

Nathaniel Allen Will

I Nathaniel Allen of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly Existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say ~

First – That my Executors hereinafter named shal (sic) provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts out of the monies that may first come into his (sic) hands as a part or parcel of my Estate ~

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I lend and devise to my beloved wife Elizabeth all my home batch of land that is to say between Coyroy (sic, Corduroy) and the Wildcat swamps also all my negros women, min (sic) and children, also all my stock of (illegible, maybe horses) for and during her natural life ~

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I make and appoint my son (sic) George D. Allen and Charlton Y. Allen Agents for my son John T. Allen. I leave to them the batch of land ling (sic) on the Wild Cat swamp to the Road, after the death of my wife for the use and benefit of my son John T. Allen during his life and then I give the said batch of land to Nancy Davises children namely Ira Burgess Davis, Arthur T. Davis, John E. Davis, William N. Davis. Also I leave in the hands of George D. Allen Charlton Y. Allen (sic) two Negros after the death of my wife named Olif and Cinda for the use and benefit of John T. Allen during his natural life then I give the above named negros to Nancy Davises children, namely Ira Burgess Davis, Arthur T. Davis, John E. Davis and William N. Davis to them and their heirs in fee simple forever ~

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I give unto Mary A. Crowder after the death of my wife our Negro girl named Cherry and I also make and appoint my son George D. Allen guardian for the said Mary A. Crowder and my will is that if she should die under twenty one years of age that the said negro should go back to my estate to be divided among all my children or if she dies without a lawful heir the negro is to come to my estate, but if she lives to be twenty one years of age and has a lawful heir she and her heir is (sic) to have the negro girl in fee simple forever and her heirs ~

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto Mary Ann Hasty after the death of my wife one negro Boy named Henry. I also make and appoint my son Charlton Y. Allen guardian for Mary A. Hasty and if she should die before she is 21 years of age or die without leaving a lawful heir then said negro boy is to go back to my estate to be divided among my children, but if she lives 21 years and has a lawful heir then she and her heirs is (sic) to have the negro boy in fee simple forever ~

Item 5 I give and bequeath unto my son George D. Allen after the death of my wife three negros named Soff, Ginnd, Harriet (names nearly illegible, and reconstructed as carefully as possible here) to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever ~

Item 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son Charlton Y. Allen after the death of my wife all my home tract of land whereon I now live that is from Coyroy (sic, Corduroy) Swamp to the Rode

(sic) also four Negros named Rose, Eliza, Simon, Wili all so (sic) my house finish china, one cow and calf one bed and furniture to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever ~

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth J. Allen after the death of my wife four negros named Millie, Peter, Clary, Drew also one bed and furniture, also one cow and calf to have and to hold to her and (sic) fee simple forever

Item 8<sup>th</sup> I lend unto Rebecca Allen the Hasty and Pope tract of land whereon she now lives during her natural life or widowhood. I also lend unto Rebecca Allen after the death of my wife 3 negros named Moses, Anthony, Ann during her natural life or widowhood and after the death or marriage of Rebecca Allen the negros I lend her is (sic) to be equally divided among her children namely Nat Thomas Allen, Ailsey Allen, Lucy Allen, Martha Allen to them and their heirs in fee simple forever ~ I wish that my mill be sold and the money arising there from be equally divided among Ailsy Allen, Lucy Allen and Martha Allen to them and their heirs forever.

Item 9 ~ I give and bequeath unto Nat Thomas Allen after the death or marriage of Rebecca Allen the tract of land called the Hasty and Pope tract to have and to hold to him and his heirs forever ~

Item 10<sup>th</sup> It is my will and desire after my death that the balance of my property that I have not disposed of be sold and after paying my debts the balance to be equally divided among my children ~ It is my will and desire that my wife have all my stock (illegible, maybe cows, horses) and kitchen furniture after selling enough to pay my debts. I mean that my Executors may sell such as can be best spared the (illegible) my wife to (illegible) her life ~ and lastly I do here by constitute and appoint my son George D. Allen and my son Charlton Y. Allen Executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 10 day of Oct. A. D. 1856.

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Signed Sealed Nathaniel X Allen (seal)

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Acknowledged in the presence of

Elias Lewter  
Lazarus Powell

Northampton County Dec|| Court 1856

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Nathaniel Allen dec|| was exhibited in open court and and (sic) the due execution of said will was proven by Elias Lewter and Lazarus Powell the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be certified and recorded – and (illegible) George D. Allen and Charlton Y. Allen the Executors therein named

came forward and qualified as such as the (illegible).

Jno. E. Rogers, CCC