

## 1: No Chariot Let Down (ebook) by Michael P Johnson |

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In this letter dated March 26, 1838, Ellison wrote to his son Henry, who was clearly involved in handling the accounts of the ginning business. By the time of this letter, William Ellison and his family were a part of an elite group of free African Americans based largely in Charleston. Ellison maintained his wealth and financial security by purchasing land and slaves. By 1838, Ellison owned over 1000 acres of land, as well as 63 slaves. According to the census of 1830, Ellison was one of black slaveholders in South Carolina. His home in Stateburg, which had previously belonged to former governor, Stephen Miller, still stands today. The above letter comes from the Ellison Family Papers, which consist of letters, notices, receipts, and accounts for William Ellison. These papers are unique, since they are perhaps the only sustained collection of papers between members of a family of free African Americans during the mid-nineteenth century ranging in time from 1810 to 1860. Johnson and James L. University of North Carolina Press, William Ellison to Henry Ellison, 26 March Ellison Family Papers, Stateburg, March 26th Dear Henry, Your letter of 23rd instant was duly received and I perceived by it that you had not received mine of the 22d. John went over the river yesterday. He said that he had not sold but half of his crop of cotton and had not the money but when he got the money and was working on this side of the river that he would send his son with it and rake up his account. He also saw Mr. Van Buren and he was ready to pay but before he did so he wished his overseer to certify to it but John could not find him and as it became late he had to leave for home but left the account with Mrs. You will find enclosed Mrs. She will be found at No. Turner said that it was his fault that the account was not paid before. He thinks that she will get another gin. There is one of the saws in the new gin that is worn half in two. He says that he will send the gin over to be repair[ed] and also another old gin providing Mrs. As you did not get my letter in due time and for fear that you may not [have] as yet received it, I will mention a few items of importance that I [Page 2] wish attended to at one if you have not done so. Leave three hundred dollars in Messrs. Adams and Frost hands subject to my order. And also the money that I have borrowed from William. Benbow wrote to me and I sent you a copy in the letter that I wrote you. I want you to get me a half doz. Adger for the shop. I want you to get me 8 bags of guano. The above articles and instruction was states in the other letter. I mention the same incase you should not have received my other letter. We are all well as usual. Give my respect to all my friends. H, E Indicator H, E, P Indicator H, E, P Standard The student will demonstrate an understanding of the Civil War and its impact on America. G, E, H Standard The student will demonstrate an understanding of political, social, and economic upheavals that occurred throughout the world during the age of revolution, from through E, H Standard H, G, P, E Standard The student will demonstrate an understanding of the American Civil Warâ€™s causes and effects and the major events that occurred during that time. The student will demonstrate an understanding of the westward movement and the resulting regional conflicts that took place in America in the nineteenth century.

### 2: William Ellison to Henry Ellison regarding accounts for family cotton gin business, 26 March

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Additional Information In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: If Lincoln went beyond the law to save the national government, Oates posits, the Congress went with him, sanctioning his actions. This portrait of the tough Lincoln also extends to Reconstruction. This is followed by a review of the theory that Edwin M. With justification, Oates crushes this with relish. In all fairness to the recent exoneration of Stanton among scholars, however, it must be said that the secretary of war was still responsible for the personal safety of the president. The buck must stop somewhere. Instead, his sound interpretations and lucid style, combined with a narrative which sweeps the Lincoln story from birth to death, effectively probes the galaxy of Lincoln myth and countermyth, giving the general audience an upto-date, living portrait of Lincoln. All in all, I think Mr. Lincoln would recognize himself and would be pleased. Johnson and James L. No Chariot Let Down: Edited by Michael P. University of North Carolina Press, Black Masters tells a fascinating story, and one equally improbable. In in upland South Carolina a young slave was freed by his master, who may also have been his father. This freedman, April Ellison, started out to make his way in the most densely slave of all the Southern states. Though surely a daunting task, Ellison had more than his freedom. He possessed indomitable determination along with a special talent: With new status and a new name, William Ellison, this former slave took his trade into the midst of a major plantation district. There William Ellison succeeded, but as considerably more than a maker of cotton gins. By Ellison owned a prosperous gin shop, nearly nine hundred acres, and sixty-three slaves. Moreover he was a respected member of the Stateburg community. Miller, a former governor and father of Mary Boykin Chesnut, was situated in the village amidst the houses of major white planters. Ellison even had a pew in Holy Cross Episcopal Church, the same church in which the white gentry worshipped. All the touted virtues of hard work, thrift, and integrity Ellison had in abundance. He also made the right strategic moves to insure the station and future of his family—his children, like those of other successful midlands planters, married into the Charleston aristocracy. But Ellison was different from all the others. He was black or, more precisely, mulatto, and in the antebellum South that was an important distinction. Even more impressive, Ellison accomplished his rise not in a city like Charleston or New Orleans, not even in the more tolerant racial environs of south Louisiana You are not currently authenticated. View freely available titles:

