made so little cotton that he has sold almost all of it already in the seed".

161. Letter, Oct. 28, 1879: From Fred G. Fraser at Charleston to T.B.Ellis at James Island. Had received his note and been down to see him twice since; found he had been sick; asked if he really intended going to Lawtonville on the first; would like to go with him, but impossible as had that awful debt to pay and will have to make all the money he could; if he does go, stop by and see him on the way to the cars, or spend the night before at his house; asks about his plans and if he was going to Lawtonville to look for work; disgusted with his work as it was so uncertain and the pay so small; with such a large debt to pay it seemed as if he was not getting any thing at all; Miss Cattie was well when he last heard and expects him for Christmas; he is anxious to go and his boss says he can go for a week; so, if he was at Lawtonville then, would drive over for a visit.

162. Postal Card, Nov. 21, 1879: From J.L. Ellis at Campbellton, S.C., to T.B. Ellis at % J.L. Ellis, Martin's Station, Lower 3 Runs, D.C. "Dear Thos. Tell all the darkies that you see that I will comrence picking cotton on Thursday (D.V.) and I will hire all will go. Sell calicoes at 7½ Spl thread .05 ball thread 3 for 10 cts etc. I will regulate the prices of above when I come. Yours, etc. J.L. Ellis".

163. Postal Card, Nov. 26, 1879: From J.L. Ellis at Campbellton, S.C., to T.B. Ellis at % J.L. Ellis, P.R.R.R., Lower 3 Runs, S.C. "Dear Tom I write to beg you please to keep weights of cotton you take in, also put down the cash you take in on a slip of paper as I balance my cash book every Saturday, be very particular in weighing give no down weights, do the best you can for me in drawing trade Your aft J.L. Ellis".

164. Letter, Dec. 3, 1879: From Mrs. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her son, at Lower 3 Runs, S.C. Had received his postal, glad to hear, but would like a letter about himself, who staying with, kind of employment and when he would visit home; healthy there that fall and not much fever; gin and press working nicely; the press was finished so late that his father only got 6 bales to gin and pack, besides his own, and will finish in a few days; made 15 or 16 gals. of syrup; Mr.Fripp is now sending over some cane for them to grind and they will make a few gals. more in that way; mentioned several who went to Beaufort at 4 o'clock that morning - a beautiful day; she was glad he left James

Island for his constitution would have been ruined if he had remained; weather like spring; had no snow, but a good deal in Grahamville and Charleston; Mr. Hodge, the old man, had brought another bale of cotton and likely will bring 3 more; asks if he can spend Christmas with them; will be a picnic dinner & supper at the Bluff. On the back DeTreville wrote "All say come and spend Christmas".

165. Letter, Dec. 9, 1879: From J.L. Ellis at Lower 3 Runs, S.C. to T.B. Ellis at some place evidently not too far away. "Dear Tom Enclosed find a letter I got from office for you. Tom and J are going to Charleston on Saturday night. Would you not like to come down here that morning & spend that day and night with me. I had more than I could do last Saturday and find I will have to get someone to assist me on those days. If you can arrange it so as to be here also on Monday I will give you what you think right. J. will return from C. Monday night".

166. Letter, early Dec., 1879: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at Lower 3 Runs. Mr. Hodge had disappointed them about his cotton - had sold it in the seed after hauling one bale; hence had to spend what money he had on provisions instead of on the land; told Mr. Bell his situation - unable to pay anything then but would try and get you to pay something by March 1st - he says "all right"; asked if he would be able to pay a little by them; knows he "is disgusted with the affair but if you really do not wish to invest any more money in the land I will pay but $25 - I will return it to you next fall - If it were not for that awful drought this year I could easily have settled up with Bell. *** Important for me to know at once *** send me the date of your receipt from Bell & the amount *** I wish to know exactly what is now due Bell - You need not be afraid of investing money in this land as you could sell it to white men at $4 per acre. *** Notwithstanding the drought the John Fripps made nine bales upland cotton & two bales Sea Island - They paid very little money for work - did most of it themselves - They will make also over $200 worth of rice. Corn Julian and Edgar planted made 12 bus. per acre, but their father's was planted on clay land & failed completely from the excessive drought. I ginned 14 bales of cotton & 4 or 5 more likely".

167. Letter, Jan. 25, 1880: From DeTreville Ellis at Grahamville to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at Lower 3 Runs. He received a letter from Lilly that morning saying that Mr. Wallace Lawton went to the "Home" Monday night & asked for your address - says he can get you a splendid position if you can take it at once; "better write him, get the particulars and if the salary is sufficient, you might beg off from your present engagement or pay a forfeit - Perhaps Mr. Powell Lawton is going to leave and wants you to take his place in which case I would make any sacrifice to obtain it - I think it was more the exposure than any thing that made you sick when down there last - I have failed to get off stock &c enough to pay Mr. Bell - sold only Brandy to Cupboard for $30 - but have collected so far but $22 - $20 of which I paid Bell. Mr. Bell said he would have been willing to wait till next fall if I had not paid him anything at all - I had got another steer to break - Father told me last week that he was not able to do any thing more towards planting - so he has given up the whole management of the

place to me - all he has to do is manage the negro hoe labor. I think I can make plenty of corn, if I can get corn for the mules. I have 20 bushels - this with oats I hope will be enough - Mama wrote to you about a month ago & Sissy 2 weeks ago - have you got the letters - I am afraid you have changed your post office or some thing, so will beg Uncle Stephen (Lower 3 Runs) to forward this to you. They all ask if you are married & when you are coming down. We have just killed a splendid hog. Please write & let me know what you are driving at - if you will come down & live on it or not - sell it. I am perfectly willing to give up my share of the land to you. I will send you the receipt for the $22 next time. If Lawton offers 4 or 5 hundred dollars I would rather pay yr. present employer $100 & go to a place where you will only manage & not work".

168. Itemized Account, Feb. 6 to Oct. 1, 1880 of T.B. Ellis, Jr. with Willingham & Rhodes, Martin's Station, Lower 3 Runs, S.C. He was evidently "batching" as the account shows purchase of quinine, herring, bacon, sugar, eggs, kerosene oil, potatoes, scissors, boots, socks, 1 gal. whiskey, lemons, 1 suit clothes, shoes, cash $6, collars, cash $6 - mostly in small quantities. Total $20.80.

169. Letter, Feb. 12, 1880: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at Lower 3 Runs (?), or Lawtonville (?). All were relieved to hear from him as did not know what had become of him - reason he directed his last letter % Uncle Stephen. "I have entered into my present arrangement with the understanding that the support of the family - the management of the planting interest & everything else about the place is in future to devolve upon me - Father has promised not to interfere with me in any way & has, so far, kept his promise - The fact is, he has made nothing at all from planting for so many years past, has had to buy pretty much all his corn so that he is very glad to be relieved of the responsibility of every thing - We are to plant every thing in common except cotton - I will plant 3 acres of the latter the hoe work of which he is to have done - There are hoe hands enough on the place to attend 8 acres including my B- (?). Very backward in farm work and likely can't do much for two weeks; moved the horse stable out of the yard; made a good cow pen into which hauled 15 loads of straw, to make as much manure as possible as believed in small acreage and high manuring as the most economical; must move pasture fence and make a plenty of corn; Father made about $45 from ginning cotton last fall but every dollar had to go for corn - he made only one month's provisions last year; wanted Tom to come down and live with them next year -"Your company would be worth $200.00 to me alone - It is the positive fact I don't believe I've had one good hearty laugh since you left us last Summer. If you come down you are perfectly welcome to what little interest I have in the Pecan Hill Tract (Which you know is not over ten dollars at most). *** I think you can do better down here than any where else - You might come down and try it next year & if you don't do well you can easily make a change - & if you feel matrimonially inclined, there is a perfect beauty just across the way *** The house Jim Washington lived in would make a very comfortable dwelling to start with, by adding on a piazza &c. I have had some splendid fox hunts this winter - The Fripps have all got very fond of it. *** If you can come down next year you can get sufficient animal power *** each mule will have not more than 10

acres at most to attend to - I think your best plan would be to plant provisions together & only cotton separately - However there is a plenty of time to discuss these matters when you come down. Father is very anxious for you to come down & as for us your presence would be like Christmas all the year around. Father wants us to run the place together - to give up everything entirely to us (he was 61½ - old for that period, and what he had been through. E.D.E.) Any arrangement in the world that would suit you will suit me & for as long as you are with us. *** I told the Fripps *** I would try my level best to get you to come down & like next year. They all begged me to try. Mrs. Fripp said they missed you so much when you went back to town. Please remember me to Richie & beg him not to think too hard of me for not writing".

170. Letter, Feb. 15, 1880: From Lillie Ellis at Confederate Home, Charleston, S.C. to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at Lower 3 Runs. He had at last condescended to write; had wondered what could be the matter with him re his silence;""so strange" Sissie wrote, and I answered "very funny & peculiar for him". Well at any rate I am glad to hear that you are not in fairy-land, or Africa; but on the contrary, settled down in quite sober bachelor-hood, in your own home, I may almost say. If you do not write to me soon again I will not think you worthy of your sweet heart I have for you; so mind now!" She then gave the name of her room-mate - pretty - sweet - good - who is anxious to meet the brother, all by proxy though. "Did I ever tell you how many boxes I got into, before I left home in the Summer, with the O.K.T.boys? One I only heard of some weeks ago, through the medium of a long lecture from Sissie; Mind, but don't you dare say a word about it when you write home! I've had especial orders to be "mum" on the subject in future. Some thing about E.F. I now have 25 pupils in my "Infantry"; am getting on very well. The measles are raging here now; 26 cases down, & 5 or 6 more feeling badly; so glad I've had them already; our school of fifty are reduced to thirteen by this epidemic; it is not serious, I hope, but so very painful for the poor girls. We teachers have our hands full nursing. I steal one moment before Church to write to you, so excuse this scratch, and think "better the day" &c. as the old maxim says. Miss De T. is getting very feeble. I would like very much to pay that part of the country a visit; but don't think I can afford it, I even have no trunk for traveling; will have to get one before going home tho' or set up shop right here. I long, almost wickedly, for holidays, and some little enjoyment - have never spent before such an unhappy term at the "Home". Miss Wilson, you know, has left, & a Miss Walker, taken her place; & consequently I have new responsibilities added to mine. Bell is ringing for Church. P.S. Please give the enclosed to Telie for me. Love to Cousin Richie". (This was likely their First Cousin, Richard Archibald Ellis. E.D.E.)

171. Postal Card, March 12, 1880: From Joseph Ervin (?) Allendale, S.C. to R.W. Ellis, Martin's Station, P.R.R.R., S.C. "Books of Ervin & O'Bryan (?) show a balance of Twenty Dollars due by you. Please settle".

172. Letter, March 20, 1880: From F.G. Fraser at Charleston, to T.B. Ellis, at Lower 3 Runs (?). Had not heard from him since I sent the $5.00; wants to ask a favor; try and get him a place to work with the same man you are with, for will be out of employment soon and would rather plow than loaf; Miss Cattie had broken off their engagement, much to his surprise; do not mention this until you hear from out side for he hopes to make it up; had spoken to Andrew Lawton when up there on Monday and he says he will be glad to get you with him next year; so, if you wish to make a change at the end of the year you will have a good chance; proposes that he and Tom plant together next year and hire land from Andrew who says he will let them have it very cheap; if he can buy a mule by that time he thinks he can buy one too; will see his friend John Garnett in Savannah about getting the necessary advances; although Miss C. is no longer engaged to him, he is still on the best of terms with all her family, and A. had even asked him to spend the whole summer with him; if cannot get work, will go up for two weeks and stay there; if we do plant on Andrews place, some of your old friends will be within two miles - Edgar Fripp is staying at John Tisons and another Fripp boy at Allen Tisons, so we Would not have such a dull time.

173. Letter, April , 1880: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at Lower 3 Runs (?). Was agreeably surprised last Sunday to get his letter - had been disappointed so many times; glad his corn was so forward as will enable him to "lay by" quite early, before it gets so hot; try your best to get off and come down about Apr. 12 and stay until about the 20th as will have moonlight nights and high water in evenings - splendid for sailing, and good for fishing; this country is so beautiful by moonlight and wants Mr. W. to be favorably impressed; will try and do some white-washing before you come; planted corn in March; will have planted 10 acres of cotton next week; no time to go drum fishing - biting beautifully; rare sport here now with mad dogs; one bit Mr. Cooler - who came near dying - then went to Mr. Chisholm's and bit one of his dogs, and two of Mr. Guton's, before it was killed; am convalescing from a spell of malaria; please write more often; it costs little and affords us so much pleasure to hear from you; he had made a handy little boat of the boards Father bought last year (it was named "Cricket" by Carrie); get Richie to come down with you; would like to write him, but am ashared as kept putting off answering his last letter; am a poor hand at correspondence; have written Lilly but once during the last two terms. Rosa Ellis wrote across the above "I heard today that Mr. Benton intends to borrow a large yacht and take us all on a cruise the next full moon. Wish you could go with us".

174. Questions for Examination, 1880: One long Sheet, all printed. Second Series- Third Grade History, Geography, Arithmetic, Grammar, Spelling - Correct Errors etc. On back of sheet, in pencil: "Examination questions - for teaching 5th grade of negroes - by Dr. Edmund E. Ellis at Okatie - S.C. 1880".

175. Letter, Apr. 15, 1880: From F.G. Fraser at Charleston to T.B.Ellis at Lower 3 Runs. Had received his letter some days before but because of work and getting ready for the boat races it had been delayed; thanked him for the offer he had gotten for him but had

had a better place and sure for a certain time;* Willie Lawton spent some days with him that month - had a pretty good time; he is anxious for me to go to Robertville this Summer but don't think he will do so; What is the matter? Had thought by this time he would have been at least engaged; your old friend, Mrs. T. S. Heyward, says she is sorry for me; but that she thinks Miss C.was lucky not to marry such a worthless chap.

176. Letter, Apr. 17, 1880: From Lilly Ellis at Confederate Home School to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at Lower 3 Runs. She was delighted to receive his letter and hoped he would write more often as he was "way off yonder, and subject to frequent attacks of fever too"; Telie was disappointed in getting a place at the "Home" to finish her studies before vacation - too late to take boarders now; had an awful time with the measle epidemic but the result was not too bad except that seven or eight did not return; teased him about her roommate; thinks it real mean of Mr. F.not to tell her himself about the "broken link"; had vague reports, and now thinks both were to blame - "I never did believe in clandestine engagements any how"; gives some idea of what she is called upon to do - "I would like to oblige you, but never never can I stay here another term"; had not realized what a comfort it was just to have him near Charleston until after he left; Sissie had worked too hard for her all these years and it is time for her to "play lady" some, so expects to take her place next year as she hates to leave the children with no one in charge of their education; mentioned different ones of the girls, faculty, etc.; protracted meeting at their Church and many joined; hears from home regularly; Chewey has made a little boat named "Crickett"; "Poor old Miss DeT. is getting quite feeble"; expects to go directly home after leaving; all at home seemed determined to have a jolly time this Xmas; "Oh, how happy for us all to be united at dear old home! It's too much to expect"; wants to help with their Sunday School at home; Mr. F. never goes to Church now - do write and cheer him up; we may not have a picnic this year.

177. Letter, May 28, 1880: From Mrs. W.D. (Lillian Perryclear Rose) Birt, likely at "Brooklands", Elko, S.C. (paper torn), to Lilly Ellis, her niece, at The Confederate Home School, Charleston, S.C. Mrs. Birt was a sister of Mrs. Edmund Eugene Ellis and Lilly was evidently named for her.

"My dear Lillian,

I have your Letter and am pleased to hear from you - to know that you are getting along so well - the situation that you occupy must be a great help to you - It would have been a prize to me - if I could have obtained such a one - before I was married - and had to help myself -

I wish you had written me something about the "home folks"- I have not heard from either your Mother or Rose this year - you all make sorry correspondents - to say the least - I have not as much leisure now for scribbling letters as I used to have - my time is fully occupied with looking after my domestic affairs - and when I can spare time - I spend it among my plants and in reading - having always a good deal of reading matter on hand - we take several papers and I get different Magazines -

*suggested he write to Miss Lilly - she had not heard from him for some time.

I would like to know if Florrie Henery is still a teacher in the Home - or if she is married - and about her Sister Lizzie - and her Aunt Mrs. Oneal - I have always known them - and would like to hear all about them -

You must give my love to Cousin Caroline DeTreville - tell her I would like to see her - I get letters from Cousin Harriette every now and then - I am owing her a letter now - she is still in Summerville -

Capt. Birt is kept on the go all the time looking after his farms - he is always busy -

I presume you enjoy yourself a great deal in the City- sight seeing - I have had a great deal of pleasure there on our frequent trips to the "City by the Sea" before war and trouble came - my life before that terrible event was a long summer day with no cloud to dim the brightness of its sun and my home was the dearest - most beautiful spot in the world - and I always love to think of it as I last saw it in all*fragrance - I will never find another home like it - this section has no natural advantages - no river - sparkling in the sunbeams like a thousand diamonds - or sleeping in the moonlight like a lake of burnished silver - no grand old live oaks - draped with gray moss - no shady vales and sunny dells - I could never feel like poetry here - all is too matter of fact - nothing but wide (torn) --- pressing what a great treat it will be for you -

Yours with love,

L.P.R. Birt".

178. Letter, June 2, 1880: From Congressman George D. Tillman, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to E.E. Ellis, Esq., Grahamville, S.C. "Responding to yours of 1st inst, asking me to help you get the appointment of Census Enumerator for Bluffton Township in Beaufort County. I would cheerfully do all I could for you if it were in my power to do anything.

But no body can help you - It is too late. All the Enumerators of Census in the Whole United States have been appointed. They entered upon their duties yesterday of taking the Census & of course are hard at it now as they must complete the job during the month-".

179. Notes for a Prayer, after June 2, 1880: By Dr. E.E. Ellis, age between 61 and 65, as written in pencil on the back of the letter of June 2, 1880, above.

"Give us Oh God The Light.

"Prayer

Holy Omnipotent and ever present Deity!

We thank Thee for our preservation that in Thy Fatherly care and love Thou hast warded off the dangers of the past night - that while many others have been long confined to beds of disease and suffering we are in the enjoyment of a reasonable portion of health & of those things necessary to our temporal happiness: but let us not forget, Oh Divine Power, that we need spiritual more than temporal blessings, that we need Thee for clearer (torn) of that immortality unto which we are destined (torn) need the force

Give us Oh God the light of Thy Divine counternance to dissipate the gloom and darkness pervading our benighted hearts - recognizing Thee not only as a God of love but as one who will be as a beacon - a

*its quiet beauty - breathing all around of health, melody - and

lamp to our feet guiding us into the paths of peace & holiness prompting us to live nearer & higher unto Thee - lives consecrated to Thy Service - to the promotion of Thy glory and the salvation of our immortal Souls.

Without Thy guiding care & parental love what are we? Poor ignorant grovelling worms of the dirt.

Prayer".

180. Letter, June (?), 1880: From Mrs. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her son, at Stiles Point, James Island, S.C.

"We were delighted to get a letter from you at last. I had long been anxiously expecting one. I am glad that you are pleased with your situation. I think it is a very good one. I would like to hear more about Mr. Hinson, what family he has &c. I hope & trust my dear son that you will give up the idea of going to Alabama. I should feel as if I would never see you again in this world. You have a very good place; stay there until you can make enough to buy a horse, & then plant your own land, be economical & you can soon do that. We are having too much rain, fear it will injure the cotton if it continues. We all expect to go to church tomorrow. Mr. Loyles preaches. He spent a night with us some time ago. We were very much pleased with him. Mr. Sams spent a night with us last week. We like him too. Leila Tidon has been down on a visit of two weeks, to the Fripps & Chisolms. She spent a night with us. She looks quite thin, but seems to be quite happy. I have made out pretty well with chickens. Have sold 60 & have about 50 more, & 13 ducks. *** We are getting figs every day, but melons are still small; were planted very late. We have all been well but Treville, he had a little fever 2 weeks ago. Do you ever go to the city? You must be very careful of yourself & try to escape having fever. I am very glad that you have no hard work to do. It would have been a great pleasure to us all if you could have come home, as you expected, before you went to Charleston, but you must come in the winter. Don't take too long to write again".

181. Letter, July 17, 1880: From John Ashe Hasell at Kelvin Grove, to T.B. Ellis, at James Island. Had received his letter; will send the gin % J.Y. Dill as you direct, at first opportunity; cost him $130, is comparatively new having only ginned 10 bales cotton - the last time used "Steam Power" by Capt. M. Kirk (?) got out 500 lbs. in one day; was present and it worked beautifully; if makes the sale keep $5 for his trouble and express the $25 to him % Dr. B. Seabrook; if cannot sell write and he will have it sent to Mr. Fuller (?), and either shipped to Beaufort, or sold at Auction. "Was that report in the papers true, about the planters doing so well & making a bag of fine cotton to the acre, & from 2 to $300 net profit? Write me your opinion about it. I expect to send the gin by Steamer "Howard Drake", Care J. Y. Dill, August 7th. I think the gin cheap at $40 but if you can't do any better take the $30 - should you get over $30, I will increase your Commission in Proportion to Amt. recd.": (J.Y. Dill, should have been J.T. Dill - corrected in a later letter from him).

182. Letter, July 19, 1880: From J.L. Ellis at Lower 3 Runs to T.B.Ellis, at James Island. Enclosed $5; asked him to purchase from the "Langley Shirt Mfg. Co." when he was next in Charleston 4 shirts at $1 each, and 2 pair drawers at 50 cts a pair; he will pay the express charges on delivery; nice rains in the last ten days which caused cotton to come out splendidly; "Cousin Tom & his wife leave here next week for her visit home. She gave birth to a child a few days after you left. It was premature though. Has Cousin Lilly left Charleston yet? I would like so much to see her. I was told yesterday that Miss Carrie Sams is going to teach at the "Home" next session. Have you heard it? I hope you are happily situated in your new home. Did you see the young lady of bouquet fame you spoke of?".

183. Letter, Aug. 4, 1880: From E.W. Ellis at Lower 3 Runs to T.B. Ellis at James Island. "Dear Thomas - As no one seems to have heard from you since you left us I thought I would write and see if you are still alive or not and how do you like your new situation? What are your duties and &C? I am entirely recovered now, or so much that you may call it well. I think they are all well at home, that is when I was last there, which was last Sunday. Calder is staying at Cousin T's while the latter is in Rome (?). Mr. Blanton last known (?) is now in business in Beaufort. Lawton has all offices (?) (?) (?) P.O. Express and (?) (can't decipher these). As a customer is waiting impatiently to be served I must close".

184. Letter, Aug. 4, 1880: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at James Island. It was a rainy day, Rosa intends writing you soon, so will enclose this with hers in reply to his of recent date; questions his taking up Willingham's offer; "I would not think of leaving my present place, with a certain salary, for such an uncertainty as planting on shares and incurring the risk of coming out with an empty pocket at the end of the year. I don't think that much money is cleared from cotton anywhere except on a few of the Sea Islands. I had a beautiful corn crop in the early Spring but the severe drought afterwards burned it up - won't make a half crop. Cotton is now suffering from too much rain - rusting quite badly, the land wants ditching badly. Your account of the cotton planting down there is quite encouraging. Old Sandy has some black seed cotton on your land at Mr. Watson's bridge, just on the brow of the hill, alongside of the long flat; it is the best long staple cotton I've seen since the War".

185. Letter, Aug. 13, 1880: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her brother, at James Island: Had received his little note; had but a short time to write as must soon dress for church; Mr. Layless preaches this afternoon; we go to the Bluff and start from there, as always club in horses with them and go in their wagon; Mama, Father and Carrie go in the cart, but we always have a pleasant ride in the wagon; Edgar usually drives, but the last time Dan drove as Edgar and Julian were too busy to go; Mr. Sams, who preached that time, spent the night with us, but before we came home after service, we drove to Kelvin Grove and ate watermelons with Mr. Hasell. "The old fellow was in his glory! Entertaining the minister, & twenty four or five of the congregation. I had a long chat with poor Mr. Cuthbert". *** Leila was

there too; her husband Johny Tison came for her later in a six-seat carriage; one night they all went to the Bluff and had some real good singing, then got caught in the rain, had a nice little dance - spent the night there; teasing Lilly about a young man, who had gone over with Mr. Sidney Benton, son of an old schoolmate of Father's - "just smitten" with Lilly, but Lilly did not particularly like him, though the rest of us do. "As for Mr. Sydney Benton, he has been a most frequent visitor for the last six months, very seldom misses a week, & sometimes even twice in a week, but don't think he has any special object. He is so friendly, kind & obliging that we are always glad to see him, & look upon him more in the light as we do the Fripps, than a stranger. I have just made a hat for Mr. W., & expect them both over today. *** Our church is indeed a blessing to us. *** Oh! Tom do not go out to Alabama, for heaven's sake! I think you ought to be perfectly satisfied with yr. present place. So many young men would be glad to get what you are doing; don't give up a good certainty for an uncertainty". Had letters from Ida; most pressing invitation for Lilly to spend some time with them - Richie will come down for her; "No" Tom, I want the child to go, but she cannot go before Nov. & not then if she cannot get a few winter things. You know the folks up there dress handsomely, &_ of course, Lilly cannot go unless she can get one or two nice dresses, a hat, gloves & shoes. I am saving up every cent I can, & can manage with her dresses, if I could only get help for her hat & shoes. Can't you try, old fellow, & make her a present of $5.00, or even $3.00 last of Sept., or first of Oct.? I know you think it mean in me to ask it, but Tom I am doing all I can do, & you know, the poor child has had very little enjoyment for a girl of her age, & she must go up & see her relations once in her life, & I do want her to have one real good time in her life to look back to - to enjoy herself for once while she is young".

"I will make every sacrifice myself, & strain every effort to fit her up with gladness, but you must help me, if you can - You know we would not like our little sister to go among strangers without being dressed genteelly - it is the last time too, that we will have to do it, for she will soon begin to make her own money - if you can - Tom - just send her the money & tell her it is "to get a nice hat or something to wear up the country" & don't say a word to me about it, or that I had said a word to you about it. I am sorry I cannot write more now - it is time to dress for church, & I feel almost too badly to go - I am not strong, & seldom quite well - I never expect to be real strong again. I am glad you are pleased with your place".

"P.S. Sat. morn. We came home yes. eve & found Mama with fever, better today. Mr. B. & Mr. Walker were not at church, but sent us word they are coming to spend Sat. & Sun. with us to attend a meeting at our church the 5th, last of this month. Don't say a word about my having written to you on that mon. but send it to L. if possible".

186. Letter, Aug. 14, 1880: From John Ashe Hasell, Kelvin Grove, to T.B. Ellis at James Island. "Yours of 24th just recd. Sickness prevented my sending the gin on the 7th. Should nothing happen to prevent you may look for it by Str. "Howard Drake", the 21st of this month. I will take not a Dollar less than $30 as can easily get that for it in Beaufort. I think the gin cheap at $40. Do your best for me, & write me what you get, - the gin is the best of the kind that can be made & cost $130. Hoping this may find you well".

"P.S. I will direct the gin care of J.T. Dill".

187. Letter, Aug. 17, 1880: From G.A. Rhodes at Lower 3 Runs to T.B.Ellis at James Island. "Dear Tom - I received your welcome letter a short time ago & also Six dollars by mail for which accept thanks, and have placed it to your credit. I am truly glad to learn that you are well pleased with your situation, only wish you were near to us. Julie is expecting Miss Caroline (?) Fripp, from Beaufort to pay a visit in a week or so. Now if you were only here to have a good time with her, it would be so pleasant both to you and her - I went to Allendale Sunday. I believe every body down there are very well. I expect to go to Savannah last of this week, D.V., to buy some goods. Cotton is coming in already. I am adding a room on to the back of my store, & hope my trade will be much better this winter than last, although I could not complain for I did a good business. Tom write to me often. I love to read your letters. All well. With love from all".

188. Postal Card, Aug. 22, 1880: From J.L. Ellis at Lower 3 Runs to T.B. Ellis at James Island. "Dear Thos. I recvd. your letter this morning. I would be glad if you will send the money back in a letter as I leave for Sav. next Sunday and I will get the articles there. The Pack. from Langly Bros. came to hand-"thanks". I will certainly go to Lawtonville for Coz. Lilly. I will write to her in regard to the matter".

189. Letter, Aug. 23, 1880: From E.W. Ellis at Lower 3 Runs to T.B.Ellis at James Island. "Your letter came safely to hand. Was glad to see the evident good feeling expressed in it, showing beyond a doubt that you are pleased with your situation. I can not say the same of my self by a good deal. Lawton tells me he has received a letter from you in which you say that Cousin Lilly expects to visit Cousin Richard; and that if any one will go down there for her that she will come up here. Tell her not to get out of the notion as they all at home would be delighted to have her come. Also P.G.'s (pretty girls) they flourish at present around here too. There are 3 at Capt. Martin's who have been the innocent instruments which have turned about a dozen young fellows heads over heels in Cupid's meshes! Am sorry to say I think L.E. is one. I have not seen Miss Mamie to deliver your messages but will certainly do so at my earliest opportunity. I have seen Cousin Lottie Oswald however-as blooming as ever. It is an admitted fact now that she is engaged to K.J. (?). By the way, Col. Johnson has been nominated on the Democratic ticket for the Legislature. They are having a protracted meeting at the Runs Church now but as Mr. R. is in Savannah I can not attend. Calder and myself went to Gilletts last Sunday and the latter amply repaid by meeting Miss Minnie Black of your city. Also Miss Annie W. and (torn) (?) Kirk. Cousin Tom has arrived at last - arrived last Friday, but is going back to stay next year and says he has engaged Calder to go with him. I do not know, as Calder has said nothing to me about it - All are as well as usual. Hope this will find you enjoying good health. Write soon to Yours as ever, Affectionately, E.W. Ellis".

"Excuse longevity in letter and brevity in paper. EWE".

190. Letter, Aug. 27, 1880: From T.H. Willingham, Jr., at Martin's Station, S.C., to T.B. Ellis at James Island. "Dr. Mr. Ellis - Your letter was received and glad to hear from you. I was much pleased with the up country. So much so that I have strong notions of moving up. Will be glad to have you go with me, and plant on your own hook or with me.

Have not seen? the crop since I got back. Have picked out 5 bales cotton out of my crop. Will pick in your field about the last of next week. I hear there is a good blow of cotton open there. Do you feel like coming back? If so, come ahead. You can board with me free and I will pay you something to have you to boot. Excuse haste. Yours sincerely, T.H. Willingham, Jr.".

191. Bill, Aug. 31, 1880: From H.D. Oswald at James Island to T.B.Ellis at James Island. "The amount due on cost of court is $4.10 which you will please pay to Frances Gadson".

192. Itemized Account, Aug. 31, 1880 of Dr. E.E. Ellis, Grahamville, S.C., with Davant & Wood, Savannah, Ga. The account shows purchase of Bagging, Ties, 600 lb. scales, Osnaburg; Drayage, Freight, Commission - all evidently in connection with ginning of cotton - Total $24.60.

