

## RECORD OF WILLS.

North Carolina

Bladen County I, Henry 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 however and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part and parcel of my estate

Item I give and devise to my beloved wife Edna Allen all of my real property (not) already disposed of during her natural life then to be disposed equally among my heirs, consisting of one hundred and five acres of land known as the Evers land, eighty-four acres on Lordman Swamp known as the Ephraim Allen land and sixty-eight on Cape Fear river known as the Bryan Chesnut land. Also all of my personal property of which I may be possessed at the time of my death consisting of horses and mules, in head of cattle, twenty-four hogs, eleven sheep, buggy, cart, farming tools, fixtures &c. 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 collected and if there shall be any surplus over and above the payment of debts, expenses & legacies that such surplus shall be paid over to my wife Edna to be applied to the education of my son Henry Nathan

Item I also bequeath to my beloved wife the provisions now on hand or may be on hand at my death, together with the crop then growing. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my good friend A. M. McNeill 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 and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Henry Allen do hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of May 1870

Henry Allen (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Henry Allen to be his last will and testament.

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in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Nathan Jones (Seal)

W. F. Deane (Seal)

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court.

Bladen County

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Henry Allen, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of Court for said County by A. M. McNeill the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Henry Allen by the oath and examination of W. F. Deane and Nathan Jones the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself deposeth and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Henry Allen; that the said Henry Allen in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 1st day of May 1870. And the deponent further saith that the said Henry Allen the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing as subscribed by him and exhibited to be his 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 presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Henry 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.

W. F. Deane (Seal)

Nathan Jones (Seal)

Solemnly sworn and subscribed  
this 2nd day of June 1870

Geo. F. Melvin, C. S. C.