

Item 2nd At the death or marriage of my wife Mariam Marshburn, I give and bequeath to my beloved children James M. Marshburn, Sarah E. Marshburn, Julia Williams, Susan Marshburn, Robert M. Marshburn, Mary P. Peterson, Jacob W. Marshburn, Franklin M. Marshburn and Matilda Marshburn, Marion Marshburn, Laura Marshburn and Emma Marshburn all my real estate and personal property to be equally divided among them and their heirs.

Item 3rd In consideration of the improvements made by Owen W. Williams and his wife Julia Williams upon the premises where they now reside I do desire and request that that part of my real estate bequeathed to my beloved daughter Julia Williams in Item 2nd of this instrument be allotted to her upon said provisions.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my son James W. Marshburn, my son-in-law Owen W. Williams and my brother-in-law Robert Highsmith my executors to this my last will and testament and require of them to pay all my just debts, also require them to see to the distribution of the legacies as specified by me in this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my name this 1st day of September 1873 and declare the same to be my last will and testament by me made.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto affixed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator and of each other and at the testator's request, the said testator having signed the same in our presence and declaring the same to be his last will and testament he being of sound and disposing mind and memory.

D.H. Marshburn (deaf)

"Test Wm H. Reuss

M. Merrill."

State of North Carolina }
Bladen County }

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Daniel H. Marshburn deceased, is exhibited for probate in open court by James M. Marshburn, Owen W. Williams and Robert Highsmith the executors therein named, and the due execution by the said Daniel H. Marshburn is proven by the oath of, and examination of Wm H. Reuss and M. Merrill, the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Daniel H. Marshburn and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said James M. Marshburn, Owen W. Williams and Robert Highsmith, executors, duly qualify as executors as aforesaid by taking the oath required by law.

March 24th, 1874

Erander Singletary
Judge Probate.

In the Name of God Amen—
Be it remembered that S. Allen Edge of the county of Bladen 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 executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, however due to whomsoever, out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.
Item I give and devise to my beloved wife Sophia

Edge two hundred and thirteen acres of land where I now live which is nearly all joining and close on acres lying in and on both side of Harrison Lake drain including my mansion house, all out houses and other improvements to have and to hold to her the said Sophia Edge for or during the term of her natural life or widowhood in satisfaction for and in lieu of her dower and thirds of and in all my real estate. I also give my said wife all my household and kitchen furniture including all my farming and working tools of every kind and nature and all my stock of cattle, hogs, sheep and bees.

I Item. I give and devise to my grandson Alexander Mathew Edge fifty acres of land where, and his mother now live to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple for ever.

I 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 remain in the hands and possession of my said wife during her natural life or widowhood. At the termination of either my desire is that all the property be sold on a credit of six months and after paying all my just debts and expenses the balance be equally divided between each of my heirs share and share alike.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son John W. Edge my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I, the said Allen Edge do hereunto set my hand and seal the 3 day of January 1886. Signed, sealed and published and declared by the said Allen Edge to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe to our names as witnesses

Attest: Owen Smith
Margaret A. Edge
Lucy A. Edge

20th day of March 1894.
Allen Edge (Seal)

I swear that I believe this writing to be and contain the last will and testament of Allen Edge, decd., and that I will well and truly execute the same by first paying his debts, and then his legacies as far as the said Estate shall extend or the law shall charge me, and that I will well and faithfully execute the office of an executor agreeable to the trust and confidence reposed in me and according to law, so help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed
before me 23d March 1894

Erander Singletary
Judge Probate

Probate Court March 3d 1894

On motion a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Allen Edge was propounded for Probate by John W. Edge the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof being proved by the oath of Margaret A. Edge and Lucy Edge, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who each for herself testifies that the subscribed will at the request of Allen Edge the testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other. The same is therefore admitted to Probate, and ordered to be recorded. And it is further ordered that said executor therein named having duly qualified, receive letters testamentary from this Court.

Erander Singletary
Judge Probate