193. Note, Sept. 3, 1880: From Lena R. Lockwood at Stiles Point, James Island, S.C., to T.B. Ellis, at same place. "Mr. Ellis - Please have a demijohn of milk with you this evening as the cow has not made its appearance yet. Also, the "New York Weekley's" out of Willie's room, and oblige".

194. Letter, Sept. 5, 1880: From Fred G. Fraser at Charleston to T.B.Ellis at James Island. "Dear Tom - Your letter came to hand some time ago & would have been answered sooner, but I am just up to my eyebrows in work at present. It is impossible for me to come over to see you, but I will be delighted to have you come & spend some Sunday with me. Cotton is coming in very fast now & bringing fair prices. I have not as yet found another to fill the vacant place in my heart & am very well satisfied to let it stay vacant for a while yet. I hear from Robertville about once a month, but it is from the other sister now. I suppose that now you are doing well you will be for asking some young lady to share your luck. I understand that Miss Lillie is not coming back to the Home this year. Allie Ball has gone to Asheville, N.C. to spend two weeks- will be back on Tuesday night. I have applied for another place in town much better than the one I have & will hear in a few days what my luck is. I hope by Christmas to be able to pay up every dollar I owe & then start to put up a little money, so as to quit Charleston next year & go either to Georgia, or Alabama, that is if I do not get a better place by then. Do come over & see me. I am anxious to have a good talk with you. Your true friend, Fred G.Fraser".

195. Postal Card, Sept. 18, 1880: From John E. Fripp at Grahamville to T.B. Ellis at James Island. "Dear Tom - Yours received: Julian is in bed with the fever and will not be able to answer you definitely at this time - if you can not wait on him - would recommend Clifford Chaplin at Coosaw, S.C. for the place. Write him".

196. Letter, Oct. 4, 1880: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her brother, at James Island. Had received his message sent in letter to Treville; will send this by Julian, who expects to go down on Wed; Mama, Lilly and Treville had all written lately so he had all news of family and friends, so little of interest to him for her to write; have had a great deal of sickness in Fripp and Ellis families for past two weeks or more; referred to the pic-nic the Bentons wanted to get up at

their place in May, which we begged them to put off until Sept. "Well, as soon as Sept. came they reminded us of our promise, & appointed the 15th for us "young folks" all to go over & spend a night & return next day. It was impossible for us to refuse a second time. So, according to arrangements, on the 14th, Mr. Sydney Benton brought over a nice sail boat to take us back next morning; but Julian was at Hilton Head, Dan sick in bed - Mrs. Fripp very sick - so it promised to be a failure after all. I did not wish to go at all & leave poor Mrs. Fripp sick, but Mr. F. sent Townde for Mrs. Chisolm, so I felt a little better satisfied. So, with only Edgar, Louis & Joe, Mamie, Sarah, Lilly, Carrie, & I went; but it was lovely weather, & trying to make the best of every thing, we really had a most delightful little visit! No one else was there, except Mr. Hitchcock, a neighbor, who came over to tea. The Walkers were expected, but through some mistake, Mr. W. was disappointed in meeting us. Mrs. Benton is a splendid little lady, just as kind, & sweet as she can be. We did not get to bed that night till ½ after two. Next morning played cards &c. till the dew was dry enough to go to the croquet ground, one of the prettiest I ever saw, right in the midst of some of the handsomest, grandest, old oaks you ever saw. They had it beautifully cleared up, & little rustic seats around the oaks & a nice new swing put up. We played there till two o'clock, & I never enjoyed playing croquet before so much; went back to the house, enjoyed nice little dinner - then started back for home. Mr. Clarence Benton returned with us. We found Julian had come home sick, & Mrs. F. quite sick still; I was too tired to stay with her that night, but I went back next morning to help nurse, & stayed till Mon. eve. But I got the fever myself the second night I was there, had it twice, so had to come home, & be nursed myself. I was sick a week, but my friends were so kind. Mrs. F. sent me some nice preserves & bread that had been sent her. Dan had gone back with Mr. C. Benton for a change, & Edgar went for him, so the Benton's heard I was sick, & do you know that Mr. Sydney Benton came all the way over to bring me some lemons? It was so very kind in him! They were the largest I have ever seen & just what I had been longing for. Poor Mr. Clarence got fever after he went back, & was very sick for a week with fever. Mr. Sydney came over last Thurs. & spent Friday with us. Dined & went to Church, & he & Edgar took tea that evening with us. Next day (Sat?) Mrs. Fripp & all the young folks except Sarah & myself went down to "Rose Island" on a pic-nic, a description of which you must ask Julian to give you. I know it will make you laugh! But I must tell you why I was disappointed in going. My fever having been broken a few days, when it returned on Wed. & Thurs. nights, which made me feel so weak & badly I could hardly go to Church on Frid. eve. & after sitting up that night I was too worn out to go down the river. All were disappointed, but they all came here that afternoon, & Mr. B. & J. gave me a most laughable account of their dinner. My fever is broken now & I am taking quinine every day, but I feel so weak & badly that, if I could, I would go somewhere for a change. Mrs. Benton, very kindly, sent to invite me to go & spend a week with them at "Pleasant Farm". The change would do me good I know, but I cannot leave my school. Will you be surprised to hear that Lilly joined the Episcopal Church on Frid.? Or had she told you her intention? We had a very sweet & solemn service. Mrs. Chisolm & myself stood with her as "God-Mothers" or witnesses - & we had Communion afterwards. I received a

letter from Ida last week. She says it is reported that Uncle Tommie is engaged to be married, but, of course, I do not believe a single word of it. She says Bro. Richie is hired to Cousin Johnny Peeples for the fall to help in the store and harvest his crop - pays him $15.00 per month and allows him to harvest his own crop, and the use of his boys, baskets, wagons, & mules, which is equal to $25.00. He hopes to make six bales of cotton. Mr. Peeples has put up a larger store than the one burnt".

"Mr. Baynard is to preach for us the 1st Sat. in November, to stay with us. Mr. Sams stays with us about that time too.

"Who is the young lady you take such nice Sunday evening drives with? Mr. H's daughter, or sister? Take care now, old fellow, you will have a dangerous rival in Julian. He is a great flirt you know, but you must not tell that on him. I am very glad he has got the place. I think it will just suit him, and he needs a change, and I know you will like to have one of your old friends with you. I wish we had something nice to send you, but we are as poor as ever.

"Mr. Brooks Wiggins I think must be engaged to Anne Johnson. He drives her to church almost every preaching day. Mind now, remember, I shall certainly expect an answer to this letter - so don't expect to hear from me again until you do write. Have you no idea when we shall ever see your dear roguish face again? I feel sometimes as though our "baby boy" will never come to us again. I long, long, to see you, but I am so thankful that you keep well and are so happily situated.

"Lilly won't go up to Lawtonville till quite late in November, as there is to be a meeting in our church the latter part of the month which she wishes to attend. Mr. Loyless whom we all love, expects to preach the last time for us, as he will probably be removed to another circuit".

"Please dear Tom have yr. photograph taken & send it to me as an Xmas present. Don't go to the city now as it is too sickly there. Take good care of yr.self".

197. Letter, early Oct. 1880: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at James Island. Had received his of the 19th; all right about the money; had given up the idea of speculating in Black seed cotton before receipt of his letter as could not get a good gin; thinks strongly of planting Sea Island cotton next year in preference to the "up lands" as the latter almost invariably gets rust long before the fruit has matured; thinks a course grade of "black seed" will yield as much lint per acre as the "green seed"; asked his opinion about it; Old Sandy has some here which should make 1000 lbs. per acre, which if sold in the seed, would bring, at 5½¢, over $50; the young folks around here, with the Bentons, went down the river on a picnic yesterday - the second this fall; the Bentons came over to attend church; "are having preaching so often here now that getting up good dinners for the parsons is becoming quite a serious trouble - though so far as I am personally concerned, of course, there is not the least objection. (I mean to the dinners). You know it has turned out to be a mistake about the Bentons being Yankees. They are natives of Florida & lost much property by siding with the South in the late war. They have a brother who lost a limb in Virginia".

"You ask how we stand - by jingoes! I don't stand at all. The enclosed slip of paper will show how you stand. I am indebted to you to the amt. of $45 - Cupboard & Peter Middleton bought Brandy between

them - they paid me $20 in cash being all they could raise at the time & promised to pay the bal, $5, the next week - so I sent the $20 to Mr. Bell by father & expected to get the bal-of the $5 from C- on my way to Grahamville the next Saturday but in the meantime Peter sneaked off to Tinker Island & has not been seen in these parts since. Father owed C- so he (Cup) gave me an order on him for the $5, this being the nearest I ever got to the blamed $5 as father was obliged to put it in corn - The other $5 which C still owes I will collect very soon & hold subject to your order. This would reduce my indebtedness to you to $40, the exact am't which I paid to Mr. Bell, on my own account, in '78. As for my buying your portion of the land you had better take mine in lieu of the $40- & when you come up this winter bring the balance which is due on the tract, pay it to Mr.B- & get a title for the place drawn up in your name alone. There is just land enough anyhow to make a snug little farm for one person -

"If you take the $40 in land & do not wish to pay any more on it & I pay the balance now due which is, I think, about $50, you would be entitled to 60 acres & I to 20 - If you would rather make this arrangement I would be willing to take my portion any where most satisfactory to yourself, say in the north-east corner of the tract, or north-west, or any where else you please, it would be all the same to me - If you take it all you might run up here for a few days this winter & have it surveyed or we could agree upon a temporary line of demarkation between it & Cedar Point, and you could rent it out for $30 per annum with ease. Or, if you would prefer its resting until you are ready to plant yourself, I will promise that no one shall touch a foot of it while I am about here.

"I had intended all along to pay Mr. Bell in full this winter & get him to give you a title for all the land & make you a present of my interest in it or in case of your declining to accept it allowing you to pay me at any time in the future after you should have been started at planting.

"But the miserable season has ruined my whole crop - Father planted 6 acres of cotton for himself & I 3 & 1 for Paul - From the whole ten acres I am certain we will not make more than 2 bales, I one & Father one. I sent a bale down several weeks ago - but a part of it was bought cotton - So far, Father has picked from his six acres about (500) five hundred lbs. seed & I am pretty certain he will not get more than 800 or 1000 lbs. seed cotton more- Out of these two bales we have to pay Wallace $40- for advances, corn &c made during the summer - The old rascal would not advance a dollar until he took a mortgage on Jolly - & he says if the money is not paid by the first Nov. he will turn the Bill right over to a Trial Justice to collect - And the other mule you know is still mortgaged to Morrison- $25 are still due him which are obliged to be paid this fall & now within a few days we have to raise $15 or $16 for taxes.

"I also have to pay Paul $15 - So you can just see that there is a slim chance of Bell's getting any thing out of us this winter - My corn will be out in 2 months & the Devil only knows where I will get any more unless old Wallace will advance again - I intended to send this by mail but I hear Julian is going down tomorrow so will send it by him.

"We will have sent to Davant by Saturday next 5 Bls. cotton - A part of one, cotton of our own make & two bo't from Geo. Johnson. These were shipped some time ago; & we have now two bales not ginned

which I will ship next Saturday - making 5 - We make about $3 on the bale - are obliged to give 2½¢ for seed cotton that being the prevailing price - It takes an average of 1625 lbs. seed cotton to make a 500 weight bale including bagging & ties - In other words, it cost over $40 per b. & after adding to this freight, Com. &c the profits are quite light - These two bales which are not yet shipped cost $80- & as cotton has fallen so much within the past few days I am afraid we will lose on them -

"You ask if there is any demand for cows. I am afraid not but will make inquires among the negroes & if there is any chance of selling will inform you -

"I've been thinking so much about your driving that girl on Sunday evenings that I almost got in the motion of going to hunt one up too to drive out. But unfortunately or, fortunately I should have said, that article is as rare in these parts as a Boston Belle in the desert of Sahara! - But, my friend, let me warn you, the coming man is going to supplant you - I'll bet five dollars that one week after Julian arrives you will be no-wheres - You have sharpened the razor to cut your own throat, or I'm a Dutchman - You'll see it too!

"The mule which I got for Jack ("Old Pete") is one of the finest animals I ever saw - worth two of little Jack - Since we got him I gin out a bale of cotton in never more than 5 hours -- ***

"Tuesday - Well I think it is time for me to finish this rambling letter. I commenced it on Sunday; it is now Tuesday & I am obliged to send it to the Bluff for Julian to take to you tomorrow. I am now resting from ginning cotton - There is so little cotton made in the County that I don't suppose I will have much more to gin.

"If you really do not wish to pay more on this land - & would rather not take the $40 which I owe you out in that way - I might make some compromise with Bell till next year & then I could divide my crop between B. & yourself - Do not entertain the idea of my buying out your share - Why man! by the time I got through paying you I would be grey & you would have children tugging at your coat-tails lisping the usual first infantile request, "Pappee backee me" - those harmonious words so thrilling to paternal ears --

"I never expect to plant more than 3 or 4 acres of cotton for my individual self. Hence my indifference about securing land for myself - You might defer acting on this land matter till you can come up and attend to it personally - I would rather see about the thing any how than to write & in the meantime rest assured that any arrangement in the world that you wish to make will satisfy me -

"Mr. Fripp wanted Julian to write first & say to you that he would not go down there for less than $30 per mo., but J. is too glad to get the place on the present terms to listen to such folly as that - Why did not Calder E. go down? I think J. will suit much better than Calder would have-

"Who is the young lady staying with Mr. H. (Hinson)? His daughter? How many & who in Mr. H's family? You must certainly try to come up for a few days this winter - You could do so more easily while J. is down there-- Well, so long. Give my love to Miss-- & don't let J. cut you out for I have made a bet on you. Have staked $5 on you, so look sharp! Yrs. affectionately, D.T.".

198. Letter, Oct. 5, 1880: From B.B. Sams, Auditor of Beaufort County, Beaufort, S.C., to Dr. E.E. Ellis, Grahamville, S.C. "It is necessary for me to notify my friends about the County by letter that I am a candidate for Co. Auditor as we have no time to wait on News Papers the election taking place on the 12th of the month. My object in writing is to ask you to give me your support and to use your influence in securing me the majority if possible of the votes in your neighborhood. I do not know how many Candidates there are opposing me but one is Mr. Rodgers the former editor of the Crescent. Hoping you are quite well & trusting in your support, I am, Yours Very Truly".

199. Letter, Oct. 8, 1880: From J.L. Ellis at Lower 3 Runs, to T.B. Ellis, his First Cousin, at James Island. "I received your letter of the 19th inst. only yesterday. I am obliged to you for sending the V. I am sorry if I gave you any unnecessary trouble. You wanted to know how trade is with me. Will say in reply that I have taken in store something over four bales of seed cotton and three bales of ginned. I have taken cash in about the same proportion. Say an average of fifty dollars per week since the first of September - I saw Calder last Sunday. He said he had written a couple of days previous to that accepting Mr. Hinson's offer but I feared his letter got there too late for the opening. I hope not though, as I think it would be a good thing for him - if he could get down there. If I visit Charleston the coming winter I shall most certainly visit you if only for a few moments - All things are progressing with the usual quiet of this place. Occasionally a drunken negro appears and makes it lively for a short time - I recvd. a letter from Cousin Lilly a short time ago. She has positively made up her mind to visit us the coming winter - I am so glad she is coming. I will try and make her visit a pleasant one". (They were First Cousins - See Bulloch. E.D.E.).

200. Letter, Oct. 20, 1880: From O.A. Rhodes at Lower 3 Runs, to T.B.Ellis at James Island. "Enclosed you will find your A/c with us for this year. Tom Willingham says he has no money in hand for you, & says all of your crop here will not pay him up. Please make some arrangements as soon as possible about paying up, & oblige. All very well, & send love. P.S. Money very tight & factor pushing us up for what we owe him-". (See 168, above, for the account)

201. Letter, Oct. 26, 1880: From Lilly Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis at James Island. She had received his letter of the 12th on the following Sat.; this was the first chance to mail a letter since - Chewey goes to Grahamville tomorrow to carry two bales of cotton to the Depot for Father - he is to gin a bale for Mr. J. Fripp; thanked him for the $5 he sent; "You must know so well how snugly five dollars "comes in" for a poor chick as me trying to make her first cut "out" - but on the other hand that five dollars will make a snug hole in your own scanty pocket I am afraid and almost wish that you had not been so generous to your good-for-nothing little sister, although I don't see how I could have left home on a visit among strangers, with any satisfaction of pleasure without it. I hope by Jan. to be independent again, and not be a burden on any one - no one can get along in this world without a self support, or, an attempt any how to help one's self, and, of course, that trial I am going to make for a situation

next year. Sissie and Chewey want me to remain at home another year and take these children, but I think it best to leave this neighbourhood if I can get a decent situation some where else where I can have more social advantages; Sissie speaks of leaving home anyhow another term - more for a change than anything else tho'; why you know she does not weigh 100 lbs! Only weighs 96 - and I - poor me! - weigh 130; more than any of the other girls: I've got ridiculously fat, but I don't care; every body teases my life out of me almost, but I would prefer any day to be fat than poor -". Ask Mr. Fripp (Julian) to write his mother - they have not heard from him since he left home; don't suppose he has heard of Nella's (his sister Ella Rosalie Fripp) illness; she is quite sick and being attended by Dr. Seabrook of Grahamville; Sissie has been staying with Mrs. F., helping her to nurse; Sissie would write, but can't take the time; Chewey begs for an answer to his last letter; had just heard the sad, sad misfortune in the Snowden family; "Poor Mrs. Bella *** was a dear, good old lady & seemed especially fond of me. It is strange that those who do the most good in this world have more trouble than any one else. *** Sissie came home last night & Mr. Sydney Benton & Ed walked home with her. Mr. Syd. brought her over a lovely bunch of flowers, some apples & oranges. I tell you what - Mr. Syd. likes "Miss Rozar ever so much so look out for a "Yankee" brother-in-law some time in the future. He is a splendid young man tho' - only Yankee enough to make a "keen trade". I am so sleepy I don't think I can sit up for Sissie tonight if she comes home. I generally keep up a fire for her, as I am always the latest one going to bed at nights anyway. Mr. Benton has left his croquet set over here for "Miss Rozar" to "practice" with, and we have gone croquet crazy, but so far I can beat every body over here - have gained for myself a name as "Terror" in the croquet line. *** Yes, I'm going up the country surely; got a letter from Lawton a few days ago. Much love to you & kind regards to Mr. Fripp".

202. Letter, Oct. 30, 1880: From T.H. Willingham, Jr., at Martin's Station, S.C., to T.B. Ellis at James Island. "Dr. Mr. Ellis - I have sent out of your crop (5) Five bales of cotton. Might get one more after ginning. Returning (?) 800 lbs. of seed cotton to make up one of the five bales. Cotton crop seems to be short generally in this country. I have fattened (?) the corn made 50 bushels. Will send you a statement of your a/c which will show how we stand to date. I have not sold the tub and boiler you left with me. Will do so when I sell out. I expect to leave here about the first of December. If you see any mistakes please write me and I will correct same. You will notice I have $40.00 down for picking cotton. That includes the 800 lbs. required to make up the 5th bale. I will send you statement again when I get through picking. Excuse haste, Yours sincerely".

203. Letter, Nov. 4, 1880: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her brother at James Island. This is a very moving, and descriptive, letter telling of the sickness, death and burial of Nella Fripp, and was intended for her brother Tom and for Nella's brother Julian - who was evidently with Tom. Dr. Seabrook had consulted Dr. Dewees (?) about Nella, but to no avail. She died on Thursday, Oct. 28, 1880, aged 16 - born Sept. 16, 1864. Rosa had helped nurse Nella all during her illness. Mrs. Chisolm, Mrs. Wm. Fripp and Mrs. E.E. Ellis also

helped. "Edgar sent to "Sandy Hill" for Mr. Sydney Benton, who very kindly offered to go to Beaufort immediately & have the coffin made. He & Louis (Fripp - a Fripp cousin) went, had it made that night, & returned by eleven o'clock next morn. in a pouring rain. Mr. Benton acted most kindly through all. *** The negroes met us in crowds, & sang till we reached the church, where all the whites were already assembled. *** I got Lilly to teach the children, & I stayed (with Mrs. Fripp) till yesterday evening. *** I know you will do all you can for Julian in his affliction. I feel so much for him, for I too was a stranger among strangers when our sister (Eugenia, who died June 23, 1870, aged 28), died & I know what his shock & grief must be *** If he is with you, do give him the enclosed note. *** I cannot express my thanks to you *** for having complied with my request (this refers to the $5.00 gift to Lilly). *** If the weather admits we expect Mr. Sams to preach tomorrow & return with us tomorrow night & the next night Mr. Baynard & Mr. S. Benton are expected. Mr. Baynard will preach on Sun. if he comes".

204. Letter, early Nov., 1880: From Mrs. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her son, at James Island. They had received his letters a few days before; dreadful weather; bright today but so cold the slips can not be taken in; afraid will lose a great many; a very bad fall for harvesting.

"Within the last two weeks, Mr. Sams, Baynard & Loyles, have each spent a night at our house. Mr. Baynard preached on Sunday. He gave me a seat in his buggy. It was a delightful morning, and I enjoyed my ride very much. Mr. Loyles preached last Friday. The girls are all in love with him, particularly Lilly. She says he is a darling. Of course, he is a married man, or she would not express her admiration so openly. Mr. Benton drove Sissie to church in Mr. Fripp's buggy. When you write to Sissie, tease her about Mr. Benton. They are getting to be very devoted friends. Richard wrote Lilly that he would come for her last Saturday, but she had already written him not to come until after Christmas. She has concluded to spend a quiet Christmas at home. Thank you very much dear Tom for the bill you sent me. It was too late for the quinine, but will be a great help to me in getting clothing for Carrie. Mrs. Tom Fripp and Herbert are at Mr. Chisolms. I believe she will make it her home again for awhile. The Geo (?) Fripps are waiting on us to grind their cane; ours is only enough for seed. I have been feeling badly for some days, but I am getting old (She was 56 - lived to be 74) and cannot expect to feel well all the time. Mr. Sams told us about the death of Mr. Hardie, who lived near Bluffton. *** I am so thankful my dear son that you have given yourself to God when young. I pray that he will give you grace to continue always a consistent member of his church. You say nothing about coming home. We all want to see you very much. Mrs. G. (?) Fripp has had fever again, but better. Sissie has been there a week. When you write again let me know something about the Hinson family, how many &c &c".

205. Letter, Dec. 13, 1880: From J.C. Clark at James Island to T.B.Ellis at James Island. "Are you open for an offer for next year? Mr. Oswald will give up the place he has with me on January 1st and I want a good man to fill his place. Believing that you would suit me I will make the following offer, to pay you ($25.00) twenty five dollars per

month, and your board, you to superintend the work in my cow house, and assist me with my other work on the place.

"If you entertain this offer favorably ride round tonight and we can talk matters over, if not answer by bearer, as I have to give an answer to a party that has applied for the place. Don't mention what offer I have made you should you not accept".

206. Letter, Xmas, Monday Night, Dec. 25, 1880: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at James Island.

"I know you are having a jolly time today - you deserve it & I congratulate you. Getting up at 6 o'c these cold mornings is not pleasant to say the least of it and only a man, in the true sense of the word, could do so as you do month after month & so cheerfully---

"Your suggestion of my going down there another year is a great temptation to me, and it is hard for me to resist it knowing that I could do so much better down there than I can do here under my present circumstances; having no fertilizer of any description to apply to my crop, and you know, it is like sacrificing one's labor & energy to attempt to plant depending exclusively upon the native strength of the soil - Yet notwithstanding this how can I leave? As you said, what would become of the stock &c? But - this is not the only reason - I could not reconcile it to my conscience to leave our dear Mother & Sisters (5, all unmarried, ages 14 to 33. His Father was 62, Mother nearly 57. E.D.E.) Father is not able to cut wood at all & if I were to leave, the family would suffer for want of fire &c. &c. I am very tired of this grinding poverty on account of the family - is there no way of our joining our means & energy together & making an effort to get ahead a little? What do you say to saving as much money as possible this coming year & planting together in 1882?

"You know we could get nearly 30 acres of very good cotton land in "Tuckers Point" field: it is so high & dry that under drainage is not absolutely necessary. It is true it is a pretty grassy field but with high manuring I am not at all afraid of that.

"We would have two good rules to start with. All the money required would be to pay for hoe work. I think we could get fertilizer on credit. I am certain that with an ordinary season I could save $50 - or $75 - Contribute it & if you could save the same - & if we succeed & wish to Enlarge our operations there are at least 20 acres of first rate cotton land around the Hill. I wish you would be particular in mentioning what you think of this - If you approve of making the Effort it would Encourage me a great deal to make an extra Effort in the crop line the coming year.

"We would have a good horse power to get the cotton out & Mr. Hasell has a splendid gin which we could get if he does not part with it before that time - Sissie & Lilly are both trying to get situations off from home - You have no idea how miserable it makes me feel for them to be obliged to leave home to make their living - I feel certain that if we could once get a start we are capable of -- well "coining money".

"If we fail at it it would be a consolation to think we had at least tried to achieve our independence -- Dear fellow don't let what I said about corn worry you at all - Our crop corn gave out about the 1st Dec. - I find that after meeting all demands I have $20 left which I intended to invest in corn, but Mr. Hodge changed his mind about selling his cotton in the seed, as he at first intended, & will haul it here to gin; that will bring in about 25 bus. of corn. So that I will

not have to buy any more till the 1st of March or a little before. In the meantime I will pay these $20 to Mr. Bell as you are unable to pay any thing now - I am really afraid that Mr. Bell may advertise the land for sale unless I pay something to him on the first of Jan. I am sorry to be obliged to pay out every cent I have. Do you know I have not bought scarcely a stitch of clothes for myself yet this winter? However, I don't mind this in the least as I see few strangers.

"If you have the money to spare after awhile I would be glad if you would consider the $20 which I will pay to Mr. Bell as a loan to yourself & return it to me say about or before the first of March - I will pay it to Mr. Bell in yr. name & send you his receipt. But if doing so will put you to any inconvenience at all I suppose I could get more corn from Wallis in Grahamville as we had to do last Summer by mortgaging a mule or something- Herbert Fripp intends buying a horse soon. He & Ally will plant at Mr Chisolm's next year - I am glad H- will have a horse as he is so fond of fox hunting. I expect to have some sport with him.

"If I fail as badly next year at making a crop as I have this year I will certainly make some arrangement to leave and get business down there or some where else-

"The Fripps are all over here tonight and are having a nice time - Edgar has a splendid accordian which he got in Town the other day - Mama has got very feeble. Soney (Richard) has come again for Lilly - He was down here a week ago but returned. With much love from all Yrs. affectionately, DeT.E." On the back: "Please write very soon".

207. Letter, Dec. 30, 1880: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, her brother at James Island.

"A "merry Xmas" & a very "happy new year" to you - may its next return find you as truly happy as this leaves two young hearts in whom you are especially interested - Lilly's & Edgar's!! You are not surprised to hear that they are really & truly engaged, are you? & I know you will be pleased. Things have been pending between them a long time, but finally settled up only Monday night; greatly to the entire satisfaction of both families. You should just have seen how perfectly happy - radiantly so - our little darling was the morning she left us, & Edgar worships her. He made me his confidante a month ago, but you will hear all the particulars when you come up. It is to be a one year affair - No secret so you may tell it to whom you like - Mr. Fraser would be interested, I think - I am so sorry about that mistake, but I suppose Edgar told you all about it, & I hope you have seen Mr. F. by this-

"I said Lilly left us, for she has gone to Lawtonville. Brother R-- came down on Mon. & she went up on Wed. As soon as he came I went & invited "the boys" over to tea - Only Edgar, Dan & Herbert came. Julian had a bad headache & excused himself - I suppose Lilly will write you soon herself - I hope you had a pleasant Xmas - Edgar & Herbert brought the wagon over on Sat. morning, & we stayed till Sun. eve. Had a splendid dinner, & tho', of course, a very quiet, we had a very pleasant time - It was so kind in Mr. & Mrs. Fripp to ask us at all - Poor Julian only now realizes his loss. He is very sad; & as he did not care to join in the "Game of Authors", with the rest, he & I had an "old time" chat - told me all about your surroundings down there, &c, &c, & I am glad you are so well situated-

"Mr. Sams preached today, but it was too cold for us to go, the church is so open - I will teach here, for Lilly, till the last of March, then I think I can get a place at Mrs. Johnson's. I am to hear from her soon - if not - I think I will go to Lawtonville as I have

promised "my children", Lilly & Edgar, to let L. have this place - Lilly returns on the 1st of March, to be here for Confirmation, as the Bishop visits about that time. Bro. Richard will bring her back too - he is a dear <u>good</u> brother. Could you not come too? or some time?

"<u>Do please</u>, Tom, make this a real, happy New Year, by making peace with your old friends, Mr. & Mrs. Heyward - The first advances should come <u>from you</u>, & from what I hear I think they are ready & willing to make up with you, &, you know, Tom, they were <u>really</u> and truly <u>kind</u> to you like own relations, & you should <u>forgive</u> & <u>forget</u> as <u>you</u> hope to be forgiven. I beg this as a New Year favor & I <u>know</u> you will <u>never</u> regret it".

208. <u>Notes</u> on Grahamville, S.C. written about 1880 by Mary (Mamie) Ellen Ellis.

"Grahamville was my lovely home the first 15 years of my life. Grahamville was the only pretty village I have ever seen:

The lots were large, a good way apart, between was allowed to grow up in trees and bushes, the buildings were all back some little distance from the street, which made it so private.

The yards were large, a plenty of shrubbery and flowers.

Our yard had in it a good many legistremers (or cape myrtles) some the largest I have ever seen, oaks, a large magnolia, two fringe trees that looked as if they were covered with snow when in bloom, syringers, morning glories, althiers, catawbers, four o'clocks, locust & several nice peach, pear, & fig trees.

It was rarely that any of the families staid at home in the evening, all went out riding in their buggies & carriages. The children all generally walked together. Sometimes some of the men rode horseback, together, they and the vehicles rode up and down the street all the evening just for pleasure. Every body bowed very pleasantly to each other when they met; there was only one long street. In front of every yard was a lantern which was lighted up with pine knots every night and added so much to the beauty of the village until bed time".

"Names of the people that I can remember that lived in Grahamville when it was our home -

<u>Doctors</u> -
Gregorie
Griffin
Scriven
Seabrook
Ellis
Depong (?) (Dupont ?)
Blanding
Strobert
Mocock (?) Dentist.

<u>Stores</u> -
Zealies (?)
King
Miss Amar
Miss T. Tarr
Joe Farr
Licette
Howards (?)

<u>Store and Post Office</u> -
H. Lynahs (?)

"Names of the families that lived in Grahamville -

Gregories
Iprites (?)
Boyds
Huginin
Strobert
Itencriter(?)
Butler
Belia
Shira

Ferrel
Doobler
Jhn Scriven
Beh "
Gillerson
Ellis
Broughton
Lance
Dr.Dowiese(?)

Irish
Dews (?)
Boland
Wigfall (Pastor of the Episcopal Church)
Morrall (Pastor of the Baptist Church)
Mr. Watson taught in the boys school.
Miss Depong (Dupont ?) taught in the girls school".

