

In the name of God Amen

I Samuel Dyer Allen, now residing in the town of Wilmington, in the State of North Carolina formerly of Allentown in the State of Rhode Island, knowing the uncertainty of human life and being desirous while I have sufficient strength and capacity to settle and arrange all my worldly affairs, do make public and declare the following as and for my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made - That is to say -

I give and bequeath all my estate property and effects of every nature, kind and description whatever, the same may be which may not be required for the payment of my debts, and for the payment of the necessary costs and charges of administering my estate, unto my beloved wife Mary C. Allen, to be held and enjoyed by her, absolutely, without any limitation or condition whatever

I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my esteemed Cousin S. Baldwin of the town of Wilmington aforesaid, the sole executor of this my last Will and Testament; and I hereby authorize and empower the said Cousin S. Baldwin as the executor of my Will to make sale of such good merchandize and other chattel property as I may be possessed of at any death upon such terms and in such way as he in his discretion may deem most judicious and beneficial to the interest of my estate

In Testimony of all which I have hereunto subscribed my name this the seventh day of May A.D. 1861

Signed, published and delivered by the said Samuel D. Allen, as and for his last Will and Testament in our presence

William A. Wright  
Geo. McPown

Saml D Allen

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions  
County of New Hanover  
September Term 1866

The within paper writing was exhibited to the Court as the last Will and Testament of Samuel D. Allen within named, whereupon the due execution of said paper writing was duly proved as the last Will and Testament of said Samuel D. Allen by the Testimony of William A. Wright, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and it appearing to the Satisfaction of the Court that George McPown the other subscribing witness is absent from the state, it is considered by the Court that said paper writing is the last Will and Testament of said Samuel D. Allen and that the same be filed and recorded as such; and of further effect that S. Baldwin

the person named as the executor of the said Will has renounced and refused said trust: it is ordered that  
Wm A Wright be appointed administrator of the estate  
of said testator Samuel D Allen with the said Will annexed  
upon his entering into bond in the sum of One thousand  
dollars with Robert Strange and Julius H Wright as his  
sureties whereupon the said William A Wright with his  
said sureties executed the bond as required and was  
duly qualified as such administrator; and it was ordered  
that letters of administration issue to him in conformity  
hereto.

United States Internal  
Revenue Stamp amounting  
To One Dollar

State

R. B. Wood Jr Clerk

State of North Carolina  
New Hanover County

I David Rivenbark of the above named State and  
County being of sound mind and memory blessed be God  
do make and publish this my last Will and Testament as  
follows

First: It is my will that my body be decently  
interred, and that the expenses of my funeral, together with  
all my just debts be paid by my Executors hereinafter to be  
named; after all my just debts is paid, I give and bequeath  
unto my beloved wife during her natural life or widow-  
hood, all of my property of every description, and at her death  
to be equally divided among my Children

It is my will that my younger Children be raised  
and schooled by my wife, and in case of her death before they  
are of age it is my will that they be taken care of and school  
ed by my Executors and after they are of age then it is my  
will that my property be equally divided among my Children

The share of property that shall or will belong to my  
daughter Hester Maria Gurganus, wife of James Gurganus  
I leave to her and the lawful heirs of her body, and  
Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons John  
C Rivenbark and Timothy A Rivenbark my Executors to  
all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and  
Testament according to the true meaning and intent  
of the same and every part and Clause thereof  
herby revoking and annulling all other