

North Carolina } Court of Pleas and
Bladen County } Quarter Sessions
Nov. Term A.D. 1866.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William J. Kemp, decd, is exhibited for probate in open court and the due execution thereof by the said William J. Kemp is proved by the oath and examination of Hugh E. McCollum, one of 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 William J. Kemp & the same is ordered to be recorded & filed. Whereupon Andrew J. Kemp is appointed administrator with the will annexed, of the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of the said William J. Kemp. Administrator as givesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law and giving bond in the sum of eight thousand dollars with H. E. McCollum and J. H. Cumming as sureties thereto.

D. Blue, Ck.

In the name of God amen.
I, Ephraim W. Allen of the county of Bladen and State of North Carolina, do make and declare this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament, as follows:
1st I want my executors hereafter named to pay my funeral expenses, together with my just debts as soon as possible.
2nd I give unto my beloved wife Ann Allen during her natural lifetime all my

lands and at her death the said lands shall be equally divided between my sons Hugh Allen and Henry Allen to them and their heirs forever in fee simple and the said Hugh Allen and Henry Allen shall pay to their five sisters or their children the sum of forty dollars and the said sum shall be divided between Margaret Bryan, Nancy Evers, Moley Roberts the children of Jane Bryan, and my granddaughter Helen Sophia Briscoe to them and their heirs forever. The residue of my estate of every description and every denomination I give unto my said wife Ann Allen and at her death the said property and its increase of all kinds shall be equally divided between my daughters Margaret Bryan, Nancy Evers Moley Roberts the children of my daughter Jane Bryan and my granddaughter Helen Sophia Briscoe, to them and their heirs forever.

3rd My will and desire is that Aaron Evers at the death of my wife shall have my side board to him, etc.

I appoint and constitute my sons Hugh Allen and Henry Allen executors of this will to execute the same to all intents and purposes. I hereby make all other will or wills void and null.

In testimony whereof I, Ephraim W. Allen, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament this the first day of November, 1865.

Witness
E. Monroe
Thomas J. Scriven

Ephraim W. Allen ^{his} _{mark}

North Carolina } Court of Pleas and
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Feb'y Term 1868.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Ephraim W. Allen is exhibited for probate in open court by Hugh Allen one of the executors therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Ephraim W. Allen is proved by the oath and examination of Thos. J. Crowne one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and it is also proved by the oath and examination of Duncan Kelly that C. Monroe, the only other subscribing witness thereto is dead.

And it is further proved by the oath and examination of Duncan Kelly that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said C. Monroe having often seen him write, and that the name of the said C. Monroe subscribed as a witness to the said will is in the handwriting of the said C. Monroe.

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 Ephraim W. Allen and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

And thereupon the said Hugh Allen, executor as aforesaid duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law.

Witness

D. Blue, C.P.C.
J. J. Hall, D.C.

I, Alexander King, 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:

1st. That my executor John King 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 however and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys first received into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. I give and devise unto my beloved wife Lydia my plantation on which I now live with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging containing three hundred and ninety seven acres also twenty five acres on Poplar Branch purchased of Isaac Young and one hundred on Dry Branch adjoining D. D. Allen, W. B. Roberson's lands also all my entire crop corn, peas, potatoes &c. Also my mare with all my cattle, hogs and sheep house hold and kitchen furniture not otherwise disposed of in my will. Should she marry then and in that case the above named property to be equally divided between herself and my two children Catharine E. and Franklin. I give and devise to my son Franklin after the death of my wife Lydia one hundred acres on the dry branch adjoining D. D. Allen and W. B. Roberson's lands also one hundred and fifty five acres to run parallel with D. D. Allen's line so as to include the buildings and not to include the Dry field to have and to hold