Smiths
Johnson
Jenkins
Howard
Lina

"Daddy Ben Hog worked in the black smith shop. I think the shop belonged to Mr. Wm. Howard. Eikencomber (?)".
On reverse, likely notes made by someone else: "Becks. Sipple. Cow. Negro Brigade. Grahamville"

The large number of Doctors was likely because the white families moved - as was definitely the case with Dr. Ellis - from the plantations in summer to Grahamville to escape fever.

209. Letter, Jan. 14, 1881: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at James Island. Treville will write on Saturday, and she is writing to tell him of her engagement to Mr. Sidney Benton; he will likely not be surprised to hear it; she had known Mr. Benton about two years and for the last six or eight months he had visited them once and often twice a week.

"Educated at college, he has a highly cultivated mind, his moral character unimpeachable, & a man of the most indomitable energy & perseverance - (hard working as anybody, he expects to do his own plowing this year) & one of the kindest, most obliging friends, to every one, I ever saw in my life. The general impression is that they are Yankees, but it is entirely a mistake. His parents, it is true, are Northerners, but they moved to Florida thirty years ago. One of their daughters married there, & her husband fought throughout the whole war in the Southern army in Virginia, & received a wound.*** His mother *** is a highly cultivated lady, & a sweet, pious Christian. *** I did not make up my mind in a hurry *** know now I have acted for my own happiness, as well as for his, & Tom it is very sweet to think I shall have some one to take care of me the rest of my life, & a strong, breve, arm to lean upon, for I am not strong, & my life has been a hard one. *** All are so pleased with him, & heartily approve of my choice. I know you will like him". (He did, and they soon became fast lifelong friends. Her build up was fully justified, as later events proved. I knew both. E.D.E.). Lilly enjoyed her visit with Ida and Richard very much; She was then at Lower 3 Runs; returns home March 1st; Julian & Ned (Edgar?) had gone to St. Helena to make future arrangements; weather had interfered dreadfully with their plans; "Mr. Loyless preaches for us tomorrow & Mr. S.B. is "coming to church" & is to bring my ring. Do not be a bachelor too long. Follow our example".

210. Letter, Jan. 26, 1881: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis at James Island. Asked if he could get 2 bushels of Mr.Hinson's fine cotton seed for him; if so send it by Steamer to Beaufort as can get it more easily that way than from Grahamville as "Sidney" goes, or sends, to Beaufort every week and there is constant communication between us; asked what Mr. Hinson got for his cotton last year, and this year too if any sold; expects he is glad to have Julian down there: Louis has come up for good - intends planting a lot of Irish potatoes; "Julian told me to ask Mrs. Tuten (?) about her place for you - I do not think she will sell. Would you care to buy the piece of land Sullivan is on, if Mr. F. will sell it? A great many negroes have come down from the up country this winter. I think in a few years hence land will rent for $2 or $3 per acre down here. I have rented your place for $40, secured by lien. Do notify me when you send the seed".

211. Examination papers, Feb. 1881: Dr. E.E. Ellis, Okatee, S.C. Also notation: "Teacher's certificate March 31st, 1881".

212. Letter, March 17, 1881: From Richard Archibald Ellis at Allendale, S.C. to T.B. Ellis, his First Cousin, at James Island, S.C.

"Your esteemed favor of the 8th inst. came duly to hand, and I am heartily glad to hear from you. Am much obliged for your liberal extension of time, but will not so far abuse your good nature. I had the money when you received my postal, but not now. I will soon send it to you.

"I am sorry I saw nothing of you when you were up here. You should by all means have stopped at Allendale if only for a day. Repeat the experiment and let us see you.

"Uncle Tom Ellis is clerking for Dr. Lawrence. He has sold his house and rented out his land. A wise move for him.

"I, the Honorable R.A., am flying through the delectable realms of legal knowledge with the humble trust that at last my true vocation and I have met and kissed each other - with mutual vows never again to part.

"By the way, how did you come out on your crop? Yours was a good resolution to quit when you did. I cleared something on my corn above expenses.

"I am studying hard, but go to see the girls occasionally. There are some very sweet ones about here. Come up and let me take you to see some of them.

"I am much obliged for your kind invitation, but I fear that it will be a long time before my present schedule will permit of my visiting Charleston.

"I don't want to draw breath, as it were, now, until I am admitted to practise law, which I hope may be about the beginning of next Spring.

"Don't stop writing. I am glad to hear from you.

"P.S. If about August there are excursion rates to Charleston so that I can make a cheap trip, I may surprise you, but doubt it".

213. Teacher's Certificate, March 31, 1881: From Sea Island News, A.G. Thomas and P.B. Morris, Publishers, P.O. Box No. 4, Beaufort , S.C., to Dr. E.E. Ellis, Grahamville, S.C. "I am unable to give you your Certificate on account of the confusion resulting from the recent fire. I certify that you have passed your examination before the Board", Yours (torn)".

214. Letter, Apr. 15, 1881: From DeTreville Ellis at Grahamville, S.C., to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at James Island.

"I am glad you are on the road to Heaven at last or, so it's generally supposed that the married state is only one step from Heaven. And another thing I am glad of that you will marry a real Christian - I think there is much in this - You have not determined yet when you will have the nuptials performed? Better not wait too long -

"About the Title, I cannot have it drawn up with no money to pay the lawyer - I think you had better wait till you come up next winter - however if you prefer having it settled now I will perform your wishes most cheerfully.

"I have endorsed the contract & enclosed it - I am sorry you could not get that place at Dr. L -'s (Dr. Lebby?) for Willie. Julian says

he thinks that W- would have given satisfaction. I think so too. He is a very determined sort of fellow. Those men at Hilton Head say that Willie is a first rate business man. Please excuse haste. DeT™.

215. Letter, July 20, 1881: From Thomas Baynard Ellis at Allendale, S.C., to Dr. E.E. Ellis, his brother, at Cedar Point.

"At the request of Dr. T.S. Lawrence who I am in business with, I write to beg that you will try and find out who Mrs. Epping has her Plantation Mortgaged to in Washington and if she is cleared who has charge of the Property. Also who is now the owner of the Chelsea Place & Her or His P.O. Also please find out if J.E. Fripp will sell the Savannah Hill Tract or his whole Tract if he will what his lowest Figures.

"I don't care about your mentioning this if you can find out what you want without doing it. Our object (Private) is to purchase about 3000 acres of land around there and raise Stock.

"You will please give us all the information you can. If we can get the land Mr. Thos. Wood will move down this Fall to Chelsea Place. He is a nice gentleman. Married Mr. T.H. Willingham's daughter. Mr. Wood will attend to the stock. By answering this soon as you can you will oblige, Your Affec Bro.".

"Please give my love to all; S and my children are well, that is when I heard from them. I only see them seldom".

216. Note, Friday, 16th, July or Aug. 1881 (?): From H.C. Lawton at James Island, to T.B. Ellis, at James Island. The former likely at The Bluff, latter at Stiles Point, the adjoining plantation.

"Dear Ellis - You did not come over last night as promised. The young ladies were over yesterday and expect to return in time for the drive this evening.

"I will take them down to the beach, but please let me know if you can take one off my hands after I get down.

"Reply on the opposite sheet by bearer.

Your friend, H.C. Lawton".

217. Letter, July, or Aug., 1881: From Mrs. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her son, at James Island. All were surprised to hear his engagement was broken off; can't believe it was his fault; really believes everything happens for the best, though can't see it at first; delightful weather, but need rain; his father had taken a place in the beef market this summer; great help, as they had company so often; between Mr. Benton, Sams and Loyles - they always expected company; had 70 nice chickens. "Your father thinks there is very little chance of poor Mrs. Hasell's ever recovering. I am very sorry for Mr. Hasell, he is so devoted to her, his whole time is employed in waiting on, & taking care of her. I suppose Sissie has told you what a splendid baby Leila has. She brought it to the Bluff this week for the first time. It is a fine fat baby & is as good as it can be; they are all quite proud of it particularly Mrs. Tom Fripp. Mrs. Benton came over and spent a night with us some time ago. I suppose you have heard that Mrs. Epping is married to Mr. Warren- they were married in Savannah. Miss Rosa Wiggins is also married. Irish potatoes & squashes are the only vegetables we have yet. My hens are now living in the oats, & laying well in consequence. *** Edgar has had fever".

218. Letter, Aug., 1881: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B.Ellis, his brother, at James Island. Had received his of the 8th and will attend to the business with pleasure; "If Weston represented Aaron Manigault & Co, to Uncle Tom as mere renters he is trying to play a double game as the tenants consider themselves as bona fide owners of the land & the $60 they paid Uncle T- last winter was not rent but an installment of the purchase money. I think Weston's idea is to fool the negroes until he can raise the money then buy the land himself. *** I think the best way will be for you to get Uncle Tom to procure the rent for you. When they pay him their usual annual installment this winter let him retain a sufficient sum to cover the rent & return the balance to William Weston - I think $40 would be a reasonable rent as every foot of the land is planted. They have fine crops too of both cotton & corn. Tell Uncle Tom to be careful and not let W- know the land is sold until he gets the money in his hands- Better write Uncle Tom at once & explain the circumstances to him for he may let the parties know the place is sold. Do you know if William bought the odd 17 acres? You know the tract contains 217 acres - I saw it so stated on the plat by the Lawyer. If W- has not done so Uncle Tom should throw these in with your 100 (this was crossed out) acre piece in consideration of its being so badly cut up with creeks, coves &c - I am very glad you bought this land. W- is now the only negro who owns any land on the river & I think he may at some future time be induced to sell out. I walked over the crops on Benfield shore yesterday & was surprised to see such fine corn & cotton - The land has been planted for so many years without rest or manure that they must be naturally very strong. Sony (Richard) has been spending a few days here - came on a fishing Excursion - says the crops down here are far ahead of anything near Lawtonville. Cotton is rusting very badly up there. Weston plants a large portion of your land himself. Yrs. Affectionately - DeT. Ellis".

219. Letter, Aug. 25, 1881: From Richard Archibald Ellis at Allendale, to T.B. Ellis, his First Cousin, at James Island.

"Uncle Tom Ellis requests me to enclose these papers to you. He says he would send the Plat of the place, but cannot find it just now. Will send it later. He finds on examining the papers that the balance of the land over and above William Weston's part is 117 Acres instead of 100. Says that you can just send him your note for the extra 17 acres.

"When you receive these papers, please acknowledge their receipt by dropping me a line or two on a P/C so as to satisfy me that you have received them safely.

"Old fellow, you must pardon me the long delay in sending your money, but I have been much "strapped" pecuniarly since my last, trying to sustain myself while studying for the bar. I expect (or rather, hope) to be admitted in about two months when I hope money will begin to flow more freely. I enclose you $1.00. Will send the balance hereafter. Uncle Tom says he would have sent the papers sooner, but has been very busy?

"Write me a long letter. Yours Afftly, Richard A. Ellis".

220. Letter, Sept. 2, 1881: From Mrs. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her son, at James Island. She received his letter last week and was very glad, as always, to hear; cited the damage done by the hurricane at Cedar Point, the Bluff and at Mr. William Fripps's; they were fortunate compared with others; all were well but had had a great deal of sickness; Sissie is better and expects soon to visit old Mrs. Tison, as a change will be good for her.

"Poor Mrs. Hasell died 3 weeks ago. I was with her when she died and Mrs. Chisolm too. She was confined to her bed only a week before she died. I staid there 3 nights and days during that time. Mrs. Chisolm & Mrs. Johnson also staid at night & Mrs. J.T. Fripp one day. Mr. Hasell was perfectly devoted to her during her sickness. He bears his loss better than was expected. Richard came down to fish a few weeks ago. He almost lived in the river, caught a good many fish. He salted & dried a good many to carry home. Mr. Wood from Allendale took us quite by surprise yesterday. He came down to see the plantations about here. Dr. Lawrence is anxious to purchase a large tract of land to raise stock, and if he does, Mr. Wood is to take charge of the property. Your father went with Mr. Wood this morning to look at the places. Mr. Wood is to meet Dr. L. at the depot tomorrow night & bring him down Sunday, or Monday. We all like Mr. Wood very much. Edgar has been here all morning helping Treville with the gin. He wants a bale of cotton packed to carry to the depot tomorrow. He has now carried the buggy to bring Lilly home from the school house. She consented to teach for your father today as he had to go with Mr. Wood. We expect to go out at 5 o'clock to hear Mr. Sams preach. I will not, cannot believe my dear Tom what you say about your growing wicked, & hard hearted. You were only in jest. I pray that God will always preserve my dear son from being that. It is a great temptation for a young man to be thrown in the society of others who are dissipated. You must ask help to overcome the temptation. Won't you tell me the name of that Sweetheart you write about?"

221. Bill and itemized account, Sept. 21, 1881, of Dr. E.E. Ellis, Grahamville, S.C., with R.J. Davant, Factors and Commission Merchants, 114 Bay Street, Savannah, Ga.

"Dear Sir: Enclosed please find bill $10.25 for articles ordered by your letter of the 16th inst. - and $50 - in currency - which I trust will serve your purposes until you can get some cotton in market. Cotton quiet at 11 3/8 for G M, 11c M, 10¼ LM, 9 G O & 7 Ord - The gimlet - size of which I had to guess at - is in the bagging". The enclosed bill was for Bagging, Ties, Gimlet, Drayage, Freight - Total $10.25. Shipped per S. & C.R.Rd. to Grahamville, S.C.

222. Memorandum, Sept. 21 and 22, 1881: "Due to hands to date for picking cotton". The names, pounds picked each day by each, and the total amount due each hand was given. Paid $5.15, Oct. 3, 1881. All in handwriting of Dr. Ellis.

223. Letter, Oct. 8, 1881: From Carrie Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her brother at James Island. They spent a pleasant evening at the Bluff yesterday - her 15th birthday; beginning to feel right old; Lilly gave her holiday on condition she write a composition; studying very hard, but does not mind as have only a few more months to study,

for when Lilly and Sissie both leave (both were married in December in a double wedding), she will not have a teacher; Sissie had spent some time with Brother Richie and Sister Ida, but was back at Brighton; Sister Ida had her hands full of sewing work to finish by a certain time; Mr. Clarence Benton had been there for a week buying cotton from the negroes; Mr. Sidney had given them up entirely since Sissie went away; Edgar thinks of selling his place on St. Helena's Island and get a place over here; delightful weather; expects he "and Miss ---- are having a nice time these pretty moon-light nights - or if you have not made up your mind yet which one you prefer, you will have to let those three you spoke of draw straws, for it won't do to keep them in suspense too long".

Oct. 11th. Did not finish the letter on Saturday, so "will now tell you of our surprise party. Last night about 7 o'clock, we heard some body whistling up the road, and found it was Edgar. He told us to "hurry and put on our coats"for all of the young men were coming over to have a dance, so we did hurry, and in a little while they all came and brought Smart along to play the fiddle. I suppose you have heard of our <u>great</u> <u>fiddler</u> - he lives on Mr. Benton's place and he brings him over some times to play for us. He plays beautifully on the fiddle and accordian, both. Mr. Clarence Benton brought him over yesterday, and he did his very best for us last night. It was the first time we had danced for nearly two years, and I tell you we did enjoy it! So you see I had my birth-day party after all, only rather late in the day. Our poor little Cricket got her side broken in the storm, and I miss her so much. Chewey is so busy ginning that he has not had time to fix her, but I hope he can soon".

224. <u>Letter</u>, Oct. 8, 1881: From Rosa A. Ellis at "Brighton" to T.B.Ellis, at James Island. She left home on September 12 to spend some time up here for a change; have had a very pleasant visit, though she misses "some one" very much sometimes; she feels stronger; will return home about Oct. 22; Richard spent the day with us last Sunday week, she returned with him and stayed until Friday; met Zenie Rhodes and loves her <u>very</u> <u>much</u>; asks him, if convenient please to send the money he offered Lilly and herself as soon as he could; Mr. B. is very anxious to have the wedding early in December; she needs some things and so does Lilly; Treville planted more than usual to help them, but his cotton failed and he will make only enough to buy his clothes; so he must spare them all he could - though she <u>hates</u> to trouble him <u>at</u> <u>all</u>; Edgar will make <u>nothing</u> on the St. Helena place this year, & is very much discouraged; Mr. Benton is buying cotton for some men on St. Helena; "he will come up for me - he brought me".

225. <u>Letter</u>, Oct. 9, 1881: From Mrs. E.E. Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, her son, at James Island. Had only put in a little slip in Treville's last letter to thank him for the dollar he had sent her; Sissie has been up the country some weeks, is spending her time very pleasantly, but will likely not stay a great deal longer; asked if he had decided yet between the two young ladies he wrote about; thought he did not care a great deal about either, else he would know which he liked best; hopes his late purchase (land from his Uncle Tom) will turn out a good investment; pity his land is not all in one piece instead of being on each side of Weston; Treville was busy ginning and she thinks he will be ginning all week; cotton opened so early that fall, it will soon be all over; you must spare us a few

days this winter. "You must remember my dear son that, even at most, it will not be many more years that you will have a mother to come to see. I am 57, and feeling right old. The weather is delightful, but rain very much needed. I am so thankful that it is so healthy. We have had no fevers since I wrote to you last, but, of course, we cannot feel safe before frost. I feel so much pleased at the great confidence which Mr. Hinson seems to have in you, and thankful to know that you deserve it all".

226. Memorandum, Oct. 10, 1881: From Charles W. Copeland, Boot and Shoe Manufacturer, 122 Summer Street, Boston, Mass., to E.E. Ellis, Grahamville, S.C.

"Yours of the 3rd inst. is at hand. It will be impossible for me to send you the pair of leather sole goods because we do not sell less than twelve pair, but I would like to send you a pair of Wool Sole Grain Plows Buckle @ $1.35 which would be about what you want. If sent by mail it will cost about fifty cents extra.

Awaiting the favor of your reply I remain".

227. Draft proposal, local school system, after Oct. 10, 1881: By Dr. E.E. Ellis. The following very rough draft was written in pencil, by Dr. Ellis, on the back of the preceding letter:

"The Board of Trustees of this School District (Bluffton precinct) am glad to say now propose to open a school on the 1st Oct. next. As their school fund will not admit of sustaining but one school, I have proposed to teach the children of one race in the morning up to say 12 o'clock & the children of the other race in the afternoon say from 1 or 2 o'clock till about sunset. This system was pursued over on the Oak (Okatie ?) some years ago by the request of Mr. (?) (torn) & it worked to the satisfaction of all parties.

"I am willing to carry out this plan again for a sum of 3 or 4 per month, as my labours will be much the (?) (torn) ared by taking charge of the education of the children of both races".

(In a letter to me of July 21, 1959, Mrs. Robert Lee (Nellie Hasell) Fripp, wrote: "Grandfather Ellis also taught a small negro school for a time - I think before the Public School system - just after the war". E.D.E.)

228. Letter, Oct. 10, 1881: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, at James Island.

"Both your letters were received last night. One enclosing Uncle T-'s which I will take care of. I don't think Weston will sell just now but will probably be glad to do so before the expiration of another year. My idea is for you to state all the circumstances to some-one & merely engage the money if you can & let your creditor hold it till W- consents to sell. I may get Mr. Hodge to offer him $400- cash for it & if he refuses to sell tell W- he will take it at any future time he may change his mind - Hodge is the man he offered it to some time ago. In the meantime I take rock spring from him & annoy him in various ways so that he will be obliged to back out. If, however, he suspects for a moment that we want the place he would not take $10- per acre for it.

"I think your coming up just before H. makes his offer would be a bad plan. They think that your last visit up here was about the purchase of the other part of the place. See if there is a chance of getting the money & let me know. If you are successful then I will see old H. & if he is also successful then you can come with the money.

"We must have patience & await the issue of intimidation &c. Need not send more than $5- for Tax & recording the Title. That's enough".

229. Two Receipts, both Oct. 15, 1881

"Rec'd of Dr. Ellis the sum of $8.97 for 359 lbs. (2½c)- of cotton delivered to him this date - Julian J. Fripp".

"Rec'd of Mr. Julian Fripp the sum of 15$ in full for ginning & packing 4 bales of cotton, one dollar for bagging of one of above bales being included in above amt - E.E. Ellis".

230. Letter, Oct. 22, 1881: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis at James Island. Had received his note saying he had sent $25; will go to Grahamville tomorrow & forward his tax to Treasurer by registered letter; had collected $15 from his tenants; no need to send the original Title - send a copy as soon as possible and will have it recorded, likely by Sidney Benton who comes over every week and goes into Beaufort every Saturday; needs copy of title so can get land surveyed to show how the line between his property and Weston's is to run; W- wants to hold Rock Spring by making the line run S.W. & N.E., but Uncle T- mentions in his letter that your line will run North & South; it would not be fair for W- to get more river front than yourself; Sissie has just returned from Mrs. Tison's; she has improved a good deal in health; Edgar is preparing for another year on St. Helena; Sissie says Sony has made a plenty of corn but a short crop of cotton - he is now ginning for John Peeples at $1-per day".

231. Hogs, Oct. 24, 1881: "Two sows for breed a red & a black one with the tail cut - Both young with first litter of pigs - 11 - of these 5 are males ears being marked - 6 sow pigs given to Dan Fripp - given away - the 9 (?) male pigs are about 1 week old".

232. Two Tax Receipts, both Oct. 27, 1881: From R.B. Fuller, County Treasurer, Beaufort County, S.C., for the fiscal year 1880. One to T.B. Ellis for $2.14, based on 80 acres, value $150, and Personal Property, value $40. One to DeTreville Ellis for $1.03 for Poll Tax.

233. Letter, Nov. 4, 1881: From Fred G. Fraser, at Isaac V. Bardin, General Commission Merchant, Brown's Wharf, Charleston, S.C., to T.B. Ellis, at James Island, % J.T. Dill.

"Your letter was received today. Of course, old fellow I will not think hard of you for asking me for the money. I had entirely forgotten it, & am glad you mentioned it; if I had recd. your letter on the first, I could have sent the money very easily, but I will have to get you to wait until the first, as I can only get it at that time, & you can count on it then, for I have a good place now, & for the first time in my life since I have been working for myself am fast getting out of debt, & I want the new year to find me quite free of debt. Come over & see me some Sunday. I will always be glad to see you but am quite busy all the week and suppose you are also".

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My dear Father
Your letter was handed to me a few days ago I did not hand your letter to Mr Dill - have reasons for not doing so but have been able to get you a few advances through Fred Frazer from a factor (Mr Isaac N. Baldin) who Fred is doing business for - He will send you the Kainit this wk - says you must let him know when you want the coin. The Factors lost so much last year from short crops that they are careful who they advance to

Mr Baldin read your letter & agreed to send you the coin &c on conditions that you do all you can for him in the fall by sending him all the cotton you can. If it had been earlier in the season I would have written to you first to know if you wished me to get the things from Mr Baldin but fearing you would need the Kainit I took the responsibility of making the arrangements for you

Your affct Son
L. B. Ellis

1882 LETTER
THOMAS BAYNARD ELLIS to his father Dr. EDMUND EUGENE ELLIS

234. Note, (?), 1881: From Rosa A. Ellis at Cedar Point to Mrs. J.E. Fripp at the Bluff.

"Dear Mrs. Fripp - I feel so sorry for you & we will bake the cake with pleasure. 2 cups of sugar - or 1 pt. syrup - 3 pts of flour - five eggs & 1 spoonful of lard - or slice of fat bacon - these are only the proportions - send whatever you think will be required quantity. If you have any black pepper to spare please send us a little - also a little tea - sent for some yesterday but Treville turned back on acct. of rain. Do send the things now".

235. Note, Nov. 13, 1881: From W.G. Hinson at James Island to E.L.Roche(?), Atlanta, Ga. "This is to introduce to you Mr. Ellis, the young Gentleman who lives with me. Any assistance he may need from an "old stoger" you will oblige me by giving".

236. Wedding Invitation, postmarked Appleton, S.C. Nov. 12, 1881, addressed Mr. T.B. Ellis, Care Mr. J.T. Dill, Charleston, S.C. "Concord Church. Wednesday 12 N Nov. 30, 1881. Mr. E.C. Willingham --- Miss Mamie Peeples".

237. "Green's Diary Almanac 1882 - 1883". This was possibly kept by De Treville Ellis, but more probably by Mr. John E. Fripp. Some entries were made commencing Feb. 20, 1883. Most were of hiring of hands, planting crops, weather, etc. It does show that Sea Island, as well as upland, or short staple, cotton was planted; that cattle were killed for the market; peas, Irish potatoes, oats, corn, rice, cow peas, etc., were planted; veal was killed for market -mentioned several times; lambs and hogs were taken to market in Beaufort; mentions caterpillars several times "ate up all the Sea Island cotton 11½ acres and about ½ of Upland 3 acres clean". On Dec. 12, "Edgar & Lilly (Fripp) came over here". An entry, made in ink "Dr. E.E. Ellis died", a line from this entry indicating that he died on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1883. (Everything else indicates he died on Dec. 25 - perhaps the difference being whether before, or after, midnight. E.B.E.).

238. Letter, March 20, 1882: From T.B. Ellis at James Island to Dr. E.E. Ellis, at Cedar Point. "My dear Father - Your letter was handed to me a few days ago. I did not hand your letter to Mr. Dill - I have reasons for not doing so, but have been able to get you a few advances through Fred Fraser from a factor (Mr. Isaac A. Bardin) who Fred is doing business for - He will send you the Kainit this week - says you must let him know when you want the corn. The Factors lost so much last year from short crops that they are careful who they advance to.

"Mr. Bardin read your letter & agreed to send you the corn etc. on conditions that you do all you can for him in the fall by sending him all the cotton you can. If it had been earlier in the season I would have written to you first to know if you wished me to get the things from Mr. Bardin but fearing you would need the Kainit I took the responsibility of making arrangements for you. Your afct son, T.B. Ellis".

239. Bill, March 21, 1882: From Isaac V. Bardin, Charleston, S.C., to Dr. E.E. Ellis, Grahamville, S.C., for $11.00 for 7 sacks Kainit @ $1.30, or $9.10, plus freight $1.40 and Drayage $0.50 - Total $11.00. by "E.& O.E." "Dear Sir - You can order the corn when you wish, as I have arranged with your Son to let you have 25 Bushels & the above Kainit. I.V. Bardin, pr. F.G. Fraser".

240. Letter, spring, 1882 (?): From Lilly Ellis Fripp at "Palmetto Hall", St. Helena Island to Emily Fripp, her Sister-in-law, at The Bluff. They were about 20 and 15, respectively. Mrs. Fripp was evidently dead and Emily was doing her best in caring for her father and her younger sister and two younger brothers. Lilly had not heard from them; supposed she and Alice (about 8) were too busy getting their crops planted - do not get discouraged - "dare nothing, gain nothing": she had been to Beaufort to the Dentist; Ed takes his old ark out and cuts it full of marsh in a little while - trying marsh on some of his cotton land; "Captain" is going to get a ton of phosphate from Water-house for his cotton; Ed gets ½ ton; tell Bro. Daniel she was glad to get the palmetto but the weather was so bad for bleaching it there was not enough to make a real nice hat; it all mildewed in the rain one night too; Aunt Mary had written and asked her to make her a hat too; Alice's every day hat has been done a long time - she needs it too; you will have to wear your palmetto hat this summer; asked if her dresses fit - always tell me what is wrong with the clothes so she will know better next time: Ed and "Captain" went to town last Monday; sent her love to all there & at Aunt Poodie's too; Gipsey sends best love to Alice and her Ma Frisky".

241. Letter, Apr. 5, 1882: From Rosa A. Benton at "Pleasant Farm", Port Royal Island, to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at James Island. She was so sorry he could not get home in Dec., or this winter at all; asked when he could come; wants him to visit her in her new home and see how comfortably and pleasantly she was situated; so near home too that she sees someone from the Oakate almost weekly; Mr. John Fripp spent Monday with them and father was there two weeks ago; Louis had been over twice and Mamie and Sarah had been with her since Feb. 1: "S- came first and stayed a month, I returned with her stayed one week, & brought Mamie back with me & she will not return for two weeks, as her brother (Sidney) expects to go to Savannah next week to buy a horse, & had begged Mamie to stay with me till he returns. He is trying to do his own plowing this year, but I am afraid he will give out, having all the work to do on the place and no one to help, and not accustomed to hard labor, he finds it a little more than he can well accomplish - has some hired help, but not much-

"My health has improved very much since my marriage. Once I gained eight lbs. in one month. I have gained four lbs. lately, weighing now 115, one lb. more than Mamie! I am settled down into quite an old married woman; mixing my bread, feeding my chickens, mending & making shirts, pants, &c. &c! Trying to raise some brahma chickens for Beaufort market *** but think it will pay me better to sell the eggs. Can get from 20 to 25 cts. for them all the time".

She hears frequently from Lilly; Sidney saw Edgar in Beaufort 2 weeks before - says E- looks extremely well; Mr. Fripp says Lilly is fatter & as lively as ever; wished she lived where she could have

some society; "None of us have been able to go there at all, but the Fripps have been, & say they are very happy, but must feel lonely"; a school friend of Lilly's will spend part of the summer with her; has plenty of milk - makes 8 lbs. of butter a week; Chewey spent two days and nights with them; Clarence has gone to Florida to sell some land; perhaps returns in the fall; he, and their mother, very good and kind to her; am more than blessed in Sidney; you must come and see us; asked if he saw much of Julian; "Tom, have you decided which of the three girls is the best yet? Do marry Tom. You will not regret it if you get a good girl". She gave her address as "Mrs. Sidney M. Benton, Beaufort, So. Ca.".

242. Letter, Apr. 18, 1882: From Stephen Grattan Ellis at Charleston to his Wife, at Lower 3 Runs (?). He was on jury duty in Charleston. He had spent part of the weekend with his Nephew, T.B. Ellis, at Stiles Point, James Island. This is a very descriptive letter of his trip in a small boat across the Ashley River and back again, and of the family, plantation, etc. "The family consists of old Mr. Hinson, his Son, and Miss Julia Aldrich - a Sister of Judge Aldrich- *** gives reasons for declining to go to church *** Mr. Ephraim W (M?) Clark returned from church with them; Mr. Hinson, the younger, was on a visit to Edisto Island, but his father, a genial, well-preserved old gentleman of the old school, did the honors of the house *** He initiated a new departure in farming, and though the old "fogies" predicted his ruin, all on the Island are now following in his lead. *** met Robt. Oswald and his wife and little son coming over to see me *** he is superintending Mr. Clark's business *** Julian Fripp came over and took supper - I think he is with Mr. Dill. *** "the Election case from Richland resulted in a verdict of guilty as to the 1st count in the charges. The jury was packed by Melton - There were six whites & six negroes - Three of the whites were radicals - The three others were fooled into signing the verdict by the shrewdness and lying of the radicals. *** the bagging factory *** about 50 or 100 white women and girls at work *** The Floral Fair opened this morning".

