

My son Ellis to have the west part of the 125 acres of land and my daughter Quintilly the east part of the land or the heirs of this body.

Also it is my will that, after the use of the movable property and effects is out of use by marriage or widowhood, that the movable property and effects to be equally divided between my six youngest children to wit - John, Jesse, Bales, Quintilly, Elkanah, and Ellis **Hutchens**.

It is my will that Jesse **Hutchens** to have one black mare and one cow to be taken out of my effects now in being to them before named their heirs. I also will that my beloved children names: Nancy, George, Aggatha **Hudspeth**, Jonathan **Hutchens**, Susannah **Bells**, Margaret **Bells**, Elizabeth **Cain**, Thes **Hutchens**, Strangeman **Hutchens**, William **Hutchens**, and Patrick **Hutchens**. The above named to have the sum of 6 shillings and besides what I have already given them.

This is my last will and testament appointing my wife, Jane, my son, Elkanah **Hutchens** and Joshua **Patterson**, my executrix and executors agreeable to my will.

I have set my hand and seal in the Presence of William **Zachury** and Thomass **Gough** this 18th day of September in the year 1824, of our Lord.

(Original will is in the North Carolina Archives in Releigh, NC)

Elkanah was born November 20, 1803 in Surry Co., NC and later moved to Greene County, Illinois where he established a settlement on the Southwest quarter of section 5, in 1831.

Elkanah was reared in North Carolina, and lived with his parents until their death. His father, John, was a farmer and mill owner, and Elkanah learned the miller's trade, and spent his early life in that business. At his father's death, he succeeded to the ownership of the mill and continued in the management until he moved to Illinois in 1829, arriving in Morgan County where he began farming. He remained in Morgan County until 1831 when he settled in Green County, Illinois.

Elkanah had married in Surrey County, NC in 1821, to Frances **Pilcher**, a native of that state, and a daughter of James **Pilcher**. To this union were born fourteen children with only five living to adulthood. They were Gideon, Brasswell, Mary, Elkanah Delaney, and Ellis.

Much of the information on this family was taken from the Quaker records as we find Elkanah's father, John **Hutchens** and Alice **Stanley** were married in Cedar Creek Meeting House, Hanover Co. Virginia. Other references to the Quaker Faith is reported when Jonathan (Elkanah's half brother), was disowned for marrying out of the membership; and Thomas (another half brother) requested Deep River Meeting House for self, wife and children but was informed he could not have certificate until the slaves he sold in 1784, were all restored to freedom. Strangeman was also mentioned as being a minister and getting a meeting house in Providence, North Carolina in 1756.