### 3: William Ellison - Wikipedia

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The name indicated the month he was born, which was a common slave-naming practice at the time. This would provide him with a valuable, highly skilled trade to make a living as an adult. Cotton gins were in demand, integral to the profitable processing of short-staple cotton. The invention of the cotton gin at the end of the 18th century led to the widespread cultivation of short-staple cotton across the upland areas of the Deep South, establishing the Black Belt and stimulating widespread changes in land use. Hundreds of thousands of new settlers were attracted to the region, and they created pressure for the federal government to conduct Indian removal throughout the Southeast and what became known as the Deep South. This also resulted in the forced migration of more than one thousand slaves from the Upper South to the Deep South through the domestic slave market, as slaves were sold to develop and labor on the new plantations. April Ellison completed his apprenticeship after six years and continued to work at the shop as a hired hand. Most of his earnings went to his master, as April was a slave who was "hired out. It was common practice, according to Black Codes of South Carolina and Louisiana, to pay slaves for any labor performed on Sunday. He also learned blacksmithing. Marriage and family[ edit ] At age 21, April took Matilda, a year-old slave woman, as his consort slaves did not have legally recognized marriages. May, [5] and William, Jr. These are documented as two different women, as Ellison bequeathed Maria money in his will of see below, but Mary had already died by then. Both names were popular for girls in those years. Manumissions[ edit ] On June 8, , at the age of 26, April was freed by his master William Ellison likely his father, as April took his name as a free man. April appeared to have purchased his freedom by money saved from a portion of his earnings. It took years for Ellison to buy his wife and children out of slavery. He had to earn the money and also work within state laws that restricted such manumissions. His priority was to free his wife so that their future children were born free. In this slave society, children of slave mothers were considered slaves, regardless of the status of their fathers, according to the principle of *partus sequitur ventrem*, which had been incorporated into state law since the 17th century, following the model of Virginia. The manumission laws in South Carolina made it difficult for Ellison and others to free their relatives, especially children. Purchasing them from slaveholders was one step, but under the law, other free men had to certify that the slave could support himself in freedom. This obviously could not be the case for children. The Act prohibited slaveholders from making personal manumissions by deed or court filings; they had to seek permission for each manumission by both houses of the legislature, and the number of manumissions dropped sharply as a result. For many free blacks, being forced to hold their relatives as property put them at risk. In hard times, property, including slaves, could be confiscated or put up for forced sale to settle debts of an individual. William McCreighton nominally "owned" Maria, but the trust provided for her to live with her father, who could free her if the laws changed to make it easier to achieve. McCreighton kept his part of the trust, and Maria lived as if she were free. As a young woman, she married Henry Jacobs, a free man of color in another county. In the census, Maria Ellison Jacobs was listed as a free woman of color, although no legal document supported that. This area was rapidly being developed for cotton plantations of short-staple cotton. At first, he paid for the labor of slave artisans who had been "hired out" by their masters. Within two years he purchased two artisan slaves to work in his shop. By he held four artisan slaves. They were both skilled and unskilled, as the latter cut wood from his land for the gins. By the s, he also operated a blacksmith shop with artisan slaves. Planters needed cotton gins to process their cotton profitably, as the machinery was much more efficient than manual labor. Eventually Ellison earned enough to buy land: By that time, he owned 32 slaves. As a mark of his status, on August 6, , William Ellison was the first free person of color to install a family bench on the first floor of the church, which was usually reserved for wealthy white families who could afford to pay for a bench and donate to the church. Family burials took place in the early decades of the twentieth century. He gave each of his sons part of the properties, as they were all working with him in his business. He converted his cotton plantation to mixed crops to supply

food to the cause. His sons also supported the Confederacy and tried to enlist, but were refused because of their race. Her first marriage was to Willis Buckner, a full-blooded Indian, and produced one son, John Wilson Buckner born , the same year as the death of his father. Like John, both of his wives were of Indian descent. Ellison family lore states that John Wilson Buckner was the grandson of Ellison.

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