243. Letter, Apr. 20, 1882: From Stephen Grattan Ellis, at Charleston to his Wife, at Lower 3 Runs (?). He was still on jury duty; took a ride for the first time on the street cars to the farms near the city; mentions strawberry culture; market glutted with fruit and vegetables of every sort; Floral Fair in full blast; today there is to be a grand tournament and tilt at the race course; he "saw the Knights mounted and in full regalia, preceded by a phaeton containing the band of musicians - The musicians were playing a spirited air, and their equipage was drawn by four splendid horses". He gave prices of food at different places where he ate; description of Charleston Harbor; attended Church; "We three - all deacons - conversed on various topics"; information about jury service, etc.

244. Letter, Apr. 21, 1882: From DeTreville Ellis at Grahamville to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at James Island.

"I was "on time" at the depot yesterday morning but you failed to be "on time". What happened to you?

"I had your title drawn up yesterday; will get Mama to sign it

at once & will return it to Mr. Bell. He says you requested him to have it recorded & forwarded to you - Had it drawn for 83 acres.

"I could not get it done before; Mr. Bell is away from Grahamville much of his time. Your letter in which you requested me to send you the title by the 10th ult. was postmarked Apr. 4th and did not reach me until the 9th. I have prosecuted W- for "trespass; the case will be tried next Saturday. Have engaged Mr. Bell to argue the case - In fencing the dam I think, will save much more than the cost of forcing your claim - The A.G.H. (Andrew George Hasell) affair has reached a climax - S- (Sarah Ellis) is positively engaged to him - It is to be kept dark for the present - On next Saturday (28th) I will be in Grahamville with the wagon; if you can come up then try and do so".

245. Bill, Apr. 26, 1882: From Bardin & Murdoch, Charleston, S.C., to Mr. E.E. Ellis, Grahamville, S.C. White and Yellow Corn, Grist, Meal, Freight, Drayage - $28.16.

246. Letter, May 4, 1882: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at James Island. Had seen old Mr. Howard about the place, but could get very little information, except it is owned by Stephen Howard & Bro. of Charleston; he seemed averse to speaking of the Willingham affairs; no rice land on the place; looked at it himself; recommends against it - poor soil & difficult to command labor; rather have the Dupont place - gave reasons; thinks the land immediately on the coast will keep increasing in value, but the high lands around Grahamville are becoming more and more depreciated in value; had proved the title before Burnet and returned it to Bell to send you; "Dr. Duwees place adjoins Willingham".

247. Note, Spring, 1882 (?): From H.C. Lawton at The Bluff, James Island, to T.B. Ellis at Stiles Point, James Island.

"Mr. Hughes has gone to the city with Mr. Barclay, & of course I cannot leave too, so am disappointed in my trip, but ask Miss Mamie Lebby if she will drive with me Sat. P.M., or if you would prefer taking her I will carry Miss Florence. Let me know which if any will go with me. Douglas will be at the Lebbys tonight".

248. Letter, Aug. 28, 1882: From Bardin & Murdoch, Charleston, S.C., to E.E. Ellis, Grahamville, S.C.

"Your favor of the 25th is to hand and order has our attention.

We are glad to hear the crops are looking well and hope there will be nothing will injure them from this on.

Cotton is coming in pretty freely now and we hope soon to have some shipments from you".

249. Bill, Aug. 29, 1882: From Bardin & Murdoch, Charleston, S.C., to E.E. Ellis, Grahamville, S.C. Bagging, ties, freight, drayage - $9.55.

250. Itemized Account, Sept. 19, 1882: From Bardin & Murdoch, Charleston, to E.E. Ellis, Grahamville. April 1 to Aug. 29, 1882 - $49.33.

251. Postal Card, Jan. 2, 1883: From DeTreville Ellis at Grahamville to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at James Island.
"I have this day sent the S---- Wire recd -".

252. Letter, early Jan., 1883: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at James Island. Will send him by draft, express or money order $77 - $35 for your rent, which was all he could get from the tenants, $2 you loaned me last summer, $40 to purchase barbed wire, etc., for fencing; must wait until next year to get balance of fencing wire as the negroes killed two fine steers, that he could have gotten $30 for, within two weeks after the pasture was opened; thought of asking him to borrow enough to get all the necessary wire, but doubted if he could do it without security - mortgage, or some such bother; would be willing to pay 12 or 15 per cent until Dec.. try and do the best he could as wanted to put up fence before commenced plowing; wanted a sack of cotton seed as wishes to plant 4 acres of black seed; Clarence Benton wants you to get him 20, or 30, bushels too like the kind the Fripps got, with all expenses to Beaufort; "I can't make a living with out stock & I can't keep cows unless I get the place inclosed - The Fripps are inclosing the whole of the Bluff & Julian's Walnut Hill. I got through boiling syrup about two weeks ago - made 4 barrels - I spent Christmas & New Year's with our bro-Andrew - Got most tight on Eggnog - Sidney & Clarence are both over here tonight. Clarence has got possession of Callawassee Island for five years to come- The Jenkins girls are up here - Mama gave me a letter to enclose but I can't find it- Sissie is here *** begs you to write her - Do write to Lilly - she says she has not received a line from you since she went to St. Helena. Her direction Beaufort, S.C., Care of Mr. McDonald".

253. Receipt, Jan. 9, 1883: From The Baptist Courier, Greenville, S.C.
"Received from Mrs. E.E. Ellis, Grahamville, S.C. (per T.B.Ellis) Five Dollars" for 2½ years subscription to The Baptist Courier, May 1, 1879 to Nov. 10, 1881."

254. Letter, Jan. 10, 1883: From The Baptist Courier, Greenville, S.C., to T.B. Ellis, James Island.
"Dear Bro. Ellis - Your favor of the 4th inst. enclosing Five Dollars was duly received. We enclose herewith a receipt for 2½ years on your Mother's subscription at Grahamville - which as you will see leaves something over a year behind on her subscription - and yours from July 21, 1881. If you could possibly send us Five Dollars with in a short time, we would esteem it a great favor. This would bring both subscriptions nearly up to date. We will continue to send, however, to you & your Mother as you request".

255. Letter, Jan. 18, 1883: From Mrs. Edgar Walter (Lilly Ellis) Fripp, at "Palmetto Hall", Frogmore, St. Helena, S.C., to T.B. Ellis, her brother, at James Island. She took him to task for not writing to her; Edgar asks if he can get him some good cotton seed for this year's crop - his seed is too much mixed to plant again; could only get 21 cents from Mr. Nichol for their cotton this year; Ed needs 4 or 5 bushels for himself and about a half dozen negroes who would like to get 1 or 2 bushels apiece; the negroes on the Island succeeded remarkedly well with their cotton crops this year, and shipped a

large number of bales to Charleston; Mr. Nichols is losing almost all of the cotton this year, and seems perfectly unconcerned about it too.

"I am perfectly satisfied with my Island home; find a great deal more life & business over here than I expected; a great many nice families, and lots of good stores, mostly all supported by Nichols & Co. Corner store is more heavily stocked than any one in Beaufort, in groceries, dry goods, crockery & furniture - We do all of our dealing there. Get our mail three times a week and have a public library containing more than a thousand volumes. Also a large & nice Hall for public & private entertainments. All the ladies on the Island have called on me, some of them several times, although I have not paid one visit yet, except to see Miss Towne (she lives so near you know & is such a good neighbor to us). I do want a buggy so much; we sold our cart this winter & got a Road Wagon, which is very much more useful and convenient than the cart.

"We have a young homeopathic physician from Philadelphia practicing here, and I, as everyone else has done, find him to be an excellent doctor and kind good friend. He came here to board on 1st Dec., (Miss Towne's house is full - his old home for the two years he has been here) but now that I will have so much company, we had to tell him, he will have to get another home at the end of the month. He pays $25 per month, but that does not pay for himself and horse.

"I suppose you have heard from home how ill both Sissie and I have been. I was sick almost all of Dec. Left my room only on Xmas Eve. Did you have a jolly Xmas? I know you did tho'! And is your heart and fancy still free? You and Julian are too sly for us. Please write to me Tom - I have missed hearing from you for so long. Have you forgotten Lilly now that she's Mrs. Edgar Fripp?

"Address to Frogmore, St. Helena, S.C. You will not come home this spring? Do come. Do you remember Miss Emma Colclough (?) ? She dined with me once at Mrs. Heyward's. Well she is coming here in March to spend a long time - better come too.

"Dr. Peters is a splendid young man. I can never feel too grateful for his great kindness to me in & during all of my illness.- he made me some real nice presents too. I never will have any other physician if I can get him. You ought to have been at the wedding (Andrew George Hasell to Sarah Ellis - date now unknown, E.D.F.) - it was jolly too. Bro. Andrew is a blushing young fellow. Ed joins me in best love to yourself & Julian. Ever yr. affect sister Lil".

256. Letter, Jan. (?), 1883: From Clarence M.V. Benton, Beaufort, to T.B. Ellis, James Island. "Your Post Card reached me in due time. We reside so far from P.O. that we frequently do not get our mail oftener than once a week. In fact, both your postals reached me the same day. I am extremely obliged to you for getting the seed for me and enclose check for amt. $22.50. If I can ever serve you please let me know".

257. Postal Card, Feb. 2, 1883: From Hardin & Murdoch, Charleston, to E.E. Ellis, Grahamville. "Your favor of the 1st advising shipt of one B/C is to hand and instructions have our attention".

258. Postal Card, Feb. 3, 1883: From Freight Office, Charleston & Savannah R'y, Charleston, to "T.B. Ellis, City". "Following Freight arrived this date for you, now held at owner's risk, and Company will not be respondible for loss by fire or otherwise. 1 Jug Syrup. Charges $ 50c." This reached the wrong Ellis - who wrote across the front "I pray God you may find T.B. Ellis. I am not the Chest. Ellis".

259. Note, Feb. 13, 1883: From Bardin & Murdoch, Charleston to E.E.Ellis, Grahamville. This pertained to the sale of 1 bale of cotton weighing 501 lbs. @ 8 3/4 cts., or $43.83, less $4.50 for freight, drayage, storage, weighing, mending, insurance, commission, etc., or a net of $39.33 in favor of E.E. Ellis.

260. Letter, March 8, 1883: From Geo. Waterhouse, Beaufort, to Dr. E.E. Ellis, Cedar Point.
"The enclosed letter came to me in my most busy time of year and was unintentionally laid aside. I do not add anything for the very good reason that my funds are required at home. The amount paid to keep up Churches and schools in this town falls on a few and while I do not wish to parade my expenses in this direction, yet I must say that they are so large and imperative as to make it inconvenient for me to go outside of home limits".

261. Letter, March 11, 1883: From Ed W. Sanders at (?) to Dr. E.E. Ellis, attention of Mr. Sam Hodge.
"I went to Bluffton yesterday to see what the chances, were about the school you are desirous of starting in yr. neighborhood.
"I find there are six schools now going on - consequently there is not money enough in the Treasury, to warrant the starting of the seventh, but Kirk has written on to Wheeler in regard to the school in yr. neighborhood & will write to you as soon as he hears from Wheeler - every effort will be made to start the school".

262. Letter, Apr. 10, 1883: From Bardin & Murdoch at Charleston to E.E. Ellis at Grahamville. "Your favor of the 9th is to hand and noted.
"We ordered ½ Ton of the Edisto Phosphate shipped to you as we thought it would give you more satisfaction than any we know".
A bill was sent, also dated Apr. 10, 1883, for ½ Ton Edisto Fertz $16.00, plus freight $1.00 and drayage .50 - $17.50.

263. Bill for professional services, Apr. 15, 1883 to Jan. 5, 1884: From Dr. B.W. Seabrook to Dr. E.E. Ellis. This was almost entirely for medicines. Total $9.50. It was receipted as paid on Jan. 5, 1884 - 11 days after Dr. Ellis died.

264. Note, Saturday, May 5, 1883: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at James Island. "I thought Mr. Fripp would have gone up today & I could have sent this letter but find neither of them will go up until next week - Mama & Father are both over at Sidney's. Sissie is quite sick - been sick for two weeks past - If you think differently of course you must not let what I said last night keep you from buying W- but every one whom I have spoken to on the subject says it would be an injudicious investment - Mr. Hasell spent last night here - has just left".

265. Papers Enclosed, likely written in 1883 and definitely written by Dr. E.E. Ellis.
It was headed "Papers Enclosed.

"1st Title to Home Tract 100 acres
2 Title to adjoining 183 acres
This title has been set aside by a decision of the Court in favor of Klinck Wickenberg & Co vs - Sarah W. Ellis - This Tract (183 acres) was accordingly sold in Jan. 1875 by the Sheriff & bought by John Barnwell (Bell's law partner). I then bought the Tract from John Barnwell for 140$ payable 1st Jan. 76 with 10 pr ct Interest; I having already paid over 100$ on the debt.- Thomas B. Ellis pd 65$.
3d Receipt from Mrs. Mary M. Farr.
4 Lien to Devant Waples & Co. - cancelled.
5th Klinck & Co. vs S.W. Ellis - Bell's 3 Receipts.
6 Knowles - accts. & Receipts for 1874.
7 Marriage Contract R.W. Ellis & Wife.
8 Marriage Contract - Dr. E.E. Ellis & Wife.
9th Mrs. Hamilton Strobhart's Bond & Mortgage - paid.
10 - A.G. Haskell's receipts.
11 Porcher's consent to act as Trustee.
12 Lathrop's Receipt for 47$
13 Dunnoman's (?) accts & Receipts.
14 Robt. Ellis - accts -
15 Tax Receipts for 1873.
16 Mrs. Reed (Reid ?) - letter to her.
17 Letter from my father R.W. Ellis".

266. Letter, July (?), Sept. (?), 1883: From Lilly Ellis Fripp at "Palmetto Hall", St. Helena Island, to Emily Fripp, her Sister-in-law at the Bluff. Just a wee note as the boys will not leave till 12; Dan and Charlie gave them quite a surprise by coming over; glad to see them and get home news; sorry she and Pa (Mr. Fripp) could not come too; "I am a perfect prisoner never seeing a white face from month to month but the boys - get so tired of the house *** beef soup *** pears*** hog ate largest chickens *** Miss Towne sent a basket of peaches *** Dan & Charles picking pease now to carry home *** had intended sending them a big sponge cake but hens not laying *** Ed's birthday comes this week and I can't even make him a little cake this year - last year made him a real nice one *** give my love to Aunt Poodie & family & all at home *** tell Maum Lydia "huddy" for me".

267. Letter, likely late Sept., 1883: From Lilly Ellis Fripp at "Palmetto Hall" to Emily Fripp, her Sister-in-Law, at the Bluff. Complimented her for writing such a good long letter; cannot leave home now, but hopes some of them will come over often; could have good times at the beach - waves- shells; was sick recently and Miss Towne sent grapes and quinine; the Dr. is worried about Miss Towne - attack of fever, getting weaker, etc.; "We do not know that Dr. P. & Miss E. are positively engaged - these Northerners allow gentlemen many liberties - if they were Southerners I would certainly say they were engaged, from all appearances". She had a long letter from Emma - in Greenville. Glad to hear Rob and Charles study so hard; "Hurrah! for Father Abraham & Sarah! I am crazy to see the little Isaac".

(This last referred to the birth of Andrew George Hazell, Jr., on Sept. 10, 1883. He died when he was about 2 years old. I think Miss Towne helped start the Penn School for negroes on St. Helena Island, E.D.E.).

268. Letter, about Oct. 5, 1883: From Dr. E.F. Ellis at ( ) to T.B. Ellis, his son, at James Island. Dr. Ellis died Dec. 25, 1883, this being the last letter of his that has been found.
"My dear son,

Your letter relative to your Aunt's affairs (addressed to your brother DeTreville) has been sent to me by your mother, for my perusal and opinion. At the close of the war we - ten in family - returned to our desolated home on the Sea Coast, in the most dire poverty, having neither money nor credit.

Our outbuildings had been pulled down by the negroes and the material carried to the Islands on the Coast. Our dwelling house reduced to a mere wreck: doors, sashes, windows, flooring and a part of the weather-boarding had been carried off. To add to this gloomy state of material suffering, the whole country during the summer of '66 and '67 was inundated by deluges of unceasing rains, resulting in malarial fever to an unprecedented extent. Our shell of a house was truly a hospital - five of the family sick in one room, and two or three in another; & not a cent to buy proper nourishment nor even medicine. One chicken or one pound of sugar was a rare treasure. For several years delicately raised young ladies had to work in the fields with their hoes to assist in staving off starvation! This sad necessity caused the death of your poor Sister Eugenia in her 28th year.

In the midst of these great privations and intense suffering, your Mother received a letter from your Aunt giving an account of her many troubles. It was indeed painful, but what could we possibly do for her relief? As you are well aware, your Grandmother had to occupy in her extreme old age, a leaky cotton house on the plantation and depended on us for subsistence, such as it was, up to the time of her death. In the absence of a reply explaining these distressing circumstances, your Aunt thought it hard and unkind that we failed to render her any assistance. My opinion therefore as to the subject of your letters would probably be called as untimely and indelicate.

Your opinion, which you give at great length in your letter, based as it is on your few observations of the conditions of things, seems to be so judicious that I think nothing can be added. It is very certain (as you state) that if your Aunt undertakes to carry on a farm by means of an overseer and other hirelings, the operation would soon end up in her financial ruin. Such is the extreme uncertainty of seasons, liability to caterpillars, dishonesty of hirelings and many other casualties incidental to farming, that men of experience and great industry are continually failing to make themselves a competency and drift to the leeward. This has been the case in this neighborhood, particularly this season.

Your Brother-in-Law, Mr. A.G.H., as soon as he got possession of his inheritance from his Uncle, Col. Ashe, wisely invested his money in bank stock and in the Pelzer Cotton Manufacturing Company. This Company was recommended to Bro. Andrew by Dr. Wm. Seabrook and other friends. Their mills are located in the up country, commanding both steam and water power, the directors being highly honorable

business men of Charleston. In any event, they will pay a large dividend in Jan., and perhaps more than the banks pay, but Mr. Hasell does not like to carry all his "eggs to market in one basket", so he divided his money between the bank and above named Manf. Co. Mr. H. does not farm, but rents out his land, so that he has no care, no anxiety. He and your Sister Sarah living happily in their little cottage house on the Okatie River. They keep a buggy and a tame little mare, "Polly", enabling them to visit us and their neighbors.

By the way, they have a fine little boy about three weeks old - he is known as A.G.H., Jr. When are coming to see this "prodigy"? Can't you spend Christmas with us?

In your letter you say you suggested to your Aunt she remove to the low country. She is the nearest blood relative your Mother has in the world, who is, of course, much pleased (as well as the rest of the family) at the prospect of having her as our next door neighbor. If she decides to do so we will, of course, give her, during her lifetime, title to a lot on which a cheap but comfortable little cottage house could be built a few hundred yards to the South of us, on a high bluff. As it would be more open to the South it would be cooler than our house in summer.

You propose to sell your Aunt your 200 acres of land at $4.00 an acre, 1/3 cash, the balance payable in one or two years at 6% interest on the credit portions. What is your object in selling? It adjoins our tract and is hardly a mile from us. It is very fertile and worth, before the War, fully $20.00 an acre. On the part you bought from your Uncle Tom there are four families of negroes settled who are paying you a rent equal to about 12 per cent on the amount you are asking for it. You paid your Uncle $4.00 per acre for it, & cheap enough. There is no safer investment than land situated as yours is on the Okatie River.

I sincerely hope you will never sell it to a stranger as we may get a bad neighbor. But if your object be to accomodate your Aunt, it is all very well. She can not ----- (undecipherable).

The portion of your land in woods affords the greatest abundance of oak and hickory fuel, besides rail timber. There is a good situation on the tract for a dwelling house.

Take care of yourself, my dear Son.

Your Affc. Father.

E.E. Ellis".

269. Two Tax Receipts, both Oct. 27, 1883: From R.B. Fuller, County Treasurer, Beaufort County, S.C., for the fiscal year 1882. One to DeTreville Ellis for $1.03 for Poll Tax (included 3 cts. penalty). One to T.B. Ellis for $2.63 (included 6 cts. penalty), based on 80 acres, value $120, and Personal Property, value $60.

270. Note, undated and author unknown, but probably T.B. Ellis.

"Paid Nipsons. (?) bill $4.00
Paid cash to Miss Lulie 4.00
Deposited in Savings May 1st 4.00
" " " as interest 1 yr on $8 .50 $12.50"

271. Letter, Monday morning, Apr. 7, 1884: Lilly Ellis Fripp at St. Helena Island, to Emily Fripp, her sister-in-law, at the Bluff. Had received her and Pa's letters; writing in a hurry for Ed to mail this morning; he is going to see Dale about the cotton seed for Pa; Bubber went into town last Sunday - had a "boss day" with Cousin Florry J; Aunt 'Lije re patches for quilt; the boys went to the Dr's on Saturday night again - two young ladies visiting there; they had a "fine time"; "Capt" is struck with Miss C.W.; horse Ida improving; turkeys, chickens, hawks; Dan's hat is done, but had two or three more to make before could start on Charley's and Rob's; mentioned "the Entertainment on Saturday. The boys said the last one was fine. Church is to begin Sunday week". P.S. Ed to Pa - not planted cotton yet; doubt if will have any seed to spare; saw Dale; he has no good seed but expects to get some this week; if you can't get any from Jarvis Old, he will let you have some but it is very fine cotton and wants $1.75 a bushel; you had better send to Tom; if can't get it come over and see Dale by Mr. Waterhouse.

272. Letter, May 10, 1884: From Lilly Ellis Fripp at St. Helena Island to Robert Lee and Charles Benjamin Fripp, her brothers-in-law, at the Bluff. She was not quite 22, the boys around 8 and 12. She gently scolded them for not writing; knew they were hard at work, but afraid they never opened their books or tried to improve themselves; take every chance to learn some thing, even if do not have regular lessons; their palmetto hats were ready; not very good as the palmetto bleached very poorly; she could send them to Beaufort by Ed, he leave them with Aunt Liza, and any negro boat from their side could get the package; likely not able to send them until Ed goes in Court week; Aunt Liza had been sick; Ed named a kitten "Jumbo" after the big elephant; bet she beat Rob at chicken raising; had first mess of Irish potatoes today, have almost tired of salad; Pa should plant lettuce the boys like salad so much; turnips, cabbage, onions & all coming on very well; the boys finished planting and supplying - now hard at work fighting grass; plenty of blackberries and crabs; "The boys are well. I am so-so- Bubber says you are wearing those caps still in all the sun. Your hats are only coarse sun hats. I know you need them badly. Have you no dress hats for Summer?"

273. Letter, June 10, 1884: From Lilly Ellis Fripp at St. Helena Island to Emily Fripp, her sister-in-law, at the Bluff. She asked them please write; all our boys had luck to meet together in Beaufort this week; all went to the race on Thursday; likes them to have a good time, but the days all alone are trying on her; very lonely Sundays when they are at Church - she has to remain at home to cook dinner, & nothing else to do; they go at 9 and don't return until late; mentions berries, plums, mulberries, whortle berries; she and Ed went crabbing in the old flat one evening; Rachel does very well in plain work, but hates to stand by her all the time - she has not learned to sew on the machine yet and Ed will not let me use it as do not want to be ill in bed for weeks; you bring the sewing over, I can cut and baste, and you can run the machine; referred to fever at the Bluff; gave advice for her and for Alice about clothing, etc.; evidently Mr. Cuthbert had died; sent love to all at both houses and to Aunt Poodie and family.

274. Letter, Sept. 20, 1884: From W. Elliott, Beaufort, S.C., to R. DeT. Ellis, Orangeburg, S.C. "I enclose the paper which you sent me for record. It will be necessary to have the usual affidavit on it before it can be put on record. One of the witnesses must make an affidavit before a Notary Public or Trial Justice that he saw S.W. Ellis sign the paper and that he with the other witness witnessed the execution thereof. The paper is very informal and is of no legal value. If S.W. Ellis is alive you had better get him to execute a regular deed. It will not cost more than 50 cts to record the paper".

275. Letter, Fall, 1884: From Lilly Ellis Fripp at St. Helena Island to Emily Fripp, her sister-in-law, at the Bluff. Asked why all did not come over; was glad to see the boys coming up the road yesterday; discussed the children's clothing and made suggestions; glad to hear how smart Emily was about sewing "You must not let them impose on you tho' but make them bring or send me all the work they possibly can - I have plenty of time to spare & I must work hard all the time to keep the "blue devils" off - Now that we are not visiting or receiving visitors, I am very lonely sometimes & long for some of you all to make some noise in the house - Turnips are done now so I must stop & take up dinner -

"Dan says that he enjoyed our turnips very much! Very good of Pa to send us his first & brag ones - go far ahead of our little baby fellows - We have had quite a feast with that splendid roast, and turnips - both a big treat to us; Ed says the sugar cane just "goes to the right spot" - We thank you all but you must not be so generous, we are just two & you all are many. Ed was very sick, but is all right again only rather bony. We will go over when you want me. Love to all especially to "Old Cinda! Does the old thing ever bother you? Joe is sick so I don't think they can go tomorrow". (Lilly died Dec. 5, 1884, age 22, this being the last letter of hers that has been found. E.D.E.).

276. Letter, Oct. 9, 1884: From R. DeT. Ellis, Orangeburg, S.C. to "John" at (?).

"Dear John - I am required to have the deed recorded which I cannot do unless I have the usual affidavit attached.

So will you attend to this matter for me & see that it is recorded? Let me know what the cost is & I will pay you --- I enclose you Mr. Elliott's letter so that you can see what is necessary -

Please attend to this matter at once & let me hear from you -".

"P.S. Please state in the affidavit Mrs. S.W. Ellis so as there be no mistake in the sex - My Mother signed S.W. Ellis, & one is at a loss to know whether the deed was made by a male or female -".

277. Receipt, Nov. 4, 1884: From H.P. Cantrell, Clerk, Charleston, S.C., for "Seven Ballot Boxes and Papers from managers of Dills Bluff". This was on James Island. T.B. Ellis evidently took these items over by boat - as he did many times in later life - and was given this receipt.

278. Letter, Jan. 4, 1885: From T.B. Ellis at James Island, to DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point. Part of a letter - rest not located.

"I am sorry that I could not go up. Would have liked ever so much to have been home while Bro Dick was there but circumstances were such that I could not go.

"I met Mr. Bell in Grahamville last winter & he promised to send me the papers the first time he went to Beaufort. I have not received them yet - nor do I ever expect him to send them. Do you think I had better get some other Lawyer to draw them up or what had I better do about it? It would be a good deal of trouble as well as expense to get some one else to draw them up, but of course some thing will have to be done.

I do not care to own land & have no title. If I can not get papers I had better sell the land, for if I do not get papers now after awhile it will give a deal of trouble & expense to procure them. Mr. Bell told me that they were already drawn up & he would get".

279. Postal Card, Jan. 5, 1885: From Dr. A. H. Johnston, Seminole, to DeTreville Ellis, Grahamville. "Please sell the sheep at $2 per head cash. Let me know what you can get for the cattle or can you get them on pasturage. Let me (know) if they are poor and how many calves & lambs".

280. Letter, Jan. 7, 1885: From Mrs. F. Jacobs, Secessionville, James Island, to T.B. Ellis, Stiles Point, James Island. (Her Husband was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church).

"Mr. Ellis - Will you be able to let us have a good Boat and engage one competent hand to row with the Boy who takes this. He is a good hand at the oar but knows nothing of the navigation of the river. If we can have Mr. Hinson's permission for a boat and the use of his landing, will you be kind enough to let me know at what hour tomorrow it will be best to start and also at what hour we should leave the City so as to land comfortably on this side. We would like to be as long in the City as possible, but if we can go early after Breakfast would be ready to leave the City between 3 and 4 o'clock. The hours at the Bluff suit so badly that we think if this arrangement can be made we can go and come more comfortably. Respectfully".

281. Letter, Jan. 18, 1885: From DeTreville Ellis at Cedar Point to Dr. A. H. Johnston at Seminole (?). "I thought until yesterday that you had sold your sheep to Mr. Jenkins. Otherwise should have brought them away from Chelsea before. I think the darkeys have been raiding on them. Mr. Nettles says Jenkins was to have given you a definite answer yesterday with regard to his taking them; if he declined to do so I will buy them at the price you asked - $2 & $3 & young lambs thrown in, if you will take either one of my mules in payment - and allow me a fair price for same.

"If we cannot agree upon price of mule, will give my note payable next fall with interest, secured by mortgage on sheep or any thing else if you wish it. If Mr. Jenkins has not taken them do let me know at your earliest convenience-

I now have twenty eight head cattle for you and Col. Colcock - 16 for you & 12 for the Col. Will hunt again tomorrow for bal of the Col's - When you come down do bring your dogs with you. I should be very happy to see any of your friends you may wish to come with you-".

282. Credit, Jan. 30, 1885: From Hart & Co., Charleston to DeTreville Ellis, Grahamville. "By over estimate of weight of fence wire, bill Jan. 19, 1885 and of freight on same bill - credit $4.56 & hold same subject to your order".

283. Letter, Feb. 13, 1885: From T.B. Ellis, James Island, to DeTreville Ellis, his brother, at Cedar Point. Just received his letter; mentioned Hilton and land; very anxious to own W. Weston's place; buy it if possibly can - get as cheap as can, but would willingly pay $500, or even $600, rather than anyone else own it; give an order on him if can buy; have papers drawn up by a Lawyer; would be afraid to buy land elsewhere and trade with Weston, unless he gave title first, as he might back out; would not take Savannah Hill tract or Julian's either, as a gift; doubts if can raise hogs and sheep successfully in same pasture; am not so anxious to own the land as to get Willie from that shore; would rather have you (DeT) as a "next door neighbor"; "If I could buy that land think it very probable that I would go home to live as soon as I could save up a little money so as to start without doing too much borrowing. I could stand the negroes being on one side of me but to have them own land in the center of the place as it is now, I do not think I could ever make up my mind to settle there until we could get W. out of the way".

"Perhaps if Weston has any fear of the place being sold by Lucy that he might be willing to sell before the trouble comes off so as to get "ahead of Lucy" if for no other reason. They could not put him in jail for debt & he could make way with the money where he could not make way with the place. If you should be able to make any arrangement about the land you must write me as often as you can so that I might have a plenty of time to arrange about money, Etc. Please send me the title as soon as you can. I might need it soon. Try and get W.'s place for $400 if you can, but if you cannot then give more".

284. Letter, Feb. 16, 1885: From T.B. Ellis, James Island, to DeTreville Ellis, Cedar Point. Had received his letter on Friday, 13th; If he can, certainly buy Weston's place - as cheap as possible, but rather than have any one else own, or buy, it would give $500, or more; if can get it for under $600, buy at once and give order on him; papers or title must be drawn up by a Lawyer; send the title he spoke of as soon as possible - may need it at any moment.

285. Letter, March 5, 1885: From C.D. Franke, 157 Meeting Street, Charleston, to DeTreville Ellis, Grahamville. Had received his postal of Feb. 25, postmarked Grahamville March 3. Asked for further information about the wheels and axle he had ordered.

286. Itemized Account, March 24, and perhaps a little earlier, to Nov. 10, 1885, of DeTreville Ellis, Grahamville, with L. Renistein, at (7) Total $46.94, "Paid in full, March 22, 1886. L. Renistein".

