

Mary M. Allen Will

State of North Carolina  
Northampton County

I Mary M. Allen of the County and State aforesaid, 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 shall 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 howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item I give and devise to my eldest son W<sup>m</sup> H. Allen one third of the tract of my land on which I now live where he now lives in the division of my lands during his natural life, and then to his children equally.

Item I give and devise to my son George E. Allen one half of the balance of my land to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item I give and devise to my son Nathaniel E. Allen the remaining one half of my land to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item That in the division of said land equally between my three sons above mentioned, if their (sic) should be and (sic) difference in valuation Each pay over to the other so this (sic) shall be a equal division between them in said land.

Item I give and bequeath to Lemuel T. Allen's children two hundred dollars out of my personal property or any moneys I may have on hand belonging to my estate not otherwise disposed of.

Item I give and bequeath to Richard T. Allen's children two hundred dollars out of my personal property or any moneys I may have on hand belonging to my estate not otherwise disposed of.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Nathaniel E. Allen the sum of seventy dollars out of my personal property or any moneys that may belong to my estate.

Item My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate if any after taking out the devises and legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing to me be collected; and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts expenses and legacies, that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to my three sons William H. Allen George E. Allen and Nathaniel E. Allen in equal portion share and share alike to them and each and every of them their executors administrators and assigns absolutely forever.

Item And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my three sons W<sup>m</sup> H. Allen George E. Allen and Nathaniel E. Allen my lawful executors to all interests and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Mary M. Allen do hereunto set my hand and seal This 6<sup>th</sup> day of March A. D. 1903.

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Mary X M. Allen (seal)  
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Signed sealed published and declared by the said Mary M. Allen to be her last will and testament in the presence of us, who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Benjamin D. Stancil  
W. T. White

North Carolina x In the Superior Court  
Northampton County x

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary M. Allen deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said county by W. H. Allen, Geo. E. Allen and N. E. Allen, the executors therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Mary M. Allen is proved by the oath and examination of B. D. Stancell and W. T. White the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary M. Allen; that the said Mary M. Allen in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of this paper writing now shown aforesaid and which bears date of 6<sup>th</sup> March 1903.

And the deponent further saith that the said Mary M. Allen the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his (sic) name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be her last will and testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presense of the said testator.

And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed her name to the said last will as afroresaid, and at the time of the deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Mary M. Allen was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint, to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further these deponents say not.

Severally sworn and subscribed x B. D. Stancell  
Before me this 31<sup>st</sup> March 1904 x W. T. White  
J. T. Flythe, CSC

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In the Superior Court

In the matter of the last will of Mary M. Allen.

It appearing to the court by the oath and examination of B. D. Stancell and W. T. White, the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing presented by the executors therein named is the last will and testament of Mary M. Allen and that the same was duly executed by the said Mary A. Allen in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same, the said Mary A. Allen was of sound mind, etc. It is therefore adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of the said Mary A. Allen, and the executors therein named qualify as such. This the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 1904.

J. T. Flythe, CSC