

In the Name of God Amen I Samuel Allen
of Cumberland County & Parish of Littleton, in the Colony of
Virginia being in such an body but of perfect & sound mind and
memory do make and Ordain this my last will and Testament
in manner and form ^{following} that is to say first and principally I
commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave
it Hoping through his mercy to have enjoyed redemption and
my body to be buried in decent manner by my executor here.

After manner also as for what worldly goods God has bestowed
on me I give and dispose of in manner following

I will that all my just debts be paid by my executor
I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Allen being
in full health and sound mind containing nine hundred
and fifty acres of land which were sold to him by
himself

Item I give and bequeath

to my wife Mary Allen

to them and their heirs for ever.

And I give and bequeath to my son Samuel all the lands of Plantation

the above named lands containing six hundred and twenty five acres, after the death of my beloved wife Martha to be then fully possessed with and not before to him and his heirs for ever. And if my said son Samuel should die without lawful issue, then my Will and desire is that my said lands and

Plantation whereon I now live shall be sold by my Executors and the money equally divided among all my Children.

And I give and bequeath to my said son Samuel one Negro Girl named Mary and Martha her furniture; to him and his heirs for ever with all the increase of the said Negro, if she have any.

And I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary two Negroes named Ben & Bloss During her Natural Life, Provided she will keep the same in her own Possession, but not to be sold, or hired out, or by any means taken out of her Possession during her said Life, & after her death to be divided among her Children if she have any by my Executors and if she die without lawful issue then my desire is that the said Negroes with the Increase of any Return into the hands of my Executors and be equally divided with the rest of my estate.

Now My will and desire is that my said Daughter Mary have full and free Possession of one small room in my house in the street that opens into the chamber where I usually lodge and that she freely possess the same without any interruption so long as she shall live unmarried & if she ever marries during her natural life I likewise give to said Daughter Mary her father bed and furniture.

Now I have unto my Daughter Elizabeth Jefferson one Negro Wench named Moll to be by her Possession by by her only during her life, but if she shall suffer the said Negro to be taken out of her Possession otherwise than to her own child or children then my desire is that my executors take Possession of the said Wench or any increase she may have & keep them for the use of my said Daughter during her life & after her death to be equally divided among her children by my executors.

Now I have unto my Daughter Judith Murray one Negro Girl named Jenny during her life. Provided she keep the said Negro in her Possession but if she by any means suffer the said Negro or any other increase to be taken out of her Possession otherwise than to her own child or children my desire is that my executors take the said Jenny & any other increase she may have for the use of my said Daughter Judith during her life & after her death to be equally divided among her children by my executors.

Item I Give unto my Daughter Mary a Negro Girl
named Fanny to be by her possession during her Life but if she
suffer the said Negro or her increase to be taken out of her
Possession otherwise than to her own child or children then to be
taken by my Executors for her use & maintenance above
with any other Daughters during their lives her share the
said Negro with all her increase to be equally divided among
her Children.

Item I Give unto my Daughter Thomas one Negro Girl named Annis to be
by her possession as above directed with this proviso if she suffer the
same or any of her increase to be taken out of her Possession
then my Executors to take the same & keep for her use during her
Life and after her death to divide the said Negro and all her increase
amongst her Children.

Item I Give unto my Daughter Frances one Negro Girl named
Hannah to be by her Possession during her Life but if ^{she} suffer
the said Negro to be taken out of her Possession then to be taken
by execs. for her use as above directed and after her death to be divided
with all her increase amongst her Children if she have any but
if she should die without lawful issue then the said Negro and

then increase to return into the hands of my Exors. to be divided with the rest of my estate.

Item