287. Letter, Apr. 9, 1885: From "Aunt May" (likely Mrs. George Chisholm), Appleton, S.C., to Emily Fripp, the Bluff. Had received her letter, and "Pa's" too; asks for her measurements re clothing for her and Alice; Miss Annie Grimball leaves them May 1 - she was good girl to stay so long as would have been too lonely with "your Uncle George at school until 3 o'clock - will give it up May 1, tired of it and been quite

sick *** from exposure, the school house being so open and no fire place". Quite a spell of cold weather; vegetables and garden backward; had to sell the cow and calf - too expensive; will try hogs; Mr. Benton to send a pair of Berkshires in May; Annie had a great deal of attention paid her; chickens, ducks, planting vegetables, 6 acres cotton and 6½ corn; received a long letter from Mr. Hasell last night - "he is delighted with our wine & enjoyed it very much"; sent love to all and to Uncle W. & Aunt Poodie (William Fripps).

288. Letter, Apr. 16, 1885: From R.J. Davant, Savannah, to DeTreville Ellis, Grahamville. "Enclosed please find act. sales 18 sks potatoes netting you $7.75 & bill of articles ordered $8.15 which puts you in my debt .40 c. The sacks matter can remain open a while as the mill has made no demand upon me yet - Your sacks I delivd with potatoes. There is some doubt about the so (?) cultivator being had for Sept. & the intervening months, but the proprietor of the News promised to ascertain & let me know, which he has not done. If there be any failure you advise me".

289. Letter, May 5, 1885: From Sidney M. Benton, Pleasant Farm, to DeTreville Ellis, his brother-in-law, at Cedar Point. Delighted at the arrival of old Sandy with good news from "home"; will keep the pig awhile longer; the mother just as fat as when the pigs came; getting rid of the others rapidly; will send Mr. Chisolm his pair this morning; the whole 7 are bargained for; Mr. Hitchcock is to take one; am to get a sow pig from Walker in exchange for one of these; the little colt is full of life; glad he and Mamie would come over; he may let Sissie return with you and spend a few days - thinks the change and rest would do her good; tell Tom when he comes, to visit us; sends his shaving tools which please accept as a favor - he never expects to use them; thanks for the potatoes; you sent too many - but we had the last of the others this morning.

290. Letter, Sun. night, May 10, 1885: From Sidney M. Benton, Pleasant Farm, to DeTreville Ellis, his brother-in-law, at Cedar Point. He had bought some rope, blocks, halyards, etc., as requested by DeTreville - who was evidently fitting up a boat - and made some suggestions based on his experience; send my scythe when you get a chance, unless you can use it to cut your oats; plowing Nora; will go to Lemon Island soon to shear sheep, but doubts if he can get over to see them; can't leave on account of his "baby";-high time for you to do some of the visiting. Rosa wrote on this "S's"baby" is his colt - I could feed it, but he is obliged to be here to get up cows & milk - the colt takes nearly a pint at each feed".

291. Note, Oct. 16, 1885: From Bella Seabrook at "Oyster Point", James Island, to T.B. Ellis, at "Stiles Point", James Island. "Dear Mr. Ellis - I am at last at the Lebby's, and will be glad if it suits you to take me home this evening. Yours truly".

292. "A Farmer's Catechism, Almanac, Memoranda and Account Book Presented by The Wilcox & Gibbs Guana Company, Charleston, S.C. and Savannah, Ga." In pencil: "1886 DeTreville Ellis". This little book had valuable information for farmers, with blank pages for notes. Many of these pages were filled, in pencil, with day by day notes of farming

activities, plantings, purchases, etc. It was evidently the last such little book used by DeTreville Ellis, as he died on May 30, 1886, aged 30.

293. Bill for professional services, March 6, to Oct, 9, 1886: From Dr. B.W. Seabrook to DeTreville Ellis for various medicines - Total $4.65. "Rec'd payment in full, Feby 12th '87. B.W. Seabrook per J.S.S.".

294. Note, May 3, 1886: From DeTreville Ellis, Cedar Point, to W.P. Fripp, at the Bluff (?). "I regret that I have no money just now to pay you for the cane seed, but have enclosed you an order on Mr. Benistein which I know he will pay in time. I know you go up only on Saturdays but you can get Mr. Hasell to present the order as he goes up very often. If you prefer waiting until I can get the money you may just destroy the order - I wished to see you but have been too unwell". The order reads:

"Mr. L. Benistein will please pay to Mr. W.P. Fripp or order the sum of ($2.20) Two Dollars and Twenty cents & charge to my acct.

DeTreville Ellis".

"The boy told me you said there were 100 sticks $1.50 & 70 @ $1.00 per C, or $2.20. If there is any mistake will correct it when I see you".

295. Letter, Sunday, June 6, 1886: From Sidney M. Benton, at Pleasant Farm, to Sarah Ellis Hasell, his sister-in-law, at Myrtle Grove.

"It is my sad duty to communicate to you the painful news that our dear brother Treville is dead. He died a week ago today at 1 A.M. & was buried in the Lawtonville church-yard at 5 P.M. the same day. Sissie and I have both been quite sick with the same disease but are getting better now. Your poor Mamma is heart-broken almost. She has been sick all night. I wish you would try to come over & see her if you can. Sissie & Mamie both send their love, in which I join. Yr. aff bro Sidney".

296. Letter, June 21, 1886: From T.B. Ellis, James Island, to Sidney M. Benton, his brother-in-law, at Pleasant Farm. Had received the note written the morning he expected to leave L. (Lawtonville ?); had not heard since; quite anxious; had written him a long letter before he received the note; sent it to L. & Dr. Johnson; suppose he has forwarded it; if not, advise and will duplicate some of it; "In regards the money you spoke of - if you have not had to use it, give it to Mother. In the letter I wrote you I asked if you thought it was really necessary that I should go up now or not, for if I go up now I do not see what good I can do unless I go to stay. Thought it might be best to go in the fall when some different arrangement might be made. However, I spoke more fully in the letter I wrote you as regards future & will await an answer before writing more. I hope this will find you and Sissie well and I wish you would both write me. I am all by myself today - it is raining, and wind blowing very hard. I do not know when you will get this for do not know where you are, so will send this by way of home".

297. Letter, June 21, 1886: From T.B. Ellis, James Island, to Mrs. E.E. Ellis, his Mother, at Cedar Point (Pleasant Farm ?). "I got a letter from you that was written several weeks ago, but am quite disappointed in not getting an answer to one I wrote you a few days ago (about 10 days) - for if you had you would have been able to tell me about Sissie and Sidney. My throat is all right again. Do write me at once. I wish to know how you and Mamie are getting on by yourselves."

298. Letter, July 25, 1887: From M.W. Coleman & Company, Seneca, S.C., to T.B. Ellis, James Island, S.C. Had received his postal of the 22d; gives information on a bull that Ellis was thinking of buying. Part of letter - rest not found.

299. Letter, Aug. 6, 1887: From T.S. Baynard, Martins Station, S.C., to Sidney M. Benton, Pleasant Farm. "Dear Sidney - I received your letter yesterday containing Eight dollars. I was very glad for it as we had to buy little things for the house with eggs, not having any money. I am not able to help myself, my Health is so very bad. I never thought I would ever have been in this fix, one that had so much of the goods of this world in former days. But God's will be done. I try to resign myself to His Will.

"I was more than glad to receive the money. I feel gratefully to you for it. I am willing to give you the Twenty per cts for collecting it. Sidney do your very best for myself and your Aunt Carrie for we are in need at this time. I am very glad to hear of Sister Ellen's improved Health. Oh how I do wish we could see you once more in life. What pleasure it would give my dear Wife and myself. I am very much obliged to you for the invitation but God only knows if we can ever come down, but sorry you can't come see us. I have just lost a dear sister, Mrs. Ben Willingham in Macon, Ga. She was next to my youngest (?) sister. When you write again let me know the names of the negroes that you wrote me were dead. Give our love to all & accept the same from your dear Uncle, T.S. Baynard".

300. Letter, Saturday, Sept. 2, 1887: From T.B. Ellis at James Island to Sidney M. Benton at Pleasant Farm. Had received his letter; would have been glad for him to take care of the bull but not practicable; maybe Bennett will; if you can, buy 10 or 20 heifers or cattle, cheap; give an order on me for money; discussed pigs; will write to Bennett about the bull; mentioned possibility of buying a Holstein or Ayeshire (?) bull - the Holstein the best for him; would like Renty to be with him at home next year - will be home Dec. 15, and Renty could go over to see him on the 20th; perhaps a mutually satisfactory arrangement could be worked out; will need considerable wire; cheapest way to get it there? will have about 10 or 12 tons, all told; perhaps get it from Beaufort by sloop to Hasell's place? would take half the winter to haul from Grahamville depot; a good while before end of year but must get everything arranged; will have much hauling, no fencing and no laborers; want to send things as near Dec. 15 as possible; ask Sissie to save seeds - watermelon, squash, tomato, etc., as wants to plant vegetables; bought the bull from Seneca - one of the best Holsteins in the country.

301. Letter, Oct. 8, 1887: From T.B. Ellis, James Island, to Sidney M.Benton, Pleasant Farm. Received his letter; feed pigs well; buy feed on credit - will make it right later; expects to be up earlier than had thought; will let him know, and glad if they could meet; possible purchase of

a big boar and of cheap cattle; sent the bull up today; his calves sell for $100 each; asked Mr. Hasell to try and get some rails split; will be up about Dec. 5; refers to Clarence Benton and calves; may take your advice and keep about 50 sheep; asks if the Seminole runs to Savannah, and if it would pay best to buy fertilizer at Port Royal.

302. Letter, Nov. 2, 1887: From Mrs. W.D. (L.P.R.) Birt at "Brooklands", Elko, S.C., to Sidney M. Benton at Pleasant Farm. A stranger, but takes the liberty of writting on business. "I have learned that Gen. Wm. Elliott of Beaufort has in his hands money from the Government to pay landowners of Beaufort Island for their lands - which was not restored to them after the war - Now as I am one of the number - I have been advised to communicate with Gen. Elliott on the subject - but I know it would be useless for me to write to him - my letter would be thrown aside - and receive no attention - On reflection I have thought that you living near Beaufort - could have a personal interview with him - state my case to him and perhaps you would meet with success.

"My country seat - situated on the river - nine miles from the town of Beaufort - was valued before the war at 2½ - 2500 dolls - It had great natural advantages and was considered one of the prettiest places on the Island - The land is still mine - but the settlement is all gone - I have been told that if I could see it now - I would not recognize it as my old home - I am not as prosperous now as I have been. I am a "widow indeed - and desolate" - an invalid - with no help-in these rough-hard times - I find it a struggle to live - It would be a great help to me if I could receive some payment for my land - if not its whole value - and of course I am willing to compensate you for any trouble you would take in this matter - I would pay you out of whatever you succeeded in obtaining for me - The Misses Givens now residing in Beaufort could prove that I have the place - they often visited us there - Their father was an old and near neighbor - and an esteemed friend -

"I will be glad to hear from you in regard to this business and hope you will give it your consideration -

"William (?) Perryclear - son of Mr. M. Perryclear - deceased - owned a place in our immediate neighborhood - He had to pass my place - whenever he left his own - He could locate my place - He returned to Beaufort.

"I will enclose a note to my Sister - Mrs. Ellis - please hand it to her".

303. Letter, Jan. 3, 1888: From T.B. Ellis, Cedar Point, to S.M. Benton, his brother-in-law, Pleasant Farm. Half way expecting him for some time; anxious to see you - nothing in particular, but want to talk; "am love sick, have got the blues"; hurt his hand badly, but better; will send for cattle tomorrow; would like to spend a quiet week end with them; but cannot leave often; too expensive to keep the colts - sold one and trying to sell the other - will need the money later to carry on planting; his mules tumbled in a bridge before Xmas and one is lame; but hopes for the best; hauled sedge in cow pen, has more to haul, but many other things to do; had not hauled nails and built hog pasture yet; asks about his business; make all the compost you can - great help in making a crop of anything; big bull getting on very well; wrote Clarence; come over, spend some time and cheer me up.

304. Letter, Feb. 7, 1888: From "Aunty M.C." (Mrs. George A. Chisolm ?), Appleton, S.C., to Emmie Fripp, the Bluff. Hopes she arrived home safely; Uncle George still improving, cough still bad, but trying to do some work; she can't feel well - the nursing used her up; mentioned Allie; missed her and Aunt Lois (?) very much; can't write much, purse low, and must wait for fowls to lay to buy stamps; something must pay for them as can't give up writing.

305. Letter, May 17, 1888: From T.B. Ellis, James Island, to S.M. Benton, his brother-in-law, at Pleasant Farm. Part of a letter - rest not located. Had received their kind letters; please let me know how Sidney is; make John pay the money he owes and use it yourself; glad if you will sell the cow at Mr. Wm. Fripp's and use the money yourself as know your sickness has hurt you very much; McCuy sold the mules for $300, expenses $45, balance $255 which will turn right over to Lebby & Ravenel; will lack $75 of paying them out; if you are well enough to think about it, what about the cattle? If well enough, try and sell them in one lot, probably in Savannah, for cash, and take out a liberal share for yourself; if not well enough, try to get someone to attend to it - Mr. Clarence knows of someone in Savannah.

306. Letter, June 21, 1888: From Mrs. W.D. (L.P.R.) Birt, Elko, S.C., to S.M. Benton, Pleasant Farm. "I will be very glad to learn from you what progress "Elliott & Howe" are making with the land business that I placed in their hands to attend to for me - I wrote to them sometime ago - in regard to the matter - but have received no reply from them - which I think is very strange treatment for business men - I have been waiting a long time for a settlement of this land business - I am in need - and if I could collect payment - which is no more than just - it would greatly help me - I hope to have a favorable reply from you soon and will feel obliged. Please hand the enclosure to my Sister Mrs.Ellis".

307. Diary, Dec., 1888 to Sept., 1893: Robert Lee Fripp. Mentions briefly, hunting, shooting match, 23 gun salute at 5 A.M. Christmas day, visiting back and forth at the Wm. Fripps during Christmas week, 1888: Jan. 2, starting work for 1889; Jan. 7, Mr. John Hasell is here - came in buggy yesterday, horse broke down the stable last night and went back home; Aug. 27 to Sept. 10, 1893, vivid picture of the destruction caused by the 1893 storm. The first entry, above, was made when he was 16. These are only a few extracts.

308. Letter, Jan. 3, 1889: From T.B. Ellis, James Island, to Mrs. E.E. Ellis, his mother, at Pleasant Farm. He thanked her for his things that she had sent him. "I have arranged to work with Mr. Hinson this year, & suppose it is a surprise to you *** to hear that I am to be married soon, that is by the first part of February or perhaps by the 29th of this mo. *** I am now happy at the idea of soon being wedded to one that I have been devoted to for so many years. *** We will go to house keeping by our selves. Have a very nice little house to live in. I will write a note to Sidney & ask him to send my trunks to me. Please just fill them up with such of my things as you think I will be most likely to need. I will have everything to buy & everything like my blankets Etc. will be of great use to me, but should you & Sissie need the blankets must keep them of course. I do not remember all the little things that

may be in my trunks or how much room may be there, but should it require them to fill trunks could put in saddle cloth, bridle, harness, or even saddle. Please put Marie's picture in bottom of trunk & put something soft around it. Better turn face down. Please give lots of love to Sissie & all. Are the Hitchcocks really going to move? If they have not gone give my love to Bertha. How is *** & Mamie getting on? Do make Sidney take good care of himself this winter. I can scarcely believe that I am to be head of a family so soon - hope it will never be too large. Have you any advice to give a fellow that is just about to be married? Do give my love to Sarah when you write her. Please write me soon."

309. Letter, Jan. 4, 1889: From T.B. Ellis, James Island, to S.M. Benton, his brother-in-law, at Pleasant Farm. *** "I received a few days since two packages of money $50 & $30 for which I am extremely obliged. It has come in a good time for expect to be married in a few weeks & have nothing but a bare house, everything to buy. What money I have earned since came here last spring, I have saved up & will make it go as far as possible in furnishing my little house with cooking utensils, crockery, furniture, Etc. ***

"Now I want to ask you a favor. You must take at least one third of what ever money you collect for me, what money you can get from Aaron for land rent you must take. I want you to send my trunks, Etc. for me - want my saddle, bridle, Etc. As regards all the tools & wagon or plow harness you are quite welcome to. You know Bennett had some plows, bridles, collars, Etc.

"If you can get buggy harness in trunk, do so, or perhaps it would be well to put saddle with harness & bridle in a corn sack & send. I suppose the buggy is all right? Will get you to send that to me later in winter- You can read Mother's note & can see what have said about trunks. Would like to get trunks as soon as you can conveniently do so. Got your card only today. Can send things by express to Moreland's Wharf care Mr. Wienges (?). I will write again as soon as I know the exact time I will "step off"".

310. Letter, Jan. 12, 1889: From T.B. Ellis, James Island, to S.M. Benton, his brother-in-law, at Pleasant Farm.

"I wrote you last week telling of my intentions as regards 29th. I will be married on that day at 8:30 P.M.

"Should you not get my last will state or repeat part of contents. Please send me as soon as you can make it convenient, my two trunks with whatever they will hold of my things - would like to get them at least a week before the 29th. Want harness, saddle, or any of the little things among my rubbish- you must take tools, Etc. Did you ever get the mule harness from Bennett? If you have not it would pay you to do so for the collars alone cost $5.00 and would give you good service.

"Besides the $50 and $30, I got two days since $62, and am more than much obliged to you for your kindness towards me. You sent me $30 of "hog money". If there is any more money behind for me, you must take out the $30 "hog money" that you sent me, for you must remember that I gave you the hogs & do not like your sending me any of that money.

"I also asked you to keep part of each lot of money that you collected - hope you have done so".

311. Letter, May 3, 1889: From T.S. Baynard, Martins Station, to S.M. Benton, his nephew by marriage, at Pleasant Farm. Received his letter last night and hasten to answer; sell as many bricks, etc. - evidently repairs to a house; does not wish to sell his property, unless can get good price; thinks the property in Beaufort is worth $1000 & the land $10 an acre; you can see parties that are able to buy & let me know - has received letters from several - but do not wish to sell if can help it; see Mr. Thomas and see if he wishes to buy; thinks property in the low country will go up later in life; try and do your best for us; hopes he (Benton) will receive his rewards in Heaven if not in this world; wife sick in bed, a perfect sufferer; sometimes both sick in bed at same time; but our Heavenly Father is certainly able to help us.

312. Letter, Aug. 27, 1889: From "Aunty" (likely Mrs. George A. Chisholm), Appleton, S.C., to Emmy Fripp at the Bluff. A very descriptive letter of farming, with the many set backs, but joys and rewards also. Gives news of family and friends - Aunt Amanda, Annie Grimball, Mr. Blount, Leila (Fripp) Tison, Blanton Calhoun, Uncle Tom, Allie, Benny Tison, and others.

313. Letter, Oct. 21, 1889: From J.S. Ellis, Martins, S.C., to Rosa Ellis Benton, her niece, at Pleasant Farm. Probably Juliana S. Baynard Ellis, Wife of S.G. Ellis.

"I expect to go down to Grahamville tomorrow to spend a week with Brother Calder and Sister Julia. As I am very anxious to see you all, I thought I would write you that if it will suit Mr. Benton to go to Beaufort Depot on Tuesday the 5th November that I would pay you all a week's visit. It is a long time since I have seen you all. I would like to hear whether you receive my letter, if you write as soon as you receive it direct to Grahamville Care Revd. C.A. Baynard. I am very sorry to inform you that Julie Rhodes lost her youngest daughter Corinne last Sunday morning. She was eight years old. They have been deeply afflicted. Out of four daughters they have only two left. But God knows what is best for us. We are well at present. Calder has been sick, but is up again. I saw Sarah yesterday. She still suffers with her head. Give my love to all the family. Hoping you are well and in the enjoyment of God's blessing, I am, Your fond Aunt, J.S. Ellis".

314. Letter, Nov. 18, 1889: From B. Chaplin, Horse Gall P.O. Hampton County, S.C., to S.M. Benton, Pleasant Farm. "In August last, I was at Mr. John Fripp's on the Okittie looking at the lands in that section. He told me you were the Agt. for Dr. Ellise's plantation, to sell or lease, if I remember aright. You will be kind enough to let me know if the said place is for sale or lease or rent. If for sale, please state best terms & price & also the rent for one, or more years. Let me know the no. of acres in the tract of land & how many acres of cleared land".

315. Letter, Dec. 6, 1889: From Thomas B. Ellis, Allendale, S.C., to S. M. Benton, his nephew-in-law, at Pleasant Farm. "Yours of the 4th I have rec'd and enclose you tax receipt for 1872. The receipt for '71 I can't find right away but know I have it with some of my old papers. It seems strange there should be so much trouble about the taxes for that year. My brother Stephen (?) Ellis paid them once for me and misplaced the receipt, and you can see from the receipt enclosed I had to

pay them all over again with penalty attached to Mr. Veedier. I don't know anything that would give me more pleasure than to pay you and Rose a visit, but I am afraid I can't come again this winter. Why can't you come up and spend if only one week with me & I will take you all around to see your up country relatives, who I know would be delighted to see you. It would give me great pleasure to have you and Sis with me. I often think of you all and only wish you lived nearer to me. Goodbye. My love to Sis, Sister Ellen, Ellen and Carrie. Please Sis let and make the old man come & see us. All your relatives are so anxious to meet him. My kindest regards to my old friend, Judson Lawton. May God bless you all & if we should not meet again upon earth I hope we will meet in Heaven. Your affect Uncle, Thos. B. Ellis". The enclosed was a receipt of June 23, 1872 from Beaufort County, for $21.94 from T.B. Ellis, "on Execution issued for taxes during the year of 1871 *** Alex G. Veedier, Deputy T.B.C. For F.E. Wilder, Treas." This included State Tax, County Tax, Penalty, Costs, Mileage, and Poll Tax.

316. Receipt, Dec. 30, 1889: From D.H. Means, for Secretary of State, Department of Public Lands, Columbia, S.C., to S.M. Benton, Agt., Beaufort, S.C., for $45.44.

This was to apply "upon application of T.B. Ellis, Jr. & Wm. Weston to pay back taxes to the Sinking Fund Commission of South Carolina and have discharged of the debt and lien therefor, 200 acres in Bluffton Township of Beaufort County forfeited to the State For Taxes in the name of T.B. Ellis; said money to be regarded as a payment upon said proposed discharge else returned to said applicant, % S.M. Benton, Agt., Beaufort, S.C., without interest, as the said Commission accepts or rejects said application".

317. Letter, May 2, 1891: From Ross Ellis Benton, "Ingleside" (?), to Emmie Fripp, at the Bluff. Received her letter sent by Julian; no turkey eggs now, and none can be gotten from the negroes; may have some later and will give her some; a brief note, as our cousin and all at Mother's (Mrs. Benton, Sr.) are coming for tea; she leaves tomorrow; will miss her very much. "We took tea with them last evening, and sang until after twelve o'clock - We stayed two nights at Edgar's, and both he and Mattie so very kind that it was our own fault if we did not have a real good time! Cousin Lillian (Stead) said she enjoyed it very much. "Little Edgar" is a dear, bright little fellow". (Edgar Fripp married Mattie Jenkins after the death of his first wife, Lilly Ellis. "Little Edgar" was their son - later lived at Burton, S.C., where I met him. He died in 1963. E.D.E.).

"The day after we came back from St. Helena we went down to Bay Point in the Pontiac! Carried provisions and bedding and stayed two nights. Took long walks on the beach, gathered baskets of pretty shells, and went in bathing in the surf - The first breaker that came knocked Cousin Lill and me down, and if we had not been holding to each other and Mr. Benton our other hands we would have been carried out by the wave - but he held us strong and we soon got on our feet laughing and screaming with fun at the tops of our voices! Mr. B. took us out farther, and the breakers dashed over us - then we all gave each other a good ducking. I have never enjoyed anything so much for a (torn). Wish we could again go down and stay a week or two. *** The Lawtons have all moved to Beaufort".

318. Letter, June 26, 1891: From Mrs. W.D. (L.P.R.) Birt, "Brooklands", Kiko, S.C., to S.M. Benton, Pleasant Farm.

"I enclose you today a paper that Col. DeTreville of Orangeburg (formerly of Beaufort) sent me to forward to Col. Elliott - I also enclose Col. deTreville's Letter - that you may see what he has to say about the business - which you can return to me sometime - My Mother's will that he alludes to - was drawn before the war & recorded in the Gillisonville C.H. (Court House) which was burnt (by Sherman) with all papers during the war - I had a Copy of the will which my Mother kept in her workbag - that Copy Mr. deTreville advised me after the war to have certified to by Mr. H. Ellis who wrote the will - and whose health was failing - saying that he would have it recorded I think here - as all business was at that time transacted in Barnwell - He seems now to have no clear recollection of the transaction - I will have to refresh his memory when I write to him -

"I write in a hurry - as I am about to go to Barnwell with this paper to the Probate Judge - and will mail my letter there - which ought to have been attended to before this - but it has rained so much & has been so stormy I could not leave the house - I did not receive the Letter for sometime after mailing.

"I send much love to all. Have received Rose's letter & my Sister's enclosure - I have no time now to write to them. Will do so shortly - in the meantime they must write. Excuse haste".

319. Letter, July 19, 1891: From T.B. Ellis, James Island, to S.M. Benton, his brother-in-law, at Pleasant Farm. Thanked him for the eggs; had wanted some of those fowls for some time; tell Walker no Berkshire Hogs on the Island that are worth anything; no full bred Plymouth Rock fowls on the Island, but there are Wyandottes here; "I heard that Julian Fripp is married to a Widow who has three children, is it so? How about the Foot Point "Boom"? What is the opinion of the people around that section? Do they think it is something of the far future or does it look as if the R.R. will soon run there? & if it does, will it cause the old Okatee to "look up" a little in price of land or any other way?

"Did I thank you for the jug of Syrup you sent us? If not, allow me to do so now. It was delightful - gave a little to Mr. Hinson who spoke very highly of it.

"I want very much to go up and see you all - do not see any other chance than to take an excursion train abt. the latter part of Sept. & pay a flying visit - for my family have gotten so large that my responsibility is now a very grave one & nothing but a busy & excited life keeps me from worrying to death over the future. The more I see of this world & the changes of human nature & of the things generally that surround us - the more I can see the foolishness of our laying too much stress on dependence on ourselves - we have got to have help from higher power, but it is hard to "wait patiently and do the right". The weather has been very hot & rainy lately. We have got some cotton worms now & fear we will have plenty of them soon.

"Mamie & the two little men have gone to dine at "Grandma's" - the first time Mamie has been out for abt. two months. We are pretty well. Hope we will get through the summer all right. Am looking forward with great pleasure of you & Sissie's coming down this Fall to gala week, but you must let us see more of you than last time".

320. Letter, Sept. 5, 1890 (?): From T.B. Ellis, James Island, to S.M. Benton, his brother-in-law, at Pleasant Farm.

"Whatever you can get from hands on my land use in any way you think would be of most benefit to yourself. You can make any arrangement you see fit for another year. I do not need any money now, am getting on tolerably well, but I am afraid I will be compelled to make some dispoeition of my land in the course of a year or two - will talk it over when we meet, which I hope will be some time this winter, for will try to go down, if only for a couple of days.

"Old fellow, do not think me selfish and ungrateful for your many kindnesses to me and all of us, for I can never forget your and Sissie's kindness to me during my last month or so with you - in fact if you did not go over to the Oakatie and take me home with you as soon as you did I have no idea that I could ever have recovered from a state of melancholy which was fast taking hold of me. (His sense of duty, after the death of his brother DeTreville, caused him to relinquish a good position, leave his future wife, and attempt planting at Cedar Point under practically impossible conditions, since his mother and two unmarried sisters could not carry on alone. Other arrangements were finally worked out. E.D.E.).

"I am working very hard now and have little time to write".

321. Letter, Oct. 1, 1890: From Mrs. Andrew G. (Sarah Ellis) Hasell, Myrtle Grove, to Rosa Ellis Benton, her sister, at Pleasant Farm. This is a sad letter telling of the brief illness and death on Sept. 27, 1890, of HER SON Bentley, aged 5 (B. May 12, 1885). She had lost one son in 1885, aged about 2, and now had only one son left - Andrew George Hasell, Jr., born Apr. 23, 1887. She had written her mother shortly before Bentley was taken sick; Mr. Baynard said he would pay you a visit with pleasure, but did not mention any particular time; Mrs. Wm. Fripp was so kind and sympathetic the day Bentley was taken to the Church.

322. Letter, May 7, 1892: From Rosa Ellis Benton, Pleasant Farm, to Emmie Fripp, the Bluff. Had succeeded in getting some eggs for her; hopes they will hatch well; Mamie was visiting Mrs. Walker; is to come home this evening. Mrs. Walker comes tomorrow to stay with us for perhaps a week; were glad to see Mr. Howard (?) on Tuesday; he is such a nice gentleman; we think of going to church tomorrow to hear Mr. Leper, still looking for her to pay them a visit; wrote her a letter by mail a few days before.

323. Letter, Sunday, Dec. 10, 1893: From Rosa Ellis Benton, Pleasant Farm, to Emmie Fripp, the Bluff. Received her letter last night; will be glad to copy and send thru others to friends; been having much company lately; our cousins, Mrs. Rice & Fannie Hasell stayed with us while Mr. Wilkins was at the association; "last Sunday Mr. Lawton (?) brought Lillian out to stay awhile with us - so they were here, & in the afternoon Mr. & Mrs. Walker and the children came over - and in the evening Mr. & Mrs. Pinkney & Clarence took tea. *** Mr. Lawton went back that night, but on Tuesday afternoon Mr. Hainsworth (Haynesworth ?) came out, and he & Lillian stayed until Frid. Said they had a "big time" out here - Mr. H. said it was the pleasantest visit he had ever paid. He is so full of fun & mischief we all like him and think him a very nice young fellow *** Mrs. Walker has fever again *** so glad Mamie has gone to stay with her *** Mrs. W. went to see her sick sister, Mrs. Gignalatte (?), last month, and left her little Annie with us for nearly two weeks. When is Mamie

Jenkins to be married? Do you expect to attend the wedding? How is the little church getting on? I am glad they are building it again, but I think it is a great pity it is to be strictly of any one denomination. *** We have almost given up looking for you any more! *** come when you can, & stay as long as you can - We will always be glad to see you whenever you do come. *** If we have time to pick them in the morning - will get you a few flowers - The roses have been very pretty this fall".

324. Letter, Dec. 28, 1893: From T.B. Ellis, Jr., Land Surveyor and Dealer in Lumber, Martins, S.C., to "Dear Cousin" - not otherwise identified, either name or place.

"Your Postal has been received and in reference to shingles you had better write to G.R. Black, Millett's, P.R.Rd., S.C. He is regularly in the business of shipping cypress shingles. I hope you have made arrangements about taxes. We have had a very quiet Christmas up here. Owing to Mother's continued sickness we did not have as large a crowd as usual. I suppose you heard of the accident to one of our neighbors Saturday before Christmas. Mr. Walker who rents a place near here was recurbing a well & slipped, falling 60 feet. He never recovered consciousness and died Saturday night. He was agent at Martins.

"I have no planing machine at my mill, so cannot dress your lumber. Can get it dressed here on one side and two Edges for $3.50 per m.

"Hope you all have had a pleasant Xmas & wishing you a happy New Year - Yours truly, T.B. Ellis, Jr.".

325. Letter, Jan. 24, 1894: From T.B. Ellis, James Island, to S.M. Benton, his brother-in-law, at Pleasant Farm. Had received his note; had not replied as was waiting to see if he might visit them; no chance now but hopes to in the early summer; children getting larger and expenses necessarily increasing; gave certain advice. Part of a letter, remainder not found.

326. Letter, March 12, 1894: From Mrs. E.E. Ellis, Pleasant Farm, to Mrs. W.D. (Lillian Perryclear Rose) Birt, her sister, Elko, S.C.

"Mr. Andrew Hasell died last week on the seventh, after a short illness, though he had been in bad health for some time. Sidney received a note from Mr. J. Fripp on Monday evening telling him of Mr. H's illness, and asking him and Sissie to go over, as he did not think Mr. H. could live a week. They went right over the next morning, and he died the following day. I am so glad that Sissie was with poor Sarah. Mr. H. was as well as usual until Saturday, when he feel to the floor in an unconscious state. He remained in a stupor from that time until he died, Wednesday morning. Sissie is still with Sarah but we expect her home tomorrow. Sidney had returned home but went over again yesterday. Sarah and the three children may come with them to stay awhile.

"That Grippe has become a dreadful scourge, we hear of so many deaths from it. Heard last week of the death of one of Ida's sisters, a Mrs. Rhodes, from grippe. When she died she left 9 children with it. How very sad it is for a mother to be taken from a large family of children. Our friend, Mrs. George Chisholm, has had another stroke *** her mind is not impaired. Mrs. Tom Fripp, another old friend, *** had a painful operation. Also our friend, Mr. Heyward Howard *** fell when a ladder gave way *** injured his foot, which had to be amputated *** now well enough to walk a little on crutches. *** Will write no more bad news,

only that Julianna was extremely ill when we heard from Julia (Sallie ?) Furse about a week ago (She died Apr. 4, 1894. E.D.E.).

"I will now answer the questions you asked in your last letter. Stephen left 5 sons - 1. Richie, the eldest, a Lawyer. 2nd. Lawton, married a Miss Wilson, lives in Barnwell. 3rd. Tommy, at home with his mother. 4th. Caulder, married a niece of the 1st Mrs. Caulder Baynard. 5th. Ephraim, a Doctor.

"Carrie Givens, or Robinson, is still with her aunts. Caroline returned home not very long after the storm of 1893, as she thought Beaufort would be very unhealthy, which is not so. It is as healthy as it ever was.

"The last we heard of Robert, he was in Augusta trying to set up a school, but had not succeeded. I feel very sorry for him. He is old, in bad health, and his money is almost gone.

"We have had delightful weather since March 1st. Susan, Fannie and Mr. Wilkins came out on that day, Thursday, and returned Saturday. They seemed to enjoy the visit very much and we did too. I did not see much of Mr. Wilkins as I only went down (stairs) once while he was here, but he is very agreeable *** and not as tall as Susan. Mr. Walker and children spent the morning with us last Monday. Her sister Mrs. Gigilatte is dead. Lillian was to come out for a few days but writes that she cannot as she had whooping cough. Emmie and Alice Fripp have been here for a few days, not at the same time. Now that the weather is so pleasant the Beaufort folks are beginning to take long drives out into the country. They often make this the end of their drive. Two parties came out last week, the first in a very stylish turn out, one lady and two gentlemen. Next evening another party came, 3 ladies, 1 gentleman. They staid nearly an hour. Ellen walked with them over to Mrs. Benton's to see her beautiful Japonica tree, now in full bloom. The folks here were acquainted with nearly all of both parties, but not intimately. The last ones said they were coming again soon. The prettiest flower now in bloom in Sissie's garden is the spirea. It is perfectly beautiful. We get Japonicas from Mrs. B's garden. Mrs. Heyward, who was engaged to Mr. Baynard, is married to Dr. Pritchard. He is 80. His first wife was Mrs. Heyward's aunt.

"I will now tell you about the new piazza. There has only been a porch on the east side of the house, but Sidney is now putting up a double piazza, to the south, which is the front of the house, to extend also round the west side. The lower one is already nicely floored and the carpenters are now flooring the upper one, our piazza Carrie and I call it, for we will have more use of it than any one else. It will make our room so much pleasanter, for now that so many trees have been blown down, the sun comes in our west windows, and makes it warm in the afternoons. The piazza shed will shade them.

"My room and Ellen's has each a door, opening on the south piazza. They say all will be finished in a week, but I doubt it.

"14th. Sissie and Sidney did not get home until last night. Sarah did not come with them, but is to come two weeks from now and stay awhile. Sissie says she hated to leave her (torn) family named Graves living on the place. They are very kind to Sarah. One of the family will sleep at her home every night until some other arrangement can be made. I was glad to hear from Sissie that Mrs. Chisholm is much better, now can use her hand and get about a little with Mr. Chisholm's assistance.

"Drum fish are just coming in, are sold in Beaufort at a high price.
"Another party out this morning. We tell Sissie the place is getting to be quite a fashionable resort.

Your affectionate sister,

S.E.Ellis".

(This is the last letter of hers that has been found. She died Jan. 28, 1899. E.D.E.).

327. Letter, Aug. 17, 1894: From T.B. Ellis, James Island, to S.M.Benton, his brother-in-law, at Pleasant Farm. Had sent him a card a few days before; had sent him some Minorca and Leghorn cocks; discusses breeding fowls for laying purposes; mentions number of fowls he had; asked about his orchard; thinks of paying them a flying visit in Sept. on the excursion train; "Mrs. W.B. Seabrook of James Island is from Bluffton - has been married about 15 years to Mr. S. of this place. Do give lots of love to mother and all. Remember me to your Mother & C.B. (Clarence Benton). Tell Mr. B. will look for him to come down & spend gala week with me - What's the chances of you & Sissie coming down?"

328. Letter, Oct. 15, 1894: From Sarah Ellis Hasell, Myrtle Grove, to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney M. Benton, her B.I.L. and sister, at Pleasant Farm. Had received his note with nails last week - was feeling too badly to write; better now; Nellie had been in bed 4 days with fever; better now; thanked him for the nails; "Mr. G. finished the work yesterday & it looks very well for the old lumber. I will have to part with some more of our cows soon & have the entire house covered with tar paper as it leaks dreadfully now & they tell me the roof is in a miserable condition & I am afraid living in such a damp house will cause death among us. I will make out my list now for the goods - I know the $5 will not hold*in Nov. when the rent is collected. (the list followed this) *** the baby can walk all around now. *** Don't think it would be safe for Carrie to come over now as there is so much fever around here & our house is hardly dry before we have another rain soaking every thing in it - about the bedrooms".

329. Letter, Oct. 26, 1895: From T.B. Ellis, James Island, to S.M. Benton, Pleasant Farm. Had received his note; would have written when money was sent but did not know when it went; sent the additional $10.00; gave reasons; if you can get the lumber to the spot, get one of the Fripp boys, or someone, to take your part in helping to build; as soon as you get things started try to get out of it - do not do the heavy work, and do not stay over there; made suggestions about financing the work; take care of your frame - no one will help you if you break down; wish he had realized this earlier - health not at all good now; work your head rather than your body; try to accomplish the Okatie business with as little work and worry as possible to get things done before cold weather; sale of cocks to Walker; welcome to what you get for them; cotton crops very good; gave yield per acre; common cotton selling like hot cake at 24 to 28¢; "If I possibly can want to go to Atlanta but doubt if can as have a good (deal ?) of expense & trouble on me this fall".

330. Letter, Oct. 17, 1897: From T.B. Ellis, James Island, to S.M.Benton, Pleasant Farm.

"Yours to hand. Wish you had told me about horses 6 weeks sooner. Mr. Lawton had 218 horses for sale - cheap - most of them very good -

*out, but please get the balance on credit and send me the account and I will pay

some fine. $75.00 was the highest price that any sold for. Mr. Hinson bought a good mare for $45.00. Lawton bought them for a mere "song" when the Street Cars, or "Hayburners" stopped. They were all sold when I got your note. We never strike up with anything for sale over here that would suit you, but you can find something that would suit you at some of the Stables in the winter. "Gala week" is put off 'til about middle of Dec. on account of fever in New Orleans. The little storm injured cotton considerable but guess will make about a bale to acre any how. We are having a good fall for harvesting. We have only one fowl laying now - they have done very little laying for some time. Eggs are selling at 25¢ a doz. Have had some trouble with my chickens lately. Sorehead took them & lost a good many.

"Hope you will get a good price for your little cotton crop. Have heard of two people selling their crop at 50¢, but of course very few will get anything like that price. How have you succeeded with your turkeys? Perhaps you could get a good price for them gala week. Love to all - look for you about 15th Dec."

331. Two letters, Oct. 29, 1898: From Mrs. L.R.F. (Lillian) Stead, Canton, Minn., one to S.M. Benton, her cousin, one to Mrs. S.M. Benton, Pleasant Farm. Chided them in a gentle way for not writing; sorry Rosa weighs only 89; she (Lill) did weigh only 87, but now weighs 101; received "Auntie's letter with an account of the storm *** thankful none of you were hurt; lists their fruits; was much interested in your acct of the fortifications (Spanish American War). The familiar names recall many pleasant memories *** am glad of the peace *** should love to see those rolling breakers again and bathe in the surf - I can feel the delightful salty invigorating feel of it yet. Bennie (son ?) will never forget his trip South". Gave news of her family; evidently quite a religious family; describes what they do along that line; suggests to Cousin Rosa that she let some things go undone each day and take a little rest - but then gives what she had done that day; had evidently lost a son, Allie, within the year; "so nice you still have your Mothers & Sisters with you. Mamie *** is a jewel". sent love to Cousin Clarence; sorry his front Veranda went down (storm); used to love to sit out there so much.

332. Two letters, both possibly Monday, Jan. 30, 1899 (?): From Bessie Seabrook and J.W. Horry, Wilmington Island, Ga., to Mr. John E. Fripp, Grahamville, S.C. Both told of Robie Fripp being sick with the Grippe and possibly being homesick too. Both think a visit by him (Mr. Fripp) would help Robbie. Horry invited Alice Fripp to make them a visit and stay with sister. When he comes to Savannah take the cars for Thunderbolt and Mrs. Sawyer, at Sawyer's wharf there, will direct him - or they can send a boat to Thunderbolt for him.

333. Letter, Feb. 1, 1899: From Emmie Fripp, the Bluff, to Mrs. S.M. Benton and Family, at Pleasant Farm. Nice note of sympathy at the death of Mrs. Edmund Eugene Ellis on January 28, 1899. "I feel so sorry for Carrie. Try and bring her over perhaps it will do her good".

334. Letter, Feb. 1, 1899: From Lillian Haynesworth, Beaufort, S.C., to Mrs. S.M. Benton, Pleasant Farm. Letter of sympathy at the death of Mrs. Ellis. Had written Mamma of the sad news. "Jimmie, Edna, and the Yarns unite in sending their love to each one of you. *** Kiss Miss Mamie & Miss Carrie for me - also Nellie".

335. Letter, Feb. 3, 1899: From "Cousin Fannie", Charleston, S.C., to Rosa Ellis Benton, her cousin, Pleasant Farm. This was likely Fannie Hasell. Letter of sympathy. "I am having a pleasant time here. Cousin Sallie is very good and sweet to me. I have been trotting to the dentist a good part of the time. *** You had better go in and stay with Auntie a while, it will do you good. Cousin Sallie says she remembers you & sends her love & sympathy."

336. Letter, Feb. 4, 1899: From "Cousin Sue", Beaufort, to Mrs. S.M. Benton, at Pleasant Farm. Mrs. Benton had evidently sent her a note thanking her for having helped nurse Mrs. Ellis during part, at least, of her last illness; mentioned that two years before Rose (Mrs. Benton) had nursed her when she was sick; so was her debtor; extended sympathy; asked about Carrie's health; gave news of different ones; mention of Dr. Atmar Smith, Dentist in Charleston; great deal of Grippe in town; mention of obituary for Mrs. Ellis to be published in The Baptist Courier: she worked up a draft and was sending it out by Mr. Benton, to be checked and returned as soon as possible; Mr. Benton had trimmed her rose bushes for her.

337. Letter, Feb. 4, 1899: From C. Mabel Burn at Beaufort (?), to Mrs. S.M. Benton, Pleasant Farm. Letter of sympathy at the death of her Mother. Mr. Benton told her Carrie had been sick; hope she is better; Mother and Sisters send their love to all; wished they lived closer so could see all.

338. Letter, Feb. 4, 1899: From "Sallie" (Furse ?), Martin, S.C., to Rosa Ellis Benton, Pleasant Farm. "My very dear Cousin - I heard yesterday of your dear Mother's illness *** hope *** she is better *** Carrie sent me a letter to read from Aunt Carrie telling me of the sad news of her sickness *** have missed getting your sweet letters *** my sister Martha *** Mr. Cook and two daughters spent 10 days with us at Xmas *** Horace is still with us *** Genie Furse is visiting Mrs. Thompson, expects to visit Beaufort before returning to Savannah *** I feel so worried about dear Aunt Ellen, dreamed about you all last night, do write soon and let me know how she is *** I hear George Rhodes is clerking in Beaufort *** I know he minds being separated from his family. I would like so much to see Aunt Carrie, but my health is so poor I don't feel much like visiting". She, Sallie, had Grippe since the first of Jan.

339. Letter, Feb. 6, 1899: From A.E. Lawton, Savannah, Ga., to Mrs. S.M.Benton at Pleasant Farm. Letter of sympathy on the death of Mrs. Ellis; loved to think of the beautiful care bestowed on her - "such sweet consideration as we do not often see these days. I will never forget Mr. Benton's true deference and politeness. *** Tell me of your sister over the river (Sarah Hasell), the little one you have adopted (Nellie Hasell) and the one at school (Andrew George Hasell, Jr.) *** Mr. Lawton went to Livie's *** He has not entirely recovered from the Grippe *** Lill wrote dear "Aunt Sue" was with you *** know it was a comfort to you". "Mother Benton" and Mr. Clarence Benton were mentioned - sent kind regards to them.

340. Letter, Feb. 20, 1899: From Mrs. Carrie DeTreville Ellis Baynard, Appleton, S.C., to Rosa Ellis Benton, her niece, at Pleasant Farm. (She was a Sister of Dr. E.E. Ellis). "I received your kind letter. Oh how I do sympathize and feel for you all dear children *** and poor Carrie has been taken too (Mrs. Ellis died Jan. 28, 1899 and her daughter Carrie on Feb. 17, 1899,

age 32). George wrote us the word *** I know dear Mamie will miss the loved ones so much when ever she goes up stairs *** I hope Mrs. Rice was with you in your last trouble *** a dear friend *** I would have written sooner but was taken the day after I got your letter with a severe attack of neuralgia. Was in bed nearly a week got a little better, during the freeze got much worse *** My brother Robert (Robert DeTreville Ellis) fell in the sleet and snow bruised his hip and his wrist is swolen and crooked so Lawton Ellis wrote me he went soon after Xmas to spend some time with him. He is very feeble now. He was 70 years old in October. *** A kind friend of mine fell in the sleet and almost broke her hip *** Dr. says she will be in bed about two months. *** I never heard of so many birds and rabbits being killed in a snow storm. Six and eight doves were found frozen in one place - the poor little sparrows were picked up all about the yard. How is dear Sidney's health now? Is his sister still with her Mother? How is the old ladies health? *** Julie, Josephine and May send much love and sympathy for all".

341. Letter, March 5, 1899: From Florence E. Burn, Beaufort, to Rosa Ellis Benton, her friend, at Pleasant Farm. A letter of sympathy at the death of her mother and sister. Asked her to visit them if only for a few days; quiet and would not have to see any company; Mother too hopes she can come - do her good.

342. Letter, March 6, 1899: From Mrs. Caroline DeTreville Ellis Baynard, Appleton, S.C., to Rosa Ellis Benton, her niece, at Pleasant Farm. Had received her nice long letter; so glad Mamie went for a change; "she was so kind to me when I slept with her *** Sorry to hear Sidney is so unwell. He must take care of himself. I know he exposes himself too much. George came up yesterday. Expects to return tomorrow to B- He and Julie have gone today to see my poor brother. He went the last of December to spend some time with Lawton Ellis at Bulda (?) - he went out on the back piazza to get some water during the freeze - fell down knocked his hip out of place and broke a bone in his wrist - a Doctor was not sent for until two weeks after. He said the hip ought to have been pulled back in its place immediately, now it is too late. It would kill him. He is very feeble - can't stand much. He was 70 years old last October. It worries me so much I am not able to go see him. He spent some time with L. and Anna last year. He told me they were very kind to him. Josephine and Barger live about a mile from here. She walks very often to see us. B. brings her sometimes in the buggy, but he is very busy preparing to plant - they came in the snow storm to stay with us. May is at home now making a quilt and raising chickens. Julie had a beautiful garden before the freeze. Nearly everything was killed - Some of her geraniums were killed in the pit. The night blooming cereus that bloomed last spring and the Xmas cactus only a small piece alive".

343. Letter, part only, remainder not found, March 15, 1899: From Lillian Stead, Canton, Minn., to Mrs. S.M. Benton, wife of her cousin, Pleasant Farm. Had evidently received a letter from Rosa and this was written in reply. "What a comfort to look back at your dear mother's last years and know how peaceful they were - I can see her as tho' it were yesterday sitting in her chair the very picture of calm and peace. I should have written before but had a house full of company *** and since then Bernie has been pretty sick with the measles *** better today *** Ask

Cox, Sidney if he remembers when he and Cousin Clarence had measles in Minn. They did not feel sick and tho't it pretty hard not to be allowed to go out doors".

344. Wedding Invitation: From Mrs. E.H. Harper to attend the marriage of her daughter Elizabeth Grattan Harper to Thomas Baynard Ellis, Jr., Thursday afternoon, October 5, 1899, at five o'clock, Reedy Branch Church, Martin, Barnwell County, S.C.

345. Letter, Mon. Evening, Dec. 18, 1899: From Rosa Ellis Benton at Pleasant Farm, to Sarah Ellis Hasell, her sister, at Myrtle Grove. Part of a letter only - rest has not been found. Told how dangerously ill her husband, Sidney, had been; better now, but still not able to cross the river yet and take her and Nellie over for a visit; his turkeys to be sent to Charleston on Wednesday; he will go down on Friday; a flat was there for wood; "poultry thieves so daring now that he was afraid to trust his turkeys even one night; keeps his gun right at hand every night, and on the least disturbance shoots right out of the window - has lost nothing since he began to do that. If he could have gone this week, we wanted Nellie to go with him to see you and Johnie. *** She went to Beaufort on Wed. before Thanksgivings day and was invited to stay, so "Bro. S" left her until Friday. She was delighted with her visit & wanted to stay longer *** she took cold in town *** hot fever *** dosed her well with calomel & quinine - improving ever since - so pretty, bright and fat. She writes well, only gets too tired to write much at a time; is beginning to read a little by herself now, so will improve faster - will soon be in the 2nd reader. Poor child! She began to make Xmas presents early in Nov. *** her own wish *** we let her do it to encourage her in being unselfish & generous - & in being thoughtful of you and her little brother *** We will send you a box with a few little things for Xmas. *** Mother (Benton) still with us - men working on house and she will return home perhaps in one, two, or three weeks - I wish she was comfortably fixed there now, and that you & Johnie could be with us for a nice little visit. I have wished so much that you could spend Xmas with us *** had a bad headache all day".

346. Letter, Feb. 1, 1900: From Rosa Ellis Benton, Pleasant Farm, to Sarah Ellis Hasell, her sister, at Myrtle Grove.

"Nellie has just finished a little letter to you, so I will add a few words to go at the same time. She wrote that mostly all by herself only asking me now & then how to spell a word. She nearly always got them right tho' with the first or second trial. (She was 8 years old). I was very sorry that she could not have stayed longer when she went last, but this time of the year is the very worst for getting about - especially across the river - In the spring - if nothing prevents - I hope she can go & stay a week or ten days with you - I would like to go too & see you & stay with the three Fripps. I have just got some new lining & will get Mrs. Wilson to help me alter the jacket for Nellie - but the dress I will keep awhile, as it is so large, & she will not need it this winter. Her presents are all very nice, & it was very kind in Mrs. L. (Lowndes?) & Mrs. Page to take so much trouble. Have you written to thank them yet? When you write again, please send Mrs. L's address. Mr. Fripp told Nellie that she ought to write to her & I think so too - just a little note of thanks for her things & I want the address. Besides

Mamie's & Ida's letters we got kind sympathizing (death of Mrs. Benton, Sr.?) letters from Tom, poor dear old Aunt Birt, George & Julia Rhodes &" End - rest not found.

347. Letter, March 30, 1900: From Alice Fripp, the Bluff, to Mrs. Sarah Ellis Hasell, her friend, % R.W. Ellis, Estill, S.C. Received her welcome letter on Saturday; don't think will ever get accustomed to her being away from her little cottage; Pa (Mr. John E. Fripp) went over there a few days before & said everything looked desolate with you away; sorry you had such a cold and disagreeable ride - had turned very cold and rainy after you left that morning; asked how Johnnie got on with the children; Cousin Leila (Fripp Tison) and the four youngest children just gone back home - spent nearly a week with us; Emmie went to Savannah last week; to go to Beaufort and return by way of the Bentons; she had been sick - cold, damp, planting far behind; Pa and Charlie putting up fence around Mrs. Lowndes' yard; Daisy returned home last week; she could have had the school for another month; "Friday eve. Emmie got back this eve. Mr. Benton and Nellie came over with her. Nellie looks well. She has gone to spend the night at Cousin Florries. I know she will have a nice time over there. Edna & little Louis came over for her. Must close as it is dark, & the sand flies are biting".

348. Letter, Aug. 10, 1900 (?): From Marie Ellis, Pleasant Farm, to Alice Fripp, her young friend, at the Bluff.

"I thank you ever so much for your sweet note & the nice peaches. They were very much enjoyed I can assure you.

"Nellie has had one of her friends Minnie Bostick spending a few days out here. She & Bro. Sidney have gone to town to take her home this afternoon. Dr. Eve spent yesterday with us. Bro. S. took him home in the afternoon in his boat. Nellie & Minnie went with them too. Annie & Joe Walker, Bro. S.& N,Mrs. & Mr. Brown and Daisie Varn (who was out on a few days visit to Nellie) went to Laurel Bay about a week ago & had a pleasant little picnic. ***

"When you see Louis please tell him I was so much disappointed that I did not see him. Would have asked him upstairs had I any idea he was going before breakfast.

"Wish it was that some of you could come over oftener as its always such a pleasure to have any of you with us. We had service here last Sun - the Walkers came. Mr. Varn & Mrs. Sawyer's three children. The Eves had company & could not come. Mrs. W- has not got home yet. Much love for dear Em & your sweet self, from your loving friend. E.N. Ellis".

349. Letter, Monday, Oct. 22, 1900: From J.E. Fripp, the Bluff, to Mrs. Sarah Ellis Hasell, % R.W. Ellis, Estill, S.C. Had received hers of the 9th; been looking for you every day since; had written you on the 6th and you should have received it the same day you posted yours - if not before; "I write this to say your house is ready for you: and you can come right along. I have to ride around now and Alice may finish it".

350. Letter, Oct. 22, 1900: From Alice Fripp, the Bluff, to Mrs. Sarah Ellis Hasell, % R.W. Ellis, Estill, S.C. "Dear Miss Sarah.

"I only have a few minutes to scratch you a few lines. You know I am truly glad to hear you are coming back. I miss my old friend so much! It is so lonely down here. Our dear Aunt Poodie died last Sunday night

very suddenly. It was a shock to us all. She was sick for a week but was getting on so nicely, but was taken ill Sunday morning & died that night. I am too sorry for Uncle Tom (?) & the boys. Don't know how they will manage without her - Em & Alfred are going up to Cousin Leila's for a few days - I suppose you have heard of little Leila's death. It was another shock to us as Rob & I were up there only a few days before & left her so well. Hoping to see you soon, Yours lovingly, Alice".

351. Letter, Jan. 7, 1901: From Captain John E. Fripp, Bluff Place, to Mrs. Sarah Ellis Hasell, % R.W. Ellis, Estill, S.C. "My dear friend

"I was in hopes of seeing you before this time; and that you would be in your own little Cottage again and I have some one to meet me whenever I went over: I have been over there all morning and its lonely and dreary without you - things are getting lean from the winter weather - so much cold rain lately. They seem to keep about the yard too much, and don't go to the cain breakes as Bailey's do - the calves are looking very well and Dempsen says he don't take much milk and don't pen or milk them in bad weather at all.

"The last letter I had from you was dated 19th and I would have answered before now, but had so much to do for my friends the "Yanks" (He was managing the property of a Northern Gun Club - possibly Chelsea. E.B.E.) that I was too busy to do so just then, and towards Xmas I put it off hoping to get your "Check" and it came to hand on Saturday $4.00 which I now enclose to you and send you also a $5.00 bill - You take so long to come that you must be in need of shoes & thick clothing for yourself and Johnnie these cold days-

"I do wish I knew for certain sure if you are coming and when - you see its time to make arrangements with the Negroes for another year - and fix James about the corn I took; as its still over at his place: and there are others who owe a little on last years account its no use to handle that corn twice - that is, to take it over to your house now: then if you don't come to haul it here, and pay you for it myself - & use it- You know we have a bad lot of Negroes on that place -

"I have received a letter from Mrs. Lowndes. Wants to know if you received what she sent you by Express and a Box she sent to Nellie by Express to Beaufort - As Sidney has not been over here since October or early Nov. I can't say anything about it - You write her if you can.

"The Boys saw Nellie in Bft (Beaufort) on Xmas or New Year - I don't remember when. Say she was looking well & well dressed and sweet. She was there for some days to have a good time -".

352. Letter, Feb. 8, 1901: From Captain John E. Fripp, Bluff Place, to Mrs. Sarah Ellis Hasell, % R.W. Ellis, Estill, S.C. "My dear friend

"I received yours of 29th last Saturday. I don't think you will come back from what you say about Dick so busy, and Ida and the horses *** Did you tell Dick about hiring horses to come down?

"Its rain and fog all day: and I have written lots of letters and sent your message of thanks to Mr. McCord in my report today.

"I am thinking of sending you the $10.00 left over from him: and if you want more, let me know. I have some for you to live on should you come - don't forget.

"9th. Its been rainy & fog all night and looks like its going to do so all day. I want to go up to Grahamville if possible. This is the kind of day you should be thankful you are not down here in all this wet to get wood and water. We have the smallpox (so called) all around and about us: and at Bft. (Beaufort) Bluffton & Ridgeland, etc.

"I got a letter from Mrs. Lowndes (Since you wrote her) saying she had not got a letter from me: If I did, it was lost - now on the 12th Jany I sent her all the land rent money $14.87 ct: I don't think we will lose it. Its a postal order and I find I had sent it directed to 4th Street instead of 14th - I must have been in too much hurry and left out the 1 - What shall we do with the Fowles? I will have to stop. Love from all".

353. Letter, Feb. 8, 1901: From Alice Fripp, Bluff Place, to Mrs. Sarah Ellis Hasell, % R.W. Ellis, Estill, S.C. "My dear Miss Sarah

"I have been wanting to write you for a long time, but kept putting off as I always do for some other time. Pa received your letter on Saturday - and we are always so glad to hear from you.

"I know how anxious and worried you are about poor little Nellie. Louis went over there on Tuesday - I have not seen him since he came back.- but sent over to find out how Nellie was, & he said she was better the day he was there. I truly hope she will soon be quite well - She has certainly had a hard time of it. I wish some of us could have gone over to see her; but somehow it is hard to leave home.

"Emmie would have gone over - but she is suffering with a boil, or carbuncle back of her ear - very painful and she was vaccinated a few days ago and her arm has started to pain her too - Smallpox is spreading all over this County - two or three cases at Ridgeland, several near Bluffton - and lots of it on St. Helena and around Beaufort - We have some vaccine points here - Tommie did his arm this morning. I guess I will have to do mine too - but I hate to do it - I hope the grippe won't some here. I hear it is raging in Charleston -

"Pa is kept busy riding around & seeing after things. I don't know what he would do with himself, if he did not have something to see after - The boys are busy at work, for another year's struggle. The weather is so rainy & windy can't do much work. We have had a very pleasant winter so far, not very cold but rather windy - Robbie is on St. Catherine's Island now- about 50 miles down the coast - a very lonely Island. He is keeping a Commissary down there. The Capt. has small Industry (?) down there too - I hate the idea of Robbie being so far away from us all. He seems to be very much pleased with the place; they will only be down there during the winter months. Charlie is on Wilmington Island, keeping the store there. We miss him very much - I don't know yet if he is coming back this spring or not - Alfred & Archie are both working in Bluffton, & are doing well. I send you three little violets - the first time they have bloomed this winter".

354. Valentine, Feb. 15, 1901: From Nellie Hasell, about 9, Pleasant Farm, to Mr. John E. Fripp, Bluff Place. This included a printed verse from the Bible, and on the reverse, in pencil: "To Mr. J.E. Fripp, With much love, from his little "St. Valentine" Nellie".

355. Card, June 21, 1901: In ink "God be with us, 'till we meet again" Julia A. (?) Ellis. Allendale, So. Car., June 21, 1901 (?)".

356. Sheet, date unknown: A single sheet folded into 4 pages on which are written in ink: "Mrs. Richard W. Ellis, Hillside, So. Ca.", and the words for "Cottage By The Sea"; "Nora O'neal"; and "Rock Me to Sleep Mother".

357. Letter, Monday 6 P.M., On the Piazza, 1901 (?): From Rosa Ellis Benton, Pleasant Farm, to Emmie Fripp, Bluff Place. "My dear Em

"We had a fine sail over this A.M. reaching our back landing in five minutes less than two hours after leaving the Bluff shore! The shortest trip I have ever heard of any boat making over here by way of Rose Isld. We enjoyed it too. What a hot day it has been? Charley, Robie, Mr. Benton & Clarence have all gone to Beaufort, Mamie is brushing out flies, Garland is sitting near me reading and Nellie is in the big bath tub. It has just thundered! So I am ever so glad we did not wait for this afternoon to come over -

"Nellie and I enjoyed our visit ever so much, and thank you - one and all for your many kind attentions - especially dear "little" Alice and yourself. Mr. Benton says Nellie and I both look better, he thinks, than when we left home. I know I ate enough to make me fat, but I did not feel well or bright. Mr. Benton himself has been feeling badly ever since I left - but not laid up - feels better today. Shipping his cucumbers in this heat worries him.

"I will send you some quince marmalade. We think it makes nice layer cake but it is so stiff & sweet I thin it with a little hot water. I send you also some bread and Alice a little candy - that is if Mr. B.- does not forget to get them for me in B.- We will look forward to Mr. Fripp's and Alice's visit until they do come - if it is not until the next twenty years!

"Mamie, Garland and Nellie join me in much love to Alice and yourself. Kindest regards to Mr. Fripp, Dan & Tommie. I want to write a line to Sarah, so must close. In haste, Your loving friend, R.A. Benton".

358. Letter, Jan. 10, 1902: From S.M. Benton, Pleasant Farm, to Captain John E. Fripp, Bluff Place. This was written on the letter head of "Office of Voluntary Meteorological Observer, U.S. Weather Bureau". Mr. Benton was such an Observer for a number of years. "My dear Friend

"Your kind, good letter with enclosure (15.00), reached me two days ago, and I thank you most heartily for the same and for all your kind-ness to us displayed on every occasion, and lasting these many years.

"I thought of going over your way today, but have taken a bad cold, and am hardly able to go, - would have to come right back, and go to Beaufort tomorrow. - I was glad to hear that you were all well. Hope you had a pleasant, if not a merry Xmas, and wish you, all, the blessings of health - happiness - and prosperity for 1902. We have had company for some time. On Dec. 27th Calder Ellis, and his little girl, Daisy, came down, and staid until New Year's day. On the morning of that day Bro. Dick, one of his little girls, "Maggie", and his old friend Mr. Jim Roberts, came down, and spent a week with us.

"I am busy getting ready to plant peas. Expect to put in 10 Acres. - I want to take Andrew over with me when I go. He is doing better than I expected *** very steady at his work - seems to take an interest in it. Is hearty and happy. (Andrew Hasell's father died when Andrew was not quite 7 years old. He was 14 at this time. E.D.E.).

"Mrs. Walker has been sick for quite a while. She had a little infant born Dec. 26th. It lived just 4 days. Rose has had to be over there helping to nurse her considerably and is nearly sick herself. - I hope you may retain your position with the Yanks (Likely at the Chelsea Hunt Club) at an increased salary. Was very sorry to hear of Mr. Howard's calamity, but am glad that he has been helped to rebuild. All join in love to you, and all the family. Why don't you astonish us by coming over to see us? It would be a great surprise, but as you know, a very pleasant one.- I will try to get over soon".

359. Letter, Friday, Aug. 26, 1902: From Rosa Ellis Benton, Pleasant Farm, to Emmy Fripp, Bluff Place.

"As Charlie returns in a short time I will not be able to write you much, but just must send you a few lines for love and remembrance.

"After an absence of nearly six weeks we reached home last Saturday and found it good to be home again! Considering all things, we had a very pleasant trip, and met many pleasant people, but I will have to wait until we meet to tell of all the lovely places we visited. We started for home last Thursday and expected to be home by Friday P.M., but our train was delayed by two wrecks, first we had to stay in Columbia almost five hours in the night, then about two hours on the road not far from Allendale - making us miss our connections with the boat in Savannah - so we stopped off at Allendale and spent the night with Uncle Tom Ellis and Julie. His son's wife & little girl were there too, and we were so glad to meet & know her, she is such a charming lady.

"Mon. When I had written this much on Frid., Mr. & Mrs. Dorsett came out from Beaufort, and stayed all day, so I did not have time to finish. I suppose Charlie told you that Clarence is here & sick all of last week. He is better, but Mr. Benton is now sick, but not in bed. All returned from N.C. too soon - wish we were all back there now, and to stay. It is too close & hot here. Nellie begins to fall off already - was so fat & well a week ago & I can not sleep from nervousness at night. It will soon be cooler now though and then, perhaps, we will all feel better. I am sorry that I could not have had more talk with Charlie, but I was busy all the time, & company came too. He". It ended here - the rest could not be found.

360. Letter, Dec. 23, 1902: From Rosa Ellis Benton. Pleasant Farm, to Emmy Fripp, Bluff Place. Mr. Benton expects to send the boat over in a few minutes, so only a few hasty lines; thanks Mr. Fripp very much for the use of the boat and sorry had to keep it so long; she had had three more to cook for, including Mr. Theodore Leach - who is to help Mr. Benton in his planting; heard Sarah was better; thanked all the Fripps for what they had done to help Sarah and her family; Mamie had been quite sick - better then; She (Rosa) does about all the cooking - three hot meals a day - Old Betsy helps with the rough work, and cooking for the hands, she is a great help, but has not come for two days; made and fixed some dresses for Nellie; sending a jar of pears, one of fig-pickles, and a cake; asked her to get the other box to Sarah; Nellie in Beaufort - will come out this P.M. for the holidays; she is delighted with going to school, & gets on very nicely; "Your books are safe here. I have not read yet".

361. Letter, Dec. 27, 1902: From Rosa Ellis Benton, Pleasant Farm, to Sarah Ellis Hasell, her sister, at Myrtle Grove. Hopes she and her boys were having a pleasant and happy Christmas; Nellie was anxious to attend a wedding today, at the Episcopal Church in Beaufort, the bride being her teacher the first term she went to school - so Bro. Sidney took her in this morning; Bro. S's sister may come and visit us; the Eve's are being visited by a lot of their folks; yesterday they borrowed a gun to go hunting; in the afternoon a party of 11 young ladies and gentlemen came out from town for the ride and to take views of the oaks; Nellie could not go to the Xmas tree - still had a little whooping cough left and could not stay with Daisie for fear the two little children might take it; mentions different ones sending gifts- "our cousins in town - Cousins Fannie Danner & Eliza Hount (?) & Cousin Sue & Fannie - and from Bertha Hitchcock and a lovely book set from Tom & Mamie". Mentioned the Walkers, the Rices, the Hitchcock place and Mr. Varn. "On Sat- Xmas *** a young lady and gentleman came out from town, to get some evergreens, & took dinner with us *** they seemed to enjoy their visit so much & we did too. The young lady was Mr. Porter Danner's daughter, & one of the best pianists in town - She played a good many pieces for us. Her father died recently". Bro. S. and Nellie spent an evening at the Eve's - Xmas tree and nice supper, and Nellie took a pretty cup and saucer for Miss Annie;expected Mrs. Philips, her sister-in-law, and she and Nellie decorated the sitting room with evergreens; Clarence dropped in; Mrs. Walker spent a day; asked Sarah to come and stay; "You will remember this sugar dish as a piece of Mama's old crockery. The plate the cake is on is too. The cup & saucer were Carrie's. *** Nine o'clock & time for prayers".

362. Letter, Jan. 13, 1904: From Bertha C. Hitchcock, Plainville, Conn., to S.M. Benton, her uncle, at Pleasant Farm. This was a letter of sympathy at the death of his wife on Jan. 8, 1904 (B. Dec. 17, 1847), age 56; wished she were nearer so she could care for him, and for Mamie -"who was so dependent on her sister." "For I feel ever grateful to you for the comfort you were to my mother when she was all alone with her little babies, & there at times without them. Later my associations with you & Mrs. Benton are of my tenderest memories of my girlhood life. *** I thank you very much for writing. It was lovely of you to do & I don't see how you could bring yourself to write so much so composedly - Of course we were glad to hear it from you & thank you again for giving so much of your time & yourself for it. Do you have Mrs. B's niece (Nellie Hasell) with you & Clarence (his brother)? I do hope they may be of some comfort & assistance to you. *** I think your next will be a note from Mama - though she writes but seldom, I know she will write you now".

363. Letter, Jan. 15, 1904: From Lizzie A. Wilson, Fort Mill, S.C., to S.M. Benton, Beaufort, S.C. This was a letter of sympathy at the death of his wife. She had just heard it from Theodore. "In her I felt that I had a true, personal friend. I shall ever look back with pleasure to the time I spent among you, just four years ago. Her kindness and tender, loving thoughtfulness for me then, was like that of a sister, and her loving words of sympathy to me, when I too, was passing under the rod of affliction, will ever live with me. Her character and life as far as I saw it, to me was beautiful. *** Give my love to Miss Mamie.

I hope she is better before now, and to Nellie. Dear child, how she too, will miss "Miss Rose"! Tell Theodore I will write to him soon. Give my kind regards to Mr. Clarence".

364. Letter, Jan. 18, 1904: From T.B. Ellis, James Island, to S.M. Benton, his brother-in-law, Pleasant Farm, Beaufort, S.C.

"I feel anxious about you all. Wish you would write me.

"I got over here about 1 o'clock last Thursday. I spent a very pleasant evening in Beaufort. Stopped in the store to see Mr. H. Danner but he had gone off; spent about an hour at Mrs. Rice's - both she and Miss F were so very pleasant & entertaining. Mr. & Mrs. Varn were so very kind & hospitable. They got up at daylight & gave me a nice hot breakfast which I enjoyed very much before going out in the cold - you know every thing was frozen up hard, the A.M. I left Beaufort.

"I took with me a bottle of cologne for Marie. Left it I think in one of your drawers. I forgot to give it. If you find it do give to her.

"Frid (ay).

"Mr. Hinson made more cotton than he expected. The 69 acres here yielded per acre 308 lbs.; he made from the other place, some fifty odd acres, about 260. Sold both crops at 32 cts. Has Miss Emmie F gone to you yet? Have been very busy ever since my return. Had about 40 hands at work today. Wish I was close enough that I could run over & talk to you often. I was very much impressed with the sincere friendship & high esteem in which Mr. & Mrs. Walker regarded Yourself & Sissie - have never seen any people that seemed to be so much in sympathy & so kind & unselfish in time of trouble. I liked them before, but have a higher estimation of them since my last visit to you.

"Do remember me to the Whiplers & tell Mr. W. that I do not believe I thanked him for driving me to Beaufort - in my hurry never thought of it. In fact thought would have met him later in evening, but did not. Thank him for me & give my love to the ladies - I hope to see them later. Remember me to Mr. C.M.V. (Clarence Benton) & to the Walkers. Also to Mr. Leach & Miss Rice & thank her for her kindness and attention to me when there. We are planting this year 81 acres of cotton, about 45 acres of corn, besides truck, etc. Love to all".

365. Letter, Jan. 18, 1904: From Mrs. S.L. Hitchcock, Plainville, Conn., to S.M. Benton, her brother, or brother-in-law (?), or friend (?), at Pleasant Farm, Beaufort, S.C. This was part of a letter - the rest can not be found.- of sympathy.

"which is ours providentially - Children have gone to our Church prayer meeting tonight & 'tis about time for their return - We shall hope to hear soon how you are & about Marie. If she is spared - give her much love & sympathy - We are thinking of you very much".

366. Letter, Feb. 1, 1904: From Bertha C. Hitchcock, Plainville, Conn., to S.M. Benton, her uncle, at Pleasant Farm, Beaufort, S.C.

"Your letter to Mama was duly received *** all so glad to get it *** and to learn the particulars of Mrs. B's illness & we thank you so much for giving so much of detail, appreciating that it was a hard thing to do, for you to write it. It made it real hard for you didn't it? her illness away from home although there was much in the loving care & generosity of the Walkers that will ever be a beautiful memory for you to possess, & partly compensate for the being out of ones own home at such a time when the environment of ones own room counts for so much.

"Mrs. Walker must feel her loss greatly. I can easily imagine they were as sisters - fine women both of them. Indeed, she may well esteem it as a privilege to have been able to care for her friend & we sincerely regret that we could not have shared in Mrs. Walker's ministrations.

"I was so relieved to read that, in your letter saying you believed Mamie would recover, for while she is not one ever to assume responsibility or perhaps be much in the way of companionship for you, still as you say she is dependent & will need your care - that is just it, & a mercy, to have some one to care for & that still needs the output of your best endeavors.

"You spoke of Nellie as being only twelve years old - did you mean that? for from what I have heard from the Gage's I think she must be about sixteen *** At either age, she will be a great care for you, as well as much light & sunshine. (She was 12. E.D.E.). We know nothing of Garland Rice, but should think she might be a great help to Nellie in many ways. I hope she is - I judge by her being with her (Nellie) while you were away that you & the Rices' affiliate to some extent at least. I hope so *** We are wondering how your brother Clarence's health is now, & since his life is so changed (death of his mother?) he surely must be a source of comfort & strength to you. I wish some arrangement might be made by which he could run both places for awhile, as you did, & in the meantime you come to us for a rest & change which I am sure would do you & us a great deal of good. *** you will come to us, won't you?

"It was very nice of Clarence to give his house for the funeral - I am so glad he did - and the Whipples added much certainly in giving of their music. Not knowing exactly where the funeral was, but wishing very much to be with you all in the spirit at least, I took my Bible Sunday afternoon & had a little service for her all by myself. I am so glad I did, for it seemed almost the only tribute I could pay her, unless it be that of re-assuring you of a sincere friendship for you both. But of that you know, & I only regret that I have nothing but pen & paper with which to express it to you. I am wondering if your sister is with you - I hope she may be for a time, at least till affairs can become adjusted once more - In the mean time I hope you may keep measurably well in your unselfish devotion to the welfare of Mamie & Nellie. ***

"I thought if you happened to see it in the papers you might wonder how we existed during all this cold winter. I never saw such in my life! 32 days of continuous sleighing. The cold is intense. Lots of days since Jan. 1, Mercury has been near zero all day, not over 6° perhaps -

"Our coldest morning was 30° <u>below</u>, the next 28° below, <u>five</u> times <u>25°</u> below - Yesterday 18° below. And we are alive & well to tell the story. The sleighing is simply elegant, our paths look like ditches in white.

"Snows a little every few days till now every thing is thickly covered & the road is as smooth as a polished floor. One day last week the mercury crawled up to 40° for the first time this year. I do hope July will be warmer than January - That day it was so sultry I took Mama for a sleigh ride to New Britain to see Uncle Edwin Lyon (?).

"Please send us a breath of Spring & write when you can if only a note to let us know how you are".

367. <u>Letter</u>, Feb. 5, 1904: From F.H. Howard, Grahamville, S.C., to S.M. Benton, Pleasant Farm. "Dear Sidney

"Your message about the beeves came to hand on Saturday through Mr. Fripp. I would give you the amount for the 4 but one of them will not be fit for beef till Spring as it is poor & also too small - But will send you $30.00 for the 3 at once & take the other & pay for it as soon as is taken on some flesh - So let me know at once - I would have taken & paid Mr. F. today but said he would prefer for my writing you -

"We were truly shocked to hear of the death of your beloved Wife - Mrs. H. & myself do sincerely sympathize with you in your bereavement - & I only wish we could do anything for you - If you come over this side come up and see us".

368. Letter, Feb. 15, 1904: From F.H. Howard, Grahamville, S.C., to S.M. Benton, Pleasant Farm. "Dear Sidney

"Please find enclosed check for $30.00. Could not send on Sat. as I did not get mail till night. With kind regards, in haste".

(This was written on the letter head of "MORTON HOUSE, Union Square, Broadway and 14th Street, (Opposite Washington Monument) European Plan, $1.00 per day and upwards. John R. Nugent. - H.J. Jackson, Jr. New York, ----- 190 ". E.J.E.).

369. Letter, Feb. 22, 1904: From Bertha C. Hitchcock, Plainville, Conn., to S.M. Benton, her uncle, Pleasant Farm, Beaufort, S.C. "My dear Uncle Sidney,

"That is quite a scheme of yours to get a letter - the flowers came today - a veritable breath of spring.

"You don't know what a sensation they produced. We had some friends calling when they came, & the exclamations over peach blossoms would have amused you. The idea that peaches can bloom anywhere this winter seems incredible. Yesterday our mercury registered 2° below zero, & today we have peach blooms. The japonica & smilax decorate our dining table. *** I thank you very much. I don't know what I can give you in return I am sure unless it be a piece of ice. Our local dealer has put ten thousand tons of ice in his house. I don't wonder you object to a Connecticut winter. So do we all, but don't you stop thinking about coming during the warm season. ***

"I have in mind a quotation from a certain Book that says some thing about bread returning, which has been cast upon the waters. Perhaps you have thought of it too, & that the many kindnesses you have received are of your own distribution, come back to you sweetened by association. I think so, & that you are getting just what belongs to you, my Uncle Sidney.***

"I am so glad that Mamie is so much better that she is able to supervise the household affairs. Well, in Nellie you have a problem hard to solve haven't you? - Oh, I do wish I were near enough to be of some help to her - Still I presume she is really as well situated as if she were to go home & probably much better. I wish she were sixteen though instead of twelve. *** If you are raising thirty acres of pease you will have an interesting time picking them. *** I judge that this year you & your brother are running your places separately & that the Whipples are running his.

"Yes Augustus is a regular weather prophet & so accurate that his predictions seldom fail - he would be much interested in your weather bureau records any time it is convenient for you to send them.

"In letters from your home you have so often spoken of attending church in Beaufort, that I conclude you go quite occasionally - isn't that nice that you do but I imagine you don't go often in the summer time. (That was a 11½ mile round trip over sandy roads - and in the horse and buggy era).

"Is Mr. Githens (?) still your rector? I have heard the Gages say so much in his praise. I quite admire him too.

"P.S. I have finished your letter written while Augustus was reading aloud about Russia & Japan. *** My love to Mamie & tell her I am going to write her a letter soon".

370. Will, Apr. 19, 1904: Of Sidney M. Benton, Beaufort County, South Carolina. Witnesses: Charles E. Danner; J. Albert Kinghorn; W.J. Thomas. Trustees: "My friends Henry T. Danner, Beaufort, South Carolina. Thomas B. Ellis, James Island, South Carolina". Executor: Henry T. Danner. This will provided that "my adopted daughter, Nellie Hasell", be allowed to occupy and use his plantation and house on Broad River, Port Royal Island, and to obtain most of the income, for her life; that his sister-in-law, Mary E. Ellis, shall have the right to make her home on the plantation and to obtain a suitable amount of the income; that his half sister, Ellen F. Phillips, if misfortune overtakes her, shall have the right to make her home on the plantation; that if Nellie left issue, everything be divided equally among her children; that if she left no issue, everything be divided equally between his brother Clarence Benton and his half sister Ellen F. Phillips.

371. Deed, Aug. 1, 1908: From Thomas B. Ellis, of James Island, S.C., to Chelsea Plantation Club, a Corporation under the laws of the State of New York. Recorded and certified Aug. 5, 1908, by S.H. Rodgers, Clerk, County Court, Beaufort County, Beaufort, S.C. This provided for the sale by T.B. Ellis, for $2000.00, of three tracts of land - 200,83, and 117, acres, or 400 acres, total - consisting, as near as can be determined, of Cedar Point, Tuckers Point, and Low Bottom. The photostat copy is very indistinct, but it seems to show it was bounded by lands owned, or formerly owned, by such persons as John E. Fripp, Sarah E. Ellis, A.G. Hasell, T.B. Ellis, Cupboard, Bacchus and William Weston.

372. Letter, Aug. 28, 1908: From Mrs. Sarah Ellis Hasell, Myrtle Grove, to Nellie Hasell, her daughter, % T.B. Ellis, James Island. Received her letter that morning; was glad to hear as thought she was still in Beaufort. (Sidney M. Benton died in 1908. Nellie was staying with her uncle Tom and his wife Mamie. Her aunt Mamie Ellis, sister of Sarah, was visiting her brother Richard Ellis at Lawtonville. E.D.E.). Her little coon was all right and growing fast - he spends most of the time in the yard now climbing trees, but sleeps in his box every night.

"I heard 3 weeks ago that Mrs. Varn had succeeded in getting you a scholarship for the Home - I am disappointed about it - I have no idea how to write a business letter of that kind - & know nothing at all about your father's regiment or where he fought either - he was twice my age - so of course I was a little child when he was in the Confederate Service -

"Mr. John Fripp is the only one left about here who could give any information on that subject. He is sick now; he was taken up from the yard unconscious a few days ago - is better now - but very feeble & unwell -

"Do you know if your uncle Tom is acquainted with Mr. Hasell Heyward - your cousin? He lives in the City & could tell him a good deal about your father's movements in the Civil War - as they served in the same company - Ask him to try & find out -

"What a pity you could not have gone on to school right in Beaufort. I think you will find it hard getting in at the Home - your uncle Richard served in the same company with your father too - but I don't think he could or would undertake to write any thing about it, for he has no turn for business letters - or time -

"I could give no information at all - as I know so little about it - except that he was certainly a soldier in Captain Heyward's company & served throughout the entire war - but can get no proof here - to send them - so what can I do - Tom might go with you to the Home & talk it over with some of them. I wish I could do some thing for you about it - I hope it will turn out all right - Mr. Martin, little Isabell & the baby & nurse were all here on Saturday - they asked after you too - I went with them to the arbor & helped to pick some grapes to send Mrs. Martin. We have had a great many. Wish you & Johnie could have had some of them".

373. Letter, Aug. 30, 1908: From John Lawton Varn, Beaufort, S.C., to Nellie Hasell, % T.B. Ellis, James Island, S.C.

"We were all delighted to have your letter which came to hand this afternoon. I am glad you are happy down there. Knew they all would be good and kind to you.

"I do hope Mr. Ellis will move over this way, and that it will be on your place. I do hate to see strangers there. Mrs. Fripp & I dined with Lillian & Garland Rice on Friday; went over to the place. It made me inexpressibly sad to see the dear old house and no kind, welcoming face. All around the house and garden looked very clean and sweet. Saw Mrs. Stradler washing, but did not speak to her.

"Daisy expects to go to Charleston next Saturday. You must be sure to go over to see her; she can only stay a week or ten days, school opens on the 21st.

"I did not hear from Mrs. Dill. My sister Belle went to see her and told her all about you. Why don't you telephone to Mrs. Dill? She will be glad to tell you anything you would like to know.

"Mr. Danner has not come back yet, but I think he will be here this week. As he was to be gone two weeks, the time is up.

"Tuesday. Ida Muller (?) is still here, but think she will get off some time this week. She will soon have to take up school teaching again.

"The children often speak of you. You are just like a sister to them.

"Edna Lawton saw Miss Mamie in Lawtonville. She was visiting her brother Richard (Ellis). Said she expected to come down here in two weeks. have not heard from her since you left.

"Joe and Dan Walker were in to see us last night. Joe thinks the family will soon move in town to stay with Miss Emily. Mr. Walker wants to rent part of his place.

"Give my love to your Aunt Mamie. Tell her I do hope she is coming over here to live. Beaufort is far ahead of Charleston for a home.

"Give my love to Cousin Kesie & Rosa Royal when you see them again.

"With much love from one & all. Your fond friend".

374. Letter, Feb. 19, 1926: From Richard Archibald Ellis, Barnwell, S.C., to Mrs. W.L. Pickard, his cousin, Tifton, Ga. The writer was the eldest son of Stephen Grattan Ellis. He was born Nov. 29, 1853, died Feb. 25, 1940, age 86. He practiced law in Barnwell for over a half century. He was 72 when he wrote this letter. Mrs. Pickard was evidently a daughter of Benjamin L. Willingham.

This is a very interesting and informative letter about the Baynard family. Mention is made of: his cousins Willie Baynard and Richard W. Ellis being in Captain George Cuthbert's company during the Civil War. and about the death, in action, of the former; his mother Juliana S. Baynard, daughter of Archibald Calder Baynard (later widow of Rev. Wilson Edward Hall and later wife of Stephen Grattan Ellis) attending Madam Talvan's school in Charleston; he being named for his grandfather Baynard; "after the battle of Port Royal, Nov. 7, 1861, many people of Beaufort left, refugeed to other places: Some toward Charleston, Savannah, and upper part of the State, or Barnwell, Orangeburg, or Columbia: When mother heard that the forts that guarded the entrance at Hilton Head and Bay Point had fallen, and that the Federal fleet and soldiers would take possession of Beaufort the following day, it was: Supper was on the table; but nobody took time to sit down: We all were bundled (he was not quite 8) in grandmother Baynard's carriage with such clothes as we had on, at about half past 8 or 9 PM we crossed Port Royal ferry reaching Lawtonville about sunrise next morning having traveled all night - Grandmother Baynard was already in the up country either at Mother's at Gravel Hill, or Aunt Telie's at Smyrna"; many other Baynards and relations; the story of the Chaplins will be sent later, etc.

375. Letter, (?) , 1926: From Richard Archibald Ellis, Barnwell, S.C., to Mrs. W.L. Pickard, his cousin, Tifton, Ga.

This also is a very interesting and informative letter - about the Chaplin family primarily, but it also mentions many other closely related families such as Baynard, Pressley, Ellis, Witter, Adams, Capers, Lawton, Willingham, Rhodes, Oswald, Duncan, Holcombe, Hagood, Aldrich, Harley, Edwards, Sams, Bostick, Clark, Chovin, Reynolds, Peeples; Buckner; Kirk, Lightsey, Bush, Garvin, Goode, Hall, Roberts, etc. Mention is made of his father, Stephen G. Ellis, his uncle, Thomas B. Ellis, his half brother Wilson E. Hall, about a dozen Chaplins, and others, who were members of the Beaufort Volunteer Artillery; that the B.V.A. was almost exclusively composed of persons born and raised around Beaufort and that it was "as old, or older probably than the 19th Century". For three months he attended a school in Beaufort kept by a first cousin of his father's, Miss Caroline DeTreville. "At the end of the three months, the school was indefinitely suspended. The town was taken and everybody left for terms of indefinite length, after listening, all day of the 7th November 1861, to the reverberation of our guns at Fort Walker and Beauregard, and the much heavier guns from the fleet of Admiral DuPont, the most formidable fleet, up to that time that had ever assembled in American waters. (His father and his uncle Tom, were probably on duty at Fort Beauregard, at Bay Point. E.D.E.). He mentioned the system before the Revolution of taxing the people for support of the Parish Church, regardless of their religious affiliation. "My father's people, the Ellis's were members of Saint Helena Church in Beaufort from the time of its establishment (1712, although the church building was not erected until 1724) until my grandfather, Richard Ellis, married Miss Sarah Witter, the daughter of one of

the deacons of old Euhaw Church (Baptist) at Grahamville, S.C. to wit. Mr. Jonathan Witter". The "S" in his mother's name was evidently for "Sophia" - from this letter. Mention is made of the different places where they lived while refugees. His mother had been the widow of Rev. Wilson Hall for four years when she married Stephen G. Ellis in the home of Mr. Miles Brewton Sams and his wife "Cousin Caroline".

376. "The Ellis Family", March 1939: By Mrs. Robert Lee (Nellie Hasell) Fripp. This was entered above in Part I of this pamphlet.

377. Resolutions, Jan. 1944: On the death, on Dec. 31, 1943, of Mrs. Thomas Baynard (Mary Lebby) Ellis", for many years a loyal and devoted member of the Mt. Pleasant, S.C., Presbyterian Church, the Sunday School, and the Auxiliary". This was signed by a Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary consisting of Eunice B. Boyd, Emily D. Royall and Mary P. Whitesides.

378. In Memoriam, Feb. 23, 1944: From Page 15, Christian Observer, Louisville 2, Kentucky, dated Feb. 23, 1944.

"Mrs. Mary Lebby Ellis, December 9, 1857 - December 31, 1943.

"Miss Julia Bee Lebby, December 5, 1859 - January 12, 1944.

"These two sisters were the oldest members of the Mount Pleasant, S.C., Presbyterian Church, and until they were taken by death within a few days of each other, had been devoted and faithful attendants at all church services, as well as interested and active members of the Sunday School and Auxiliary. They will be sadly missed, not only in our church, but in the town, for their Christianity showed itself in their good works, and, following their Master's example "they went about doing good".

"Until the last few years, when the infirmities of age made it impossible, almost every afternoon "the girls", as they were affectionately known in the community, could be seen bound upon some mission of loving service - visiting strangers, bringing help and comfort to the sick or those in need and distress, without regard to race or religion. There are many who remember them with gratitude and mourn their passing.

"These two were devoted sisters and inseparable companions, and to us who knew and loved them it seems beautifully fitting that they should have reached the end of their pilgrimage only a step apart.

" "They were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided."".

379. Letter, Aug. 15, 1959: From Catherine Harper, Registrar, Medical College of South Carolina, 16 Lucas Street, Charleston 16, South Carolina, to Colonel E. DeTreville Ellis, 24 West Irving Street, Chevy Chase 15, Maryland. Re "your relatives".

"Edmund Eugene Ellis graduated here in the class of 1841. His graduation thesis was titled "An Essay on the Anatomy and Physiology of the Respiratory Organs". This was a requirement for a degree and it is bound with others of his class in our library. It was, of course, handwritten and was 41 pages long".

"Robert Lebby Sr. graduated in 1826. *** (My great grandfather;

"Robert Lebby, Jr. graduated in 1853. *** (My grandfather;

"Brewerton Monroe Lebby graduated in 1860" ***(My grand uncle; E.D.E.)

Miscellaneous - located later.

380. Diary, of John E. Fripp. Typed copy in Library, Beaufort, S.C., and in South Carolinians Library, Univ. of S.C., Columbia, S.C.. Pages 2,6.16,18,20 - March 18 - June 6. Information about location, near Hasell's gate, and building, the neighborhood church. Evidently he, Dr. Ellis and Mr. Hasell were the prime movers. The church was built but was burned - possibly during the war. Later another church was built on the site - the one in which Nellie Hasell and Robert Lee Fripp were married. This too was burned within the past 20 - 25 years. Dr. and Mrs. Ellis, and many others of the Ellis, Fripp and Hasell families are buried in that church yard. The first church was inter-denominational, as was the second church for some years. It later became Grace Episcopal Church by reason of changes in the families living in the area.

1867: Page 41 - Apr. 17. Wed. "Splendid day. Went drum fishing. Major Dick Ellis caught 2 drum".

This diary is quite interesting and of some historic importance.

381. Notes, around 1877 - 1878: From Mrs. E.E. Ellis and Carrie Ellis, at Cedar Point, to T.B. Ellis, at Plum Island. Mr. Chisholm's barn burned, horse, corn, etc. too. Gave some family news re Hasells, also Lowndes, Cuthberts, etc.

382. Letter, Jan. 30, 1782: From Richard Ellis to Genl. Nathanael Greene. The following is a transcript of the letter from Richard Ellis to Nathanael Greene dated January 30, 1782 from the Nathanael Greene Papers in the William L. Clements Library, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan:

"Provost Charlestown January 30th 1782

May it Please your Excellency

This is to acquaint your Excellency that after Being captured December the Thirtieth, I was hurried to this Dismal cell, where I have been Threaten'd at a most strange rate, they have interrogated me, as to What Commission I Bore, at the time of my being Captured; in the Service of the States, to all of such questions I refered them to your Excellency And Col°. Leigh, and as nothing shall ever alter my Honest Principles, towards my much Injured Country, I would - Therefore beg your Excellency for a Speedy Enlargement as I Well no (sic) it to be in your power. The place I am in, is fill'd With Brittish Criminals, not a man amongst them (Excepting a few of Genl. Marion's Militia) but is committed for Murder, or Robbery, Your

Excellency's Speedy Compliance with my request, shall be Ever most thankfully Remembered by---

Your Excellency's most Hble. & Obed^t. Servt

Richd Ellis".

(Note: This letter is owned by the above Library, which gave me permission to use it in my book, and stated in writing "We have this letter cataloged as an original autograph letter signed, written by Ellis and signed by him. We have also indicated Nathanael Greene as the recipient of this letter. I am sorry that we have no further information on Richard Ellis, nor on his place of confinement".

Reference to "this Dismal cell" seems to me to indicate he was confined in The Old Exchange Building, Corner of Broad and East Bay Streets, Charlestown,(now Charleston),S.C. E.D.E.).

383. Letter, Jan. 1840: From Richard Washington Ellis at Beaufort,S.C., to Edmund Eugene Ellis, his son, a student at The Medical College of South Carolina, Charleston, S.C. An abstract of this letter is given as Doc.No.2, above. Since I can now use the letter of 1782, I consider it appropriate to enter here the entire letter of 1840 from the son, as this will give the only letters so far found from my great, great grandfather and my great grandfather Ellis.

"Beaufort Jany 1840

Dear Edmund

Stephen I think is better. He lost the fever Saturday & it returned Sunday, but very slightly. I expect to return to Broadriver about the middle of this week. -- Doctor Johnson says you ought to be vaccinated as quickly as possible.

Provost Charlestown January 30th 1782

May it Please your Excellency

This is to Acquaint your Excellency that after Being captured December the Thirtieth, I was hurried to the Dismal cell, where I have been Threatened at a most strange rate, they have often interrogated me as to What Commission I Bore at the time of my being Captured, in the Service of the States, to all of such questions I refered them to your Excellency And Col. Leigh, and as nothing shall ever alter my Honest Principles, towards my much Injured Country, I would therefore beg your Excellency for a Speedy Enlargement as I Will no it to be in your power, the place I am in, is fill'd With British Criminals, not a man amongst them (Excepting a few Of Genl. Marion's Militia) but Is committed for Murder or Robbery, I Your

Excellency's Speedy Compliance with my Request, shall be Ever most thankfully Remembered by

Your Excellency's most Obt. & Obedt. Servt.

Richd. Ellis

1782 LETTER
RICHARD ELLIS TO GENERAL NATHANAEL GREENE

You will receive the trunk today by Beaufort District. With your trunk yr coat (?), cloak, Coleman's music book & 50 half spanish segars - You can tell Mr. Mood I will settle the fourteen dollars when I take up my Note for my watch (?) which will be as soon as I can get my crop out will settle with him for the amount.

Perhaps you may come across Charlotte in one of the Streets as Binah is there---

B. Blythewood told Dr. Johnson he saw Paris Island cotton & cotton from Hilton Head sell for 25 & 28 cts. That is equal to 40 dollars loss (?) on every bale I make this year -- I am afraid at the present prices I won't be able to satisfy my creditors --- Yr Mother requested me & children to give their love to you.

Affectionately

R. Ellis".

"Be sure to get vaccinated".

384. Obituary, Dec. 27, 1863: of Sarah Rose Rose. "OBITUARY

"He giveth His beloved sleep".

Died, in Orangeburg, on Sunday, the 27th. of December 1863, Mrs. Sarah R. Rose, late of Port Royal, S.C. Yes, she died, in the language of mortality; but in that of hope and of faith in her Redeemer, she only changed a lower for a higher form of life - a life oppressed with cares and sorrows for one which no care or, sorrow can mar, in that "better land beyond the shadowy portal of the grave".

Exiled by the war from her comfortable and happy home at Port Royal, she bore her hard fate with a quiet resignation, all her own, and in the declining of her health evinced, in glowing colors, those endearing virtues born and matured in earlier and happier days. Blessed in her last moments with the presence and tenderness of the one she loved most of all the living, her spirit passed away into its brighter sphere as the star, shining on through the darkness of the night, fades away at last in the brilliant glow of morning".

(Note: The above is a copy of a newspaper clipping located in an "ALBUM of SARAH ROSE ROSE - Orange Grove, Beaufort County, So. Ca. 1829". This Album, with clipping, is in the possession of my brother, Thomas Baynard Ellis, Greenwood, S.C. He also has the Bible of Sarah Rose, from which the following is quoted: "Died in Orangeburg Dec. 27, 1863--Mrs. Sarah R. Rose of Port Royal--aged 63. Dear Mother we will meet again". This was possibly written by my grandmother Ellis.

These probably meant she was originally from Port Royal Island. All other evidence I now have seems to show that her plantation "Orange Grove" was on St. Helena Island, rather than on Port Royal Island. I have never located an "Orange Grove " on Port Royal Island. However, there is an "Orange Grove" Plantation on St. Helena Island - formerly owned by the Snows and now owned by the Trasks. Perhaps we can learn more of this later. E.D.E.).

385. Letter, July 10, 1866: From John A. Moore, Gillisonville, S.C., to Dr E. E. Ellis, Cedar Point. This was a letter from Moore at the County Seat, Beaufort County, advising Ellis of a seventy five cent error in his and his mother's tax returns. Also, that he, Moore, had paid the additional amount. I note that the itemized tax return of Dr. Ellis showed 100 acres of land, while that of Mrs. S.W. Ellis showed 560 acres. Thus, the combined total was 660 acres - the exact acreage shown in the Marriage Contract of 1814 (Doc. No. 1, above).

386. Contract, March 1, 1868: "E. E. Ellis Contract with Freedmen".

"Oakatee River
Beaufort District, S.C.
Mch. 1st 1868.

"This is to show that we have this day formed a copartnership for the production of cotton grain and roots -- this contract to be of force until the 1st day of Jan. next ensuing.

E.E. Ellis (the proprietor of the plantation) agrees to furnish them with as much of the best quality land as they, the undersigned freedmen, can cultivate for one third of their labour; he, the said E.E. Ellis agreeing to assign them such light tasks as a days work as they can accomplish by 1 o'clock P.M. - He also agrees to let them have the use of two good mules to cultivate their crop for a slight consideration. He further agrees to furnish them comfortable houses free of rent - and his professional services as well as the leading cheap drugs free of charge; also fuel free of charge.

The undersigned Freedmen on their part agree to obey all instructions given by the aforesaid E.E. Ellis in the cultivation of all the crops on the place; to conduct themselves peacefully and orderly; to take good care of the mules while at work, and of the stock generally on the Place -- They furthermore pledge and bind themselves collectively and individually that at the harvesting of the crops of cotton, grain, & roots made on the Place they will return in money or as much cotton or grain as in open market will produce the money value of all advances made by the said E.E. Ellis or by any other party".

387. School Report, Feb. 29, 1876: From E.E. Ellis, Principal Teacher, to Board of Trustees, Genesis X Roads School, School District No. 2, Beaufort County, S.C. This was the required report for the month of Feb., 1876. Dr. Ellis was the only teacher. All scholars were colored; 1 female under 6 years of age; 1 male and 2 females were over 16; 20 males and 11 females were between 6 and 16 - total 35. This was a printed report form, all information having been filled in by E.E. Ellis in ink. (I recognized his handwriting-from several letters. E.B.E.). The school term had commenced on Jan. 1, 1876; school was taught 5 days each week, and from 4 to 5 hours daily; average attendance was 30½. The report was signed in ink "E.E. Ellis".

388. Letter, Jan. 20, 1878: From DeTreville Ellis, at Cedar Point, to T.B. Ellis, his brother, at Plum Island. Had received Mr. Heyward's letter re the $50 he had sent on Jan. 14 from Tom. (Doc. No. 115). Will turn it over to Mr. Bell. Had sent his cotton to the factor on Dec. 21 but not yet sold as no demand except at a sacrifice. He had hired Paul Simmons to work for him since Jan. 1. Mentioned difficulties about this. Father trying to get two more hands, so could plant more land. He, DeTreville,

wanted to strike out on his own and live at Castleton as soon as he could put up a small building. Needed cart to haul things. When cotton is sold, would send money to Tom and asked him to get a pair of iron axle wheels. Wants to have their land surveyed. The railroad south from Grahamville was being surveyed.

389. Letter, Oct. 6, 1883: From Z.T. Morrison, at Gillisonville, to Dr. E.E. Ellis, at Cedar Point.

"Office of
South Carolina Free School Fund Commissioners
Gillisonville, S.C. Oct. 6th 1883.

Dr. E. E. Ellis

Sir

Your favor duly Recd. Excuse delay in answering. Your first proposition had impressed me as being a very good arrangement as two schools could not be established, to give each race & Equal showing by Teaching one Class in the Morning & the other in the afternoon.

I had concluded to urge the granting of some assistance by our Board, but it appears from your Last letter that, that arrangement has been abandoned, and that you expect to teach 4 months for one Race. Now do you propose if you could get 2 months assistance, to use it for the excluded Race or how??

Please let me hear from you again.

Very Respectfully
Z. T. Morrison".

390. Petition, Oct. 20, 1883: "Copy of the Colored People's Petition for a School on the Oakatie - designating their Teacher - to the Board of School Trustees -

"Bluffton. Oct. 20,'83.

"We the undersigned Colored People living on the Oakatie thank the Board of School Trustees for arranging so as to give us a School - as we have had none for about 8 years - Consequently our Children numbering about 60 are growing up in ignorance. We desire to have Dr. Ellis as the Teacher".

"This is to certify that the above is a true copy of the original, to which the signatures of Seventeen prominent Colored men were made in my presence.

Andrew G. Hasell
Oakatie October 22nd 1883".

(Note: This should be read in connection with Doc. Nos. 73; 174; 211; 213; 220; 227; 261; 376; and 389 to obtain a clearer picture of the interest taken by Dr. Ellis in education of both races, with major emphasis on education of the Negroes. He died on Dec. 25, 1883 - just over two months after the above petition was made. E.D.E.).

391. Obituary, January 28, 1899: Of Mrs. Sarah E. Ellis. From The Baptist Courier, February 16, 1899, Page 15. (Courtesy of The Library, Furman University, Greenville, S.C.)

"At the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Sidney Benton, on Broad River, near Beaufort, S.C., Mrs. Sarah Ellen Ellis was called to her heavenly home, on the 28th of January, 1899. Mrs. Ellis, who was the widow of Dr. Edmund Ellis, had been an invalid for a number of years, and for the last twelve years had lived with her daughter, Mrs. Benton, who, together with her husband and other friends, found pleasure in ministering to her comfort during her last years. For her consolation and the consolation of friends in the home, Mrs. Susan J. Rice, of Beaufort, a relative of the family, and one of the most efficient Christian helpers in a sick room was present, soothing the declining patient in her last days and hours. The end came after a lingering and painful illness, which she bore with remarkable Christian fortitude. Hers was a long life of true devotion to God and of pure self-sacrifice for the good of others, while her strength lasted. Hence she was much beloved by many warm friends, who observed her bright and cheerful disposition. In her protracted weakness she was a striking illustration of the power of a vital faith, which enabled her to leave behind an example worthy of imitation. For thirty years she held membership in a Baptist church, having been baptized by Rev. Stoney Lawton in 1864. She was the kind mother of a large number of sons and daughters, six of whom survive her.

"O for the death of those
Who slumber in the Lord!
O be like theirs my last repose,
Like theirs my last reward.

"Their bodies in the ground,
In silent hope may lie,
Till the last trumpet's joyful sound
Shall call them to the skies."

A. C. W."

392. Will, Jan. 5, 1775: Of Edmund Ellis of Port Royal Island, Beaufort District, Province of South Carolina, Planter.

"In the name of God Amen. I Edmund Ellis of Port Royal Island, in Beaufort district in the Province of South Carolina planter although Labouring at Present under Indisposition of Body, Yet being of Sound Judgement, and memory, & perfect understanding thanks be to God for the same; do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following: First and principally I Commit my Soul unto God who gave it, in hopes of a Glorious and Blefsed immortallity, through the Merits of my Lord Jesus Christ, And my body unto the dust to be decently Buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned at my Plantation Port Royal Island. And as for such Temporal Estate, [illegible] as God in his Providence has given me, I give, devise and bequeath in manner and form following. Viz.t Imprimus. I give and bequeath unto my Well beloved Wife Elizabeth Ellis, for and during the term of her Natural Life, her Living on and Maintenance out of my Plantation on Port Royal Island whereon I now live, together with the use of my two Negroe Girls Named Sack and Charlotte & Negroe boy Named Jupiter, to wait and tend on her for Domestick Purposes, with the use of all my House and Household furniture that shall be in my House at the time of my Death (Excepting such things as shall be given away hereafter mentioned) and for her immediate Support & Maintenance, I give and bequeath unto my said Beloved Wife Elizabeth Ellis during her Natural Life Four Hundred pounds Currency to be paid her Yearly out of the profits arising

from my Negroes Labour, by my Executors hereafter mentioned, as also my horse and riding Chair, And immediately on her decease, the aforesaid Premifses to return to my beloved Children John and Richard Ellis to be equally divided betwixt them, and then the Annuity of four hundred a Year to cease. 2.dly I give, devise and bequeath unto my well beloved Son Thomas Ellis, all that Eastermost part of my Plantation on the Island of Hilton Head, in the district and province aforesaid (Containing as by a Plat thereof made) Three hundred and Sixty three Acres of Land to him and his heirs for ever. 3.dly I give, devise and bequeath unto my well beloved son Edmund Ellis all the Westermost part of my said Tract of Land, on the Island of Hilton Head in the district & Province aforesaid and whereon the House now Stands (Containing as by a Plat thereof made) Three hundred and twenty five acres of Land, to him and the Heirs of his Body for ever. 4th I give Devise and bequeath unto my well beloved Son Thomas Ellis & Edmund Ellis, the following Negroe Slaves, named Venture, Harry, Peter, Bachus, Cain, Roger, January, Daniel, York, August, June, Phillis, Phibe, Jacob, Flora, Jack, Sharper, Die, Aaron, Tom, Juddy, Pegg, Hagar, Morris, Blanford, Annaretta, Clee, Kate with her Children, March & Robin, together with all my stock of Black Cattle, Horses and Hoggs on my said Plantation on Hilton head aforesaid, to be equally Divided 'twixt them Share and Share alike to them and their heirs for ever. I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Thomas Ellis, One feather bed and furniture. I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Edmund Ellis one feather bed and furniture. 5thly I give, Devise, and bequeath unto my well Beloved Sons John and Richard Ellis's All my Plantation or Tract of Land on Port Royal Island whereon I now live to be equally divided 'twixt them, Giving unto my Son John Ellis the half Next Doctor Cuthbert's, and unto my son Richard Ellis the other half with the House and Settlement on it, next Colonel Heywards, them and their heirs for ever. I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved Sons John Ellis and Richard Ellis the following Negroe Slaves, Named Abraham, Ishmael, Cesar, Cudge, Moses, Phebe, May, Isaack, Pindar, Merom, Saui, February, Sylvia, Norway, Carolina, Hannah, Virtue, Sunday, Isaac, Cherokee, Charlesss', Jamie, Plymouth, Harry, Prudence, Bess and her child, Titus, Hero, and Peter together with all their Singar Increase and Issue, to them and their heirs for ever. I also give devise and bequeath unto John Ellis and Richard Ellis, all my Stock of Black Cattle, Horses and Hoggs that is on my said plantation on Port Royal Island herein before given to them & their heirs for ever, together with One feather Bed and furniture to each of them. I give devise and bequeath unto my said beloved Sons John Ellis and Richard Ellis, from and immediately after the decease of my Wife Elizabeth Ellis, all that I have given before unto her, to them my said two Sons John & Richard Ellis's them & their heirs for ever, and if either of my sons should die before they are of age, or without Issue of their own bedye lawfully begotten, then in that Case, the survivors of my Sons, shall have it equally divided between them, so as to Share, and share alike. Lastly I do hereby revoke all other Wills and Testaments made by me formerly, and declare this to be my last Will and Testament and do appoint my well beloved Son Edmund Ellis and my trusty kinsman David Adams, and trusty friend James Cuthbert Executors thereof In Witness whereof I the said Edmund Ellis have to these three pages set my hand, and the third my Seal, the fifth day of January in the Year of our Lord 1775.

Edmund Ellis (L.S.)

Will of Edmund Ellis (Cont'd.)

Signed, Sealed, published & declared
by the said Testator Edmund Ellis, as
& for his last Will & Testament in
the presence of us the Subscribers

Witnesses thereto.

John Cuthbert

John Cross

Hannah her X mark Nishemgry".

"Recorded in Will Book 1774 - 79
Recorded on Page 235".

ADDENDA

CECIL WALTER ELLIS*

Cecil Walter Ellis (2), b. Oct. 13, 1877; d. Sept. 8, 1932; buried Laurel Grove Cemetery, Savannah, Ga.; m. Dec. 9, 1900, Clara Virginia Towles, b. Oct. 13, 1878, d. Sept. 3, 1934, buried Laurel Grove Cemetery, Savannah, Ga.

Issue:

Marion Ellis, b. Oct. 3, 1901; d. Feb. 25, 1909; buried Laurel Grove Cemetery, Savannah, Ga.

Ruth Ellis, b. Jan. 16, 1904; d. Jan. 15, 1906; buried Laurel Grove Cemetery, Savannah, Ga.

13. William Earl Ellis, b. July 14, 1907: d. July 1956; buried Laurel Grove Cemetery, Savannah, Ga.; m. first, Miriam Brooks.

Issue:

Virginia Ellis

* Substitute for information on his line given on page 53, above.

m. second, Evelyn Chancy. No issue.

14. Thelma Isabelle Ellis, b. Dec. 14, 1909; m. Robert Hinely, b. Jan. 26, 1915, d. Feb. 25, 1948, buried Laurel Grove Cemetery, Savannah, Ga. No issue.

15. Cecil Walter Ellis, Jr., b. May 22, 1915; married; lives in Oakland, Calif. Issue?

16. Wilfred C. Ellis, m. Aug. 25, 1940, Betty Jackson Freeman.

Issue:

Barbara Ann Ellis, b. May 6, 1941

Patricia Jane Ellis, b. May 15, 1943.

William Carl Ellis, b. Apr. 22, 1946.

Richard Edward Ellis, b. Feb. 21, 1951.

Robert Earl Ellis, b. June 26, 1956.

Betty Bea Ellis, b. Nov. 13, 1957.

Marion Walter Ellis, b. Feb. 25, 1959.

Andrew George Hasell, Jr., b. Apr. 23, 1887, at Myrtle Grove; d. May 8, 1948, at Beaufort, S.C.; buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Beaufort; World War I Veteran (Army); m. first*, about 1915, in Denver, Colo. (?), Antha Florence Lacy, daughter of James Buchanan and Sarah Elder Lacy.

Issue:

Glenn Bentley Hasell, b. Aug. 7, 1917, in Denver, Colo.

This marriage ended in divorce. Some three years after, or about 1920, Mrs. Hasell married Mr. Lacy. Later Glenn's step father adopted him legally as Glenn Bentley Lacy. Glenn married on June 20, 1948, in San Antonio, Texas, Beatrice Lena Porche, daughter of Omer and Annie Debault Porche, b. July 5, 1922 in Hope, Texas. No issue. Glenn graduated from High School in Kaysville, Utah; became a secretary in the

office of Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, in 1940; served in the office of Naval Intelligence in the American Embassy in Mexico City from 1940 to 1943; served in the U.S. Air Force from 1943 to 1948, having graduated from Aviation Cadet and having served as Flight Instructor for the most part; attended St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas, and graduated from St. Mary's Law School in August, 1951; he then graduated from Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, with a BA degree in 1957; he practices law in San Antonio, Texas; has served as a City Councilman for the City of San Antonio; is Alternate Corporation Court Judge for the City of San Antonio, serving about one day a week which allows him to continue his law practice; hobbies - flying, lapidary work, music.

Reference tract of Land of Richard Ellis, Page 16, above, Marie de Treville quite recently located, at The South Carolina Historical Society, Charleston, S.C., further information in the H.A.M. Smith Case File 127 (Parker Papers Bequeathed to S.C. Historical Society by Judge Henry A.M. Smith). This mentions "2500 acres - being 8 Plantations on the Four Hole Swamp late the Estate of Richard Ellis, St. James Parish, Goose Creek". This property may have been the two Quarter House Tracts cited by Bulloch, Page 14, above, and was evidently next to property of Roberts, Thos. Harvey, George Poland, and George Livingston. This needs further exploration, with the possibility of obtaining additional information on Richard Ellis.

* Substitute for information on his first marriage given on Page 67, above.

My brother, Thomas Maynard Ellis, Jr., quite recently located in The South Carolina Archives Department, Columbia, S.C., the following will and indenture, and in Dorchester, S.C., Orangeburg, S.C., and elsewhere, the information given after the indenture.

393. Will, undated (?): Of John Rose, Saint George's Parish, Colleton District, South Carolina. Named in the will were his wife, Mary Rose, whose husband was the late Benjamin Ladson, her son, Charles B. Ladson, his daughter Sarah Mary Stall, her husband Thomas Davis Stall, his son John Simeon Rose, and his friend Thomas Smith. He left his home plantation of 459 acres, less 50 acres reserved for his wife during her lifetime, to his son-in-law, Thomas Davis Stall and another plantation of 200 acres to his son, John Simeon Rose. Mentioned were the Machine Dam, Machinery, Buildings, Paintings, Books (he evidently had an extensive library), 35 named slaves (in addition to those given to Stall on his marriage to Mary Rose, and in addition to those already in his son's possession), furniture, silver ware, stock, etc. His son-in-law and his son were named as Executors. The will was proved before James D. Mitchell, Esq., O.C.T.D., July 12, 1820. John Simeon Rose and Thomas Davis Stall qualified as Executors shortly thereafter. The will was recorded in Will Book F- 1818- 1826, Page 189. See Vol. 34 (1818 - 1826), Page 318, of Charleston, S.C., Will Books.

394. Indenture, or Marriage Contract, March 23, 1841: Between Dr. Edmund Eugene Ellis and Sarah Ellen Perryclear, both of Beaufort District, South Carolina. This was signed by both parties, by William J. Stall, of Colleton District, South Carolina, Trustee, and by Thomas D. Stall and S.J. Stall, Witnesses. On March 23 (24?), 1841, T.D. Stall personally appeared before John R. Stall, Charleston District, and made oath and swore that he was present with the others and saw the indenture signed. It was recorded on May 15, 1841. From this indenture it appears that Sarah Ellen Perryclear had inherited an active 280 acre plantation, "Orange Grove", in Beaufort District, part being on Jack's Island, part on Porky Island, and part on near-by Port Royal Island, the latter part bounded to the South by lands of Stobo R. Perry and to the West by lands of William Perryclear. Sixteen named Negro slaves were included as being owned by Sarah Ellen Perryclear. William J. Stall, Planter, of Colleton District, evidently a close relative (uncle ?), was named as Trustee. While conclusive evidence is still lacking, it now appears that Sarah Ellen Perryclear's grandfather was a Stall and that she may have inherited the plantation and the slaves from him. Evidently her mother was Sarah Rose Stall - not Sarah Rose, as family lore had it - who married Jacob Perryclear and, after his death married a John (?) Rose. She was the Sarah Rose Rose, who signed her letters "S.R.R." - my great grandmother. "Orange Grove" Plantation of this indenture was evidently on, or near, Coosaw River, about 9 miles from Beaufort, S.C., and in, or near, part of what is now the U.S. Marine Corps Air Base - not on St. Helena Island as family lore had it, though there is an "Orange Grove" on that Island! It is not now clear if, or when, the "Orange Grove" of this indenture changed ownership from daughter to mother. Nor is it known if the daughter

ever lived there after her marriage to Dr. Ellis. Many references in the Sarah Rose Album, and in the letters given above, however, show that the mother, Sarah Rose Rose, lived there over a long period ending in late 1861 when she had to leave because of the war.

Markers at Old Dorchester, on the Ashley River between Charleston and Summerville, S.C., give the history of the old town laid out in 1697 as a market town for the Congregationalist Colony from Dorchester, Mass., of the Parish Church of St. George, and of Fort Dorchester originally a powder magazine built in 1757 and a strategic point during the Revolution. The Fort was commanded by Captain Francis Marion in 1775. British troops took possession in April 1780, at about the time Charleston was captured, but were driven out by cavalry and infantry under Col. Wade Hampton and Genl. Nathanael Greene on December 1, 1781. In this connection, see Pages 16 and 200, above, for the capture by the British of Richard Ellis on December 30, 1781 probably in the Dorchester area! Two markers in the old Churchyard are of family interest, one being to Edward H. Freer (1815 - 1880) and his wife Esther Rivers (1817 - 1894), the other to Charles B. Ladson (April 1833. Aged 47 years, 4 months, 4 days). The latter was quite likely the Charles B. Ladson named in the will of John Rose, Doc. No. 393, above, and on Page 109 of the Sarah Rose Rose Album "Reflections on leaving Dorchester Church" dated "Summerville Oct. 4th, 1852";

Reference is made to Henry Ellis, and his sister, Elizabeth Ellis - first cousins of Dr. E.E. Ellis - Page 19, above. My brother found, at the Court House, Orangeburg, S.C., No. 16, Page 6, that Henry Ellis died June 5, 1867 and that his widow, E. Rosalie Ellis, was the Executrix. His will was lost, but a petition was made to the Court. Evidently a Mr. De Treville had made the will and he worked it out, stating that Mr. Henry Ellis had talked with him only a few weeks before he died, etc., he saying that the witnesses to the will were: Sarah R. Rose, Elizabeth Percy Rose, and Elizabeth L. Ellis. Things were left to his wife E.

Rosalie Ellis, for life estate, after to his three children:- Lavinia Shirer, Henry Ellis, the younger, and Rosa Ellis. The petition further showed that Sarah R. Rose, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto departed this life some time in the year 1863. Hence, part of Page 19, above, (written many months ago based on information then available) should be modified accordingly.

My brother also located a reference to "Will:- Elizabeth L. Ellis, of the City of Orangeburg. I will, devise and bequeath to my Nephew, Henry Ellis, and to my two Nieces, Lavinia Shirer, and Rosa Capers, to be equally divided amongst them.

Dated November 22nd 1886.

Robert Capers, Executor".

Quoting from the Sarah Rose Bible, in my brother's possession: "Married in Orangeburg - at her Father's residence Lavinia to George Schirer of Charleston - Eldest Daughter of Henry and Rosalie Ellis, Thursday, April 25th, 1861".

My brother could find no markers to Henry or Rosalie Ellis in the old Episcopal Church Cemetery (no Church now there), Orangeburg, S.C. He did find stones to the following:

George S. Shirer
Feb. 1, 1831
Aug. 12, 1910

Lavinia J. Ellis
Wife of
George S. Shirer
Apr. 21, 1842
Jan. 21, 1893

Geo. E.
Son of
Geo.S. & Lavinia
Shirer
Oct. 14, 1874
Jan. 21, 1906

Robert C.
Son of
Geo.S. & Lavinia
Shirer
Oct. 6, 1882
Aug. 1, 1911

One stone

Rosalie
Shirer
1861-1917

Ellis W.
Shirer
1862-1909

Little Charley
Second Son of
Henry and Rosalie
Ellis
Died Sept. 11, 1851
Aged 3 yrs.4 mos.11dys.

Thomas
Third Son of
Henry and Rosalie
Ellis
Died Nov. 7, 1860
Aged 9 yrs. 6 mos. 23 dys.

Mr. Edward W.
De Treville
Born in Beaufort
June 23, 1811
Died in Orangeburg
May 28, 1867

Agnes E. De Treville
Wife of
W.J. De Treville
Born in Beaufort, S.C.
Sept. 10, 1828
Died in Orangeburg, S.C.
July 4, 1875

There was also a tall white marker in that cemetery to Rev. Stiles Mellichamp, formerly Rector of St. James Church, James Island, Son of St. Lo Mellichamp and of Rebecca Stiles, his wife, born Oct. 5, 1799, died Oct. 23, 1872, and to his wife, Sarah Fowler Mellichamp, born July 9, 1801, died May 20, 1874.

I have given the above as this may aid others.

Reference is made to George Rhodes, Page 12, above, whose daughter (by his second wife, Eliza Jane Robert), Ida May Rhodes, married my uncle Richard Washington Ellis. Marie de Treville, while searching for a picture of George Rhodes for this book, quite recently was able to put me in touch with Rev. Robert E. H. Peeples, Folly Field, Hilton Head Island, S.C., a great grandson of the Hon. George Rhodes and his second wife, Eliza Jane Robert. Rev. Mr. Peeples kindly loaned me the pictures of his great grandparents for use in this book. He also gave me some information which I believe will be of interest to many of my Ellis cousins who descend from George and Eliza Jane Robert Rhodes.

An excellent biographical sketch of George Rhodes is given on Page 200 of "South Carolina Secedes".[6] In this sketch "Carter" should be "Cater" - a typographical error. I also understand Rev. Mr. Peeples has considerable information about the family that could not be included in

the above sketch, as well as about the Bohun, Baker, Cater, Robert, Lawton, Jaudon, deBourdeaux, Landgrave Smith, Miles, and McPherson, families. An article by him "Family Records from Bible of George Rhodes" was published in The South Carolina Historical Magazine, April 1953, Vol. LIV. No. 2. Pages 101 - 102. Also an article by him "A Miles Genealogy. A Family of South Carolina Planters" was published in this same Magazine, Oct. 1965, Vol. 66. No. 4. Pages 229 - 240. A 1933 Volume of SCHM contains Baker family notes showing the Bohun - Cater line. I feel certain he will not object to my including, in furtherance of family knowledge of their ancestors, the following brief sketches that he loaned me:

"HON. GEORGE RHODES (11 Jan. 1802 - 2 Oct. 1881) Son of Thomas Rhodes (22 Sept. 1773 - 25 Apr. 1809) & Mary Eliz. CATER (25 Jun. 1776 - 25 Feb. 1823), dau. Thomas Cater (17 Dec. 1751 - 30 Apr. 1803) & Rachel (22 Dec. 1755 - 30 Jan. 1802), dau. Silas & Eliz. McPherson MILES; T. Cater was descendant of Rich. BAKER, Landgrave Edmund Bellinger, Ch. Justice Edmund Bohun, King Edward III of England. George Rhodes was born Callawashe Is., S.C., died "The Hermitage" Plant., Lawtonville; Signer of the Ordinance of Secession 1860; Deacon Lawtonville Bapt. Ch. 50 yrs.; 3 ch. by 1st wife, Thursa Evelina ROBERT; 14 ch. by 2nd wife (sister to 1st), ELIZA JANE ROBERT (daus. Rev. James Jehu & Charlotte Anne LAWTON Robert)".

"ELIZA JANE ROBERT (30 Jan. 1812 - 11 Jan. 1867) Dau. of Rev. James Jehu Robert, Pastor Robertville Bapt. Ch. 50 yrs. & son of John Robert & Eliz. Dixon (gr.-granddau. of Landgrave Thomas Smith, Gov. of Carolina 1693) & gr.-grandson of Rev. PIERRE ROBERT, French Huguenot who arrived Carolina 1686; her mother was CHARLOTTE ANNE LAWTON (born "Mulberry Grove" Plant. 17 Sept. 1785), dau. of Joseph LAWTON, J.P. (born Edisto Is.

18 Oct. 1753 son of Capt. William & Mary SAMS Lawton, died "Mulberry Grove" 5 Mar. 1815) & Sarah ROBERT (born St. James, Santee 6 Feb. 1755, dau. of Jacques & Sarah JAUDON Robert & sister of John Robert; married 18 Mar. 1773, died 6 Oct. 1839 "Transpine" Plantation)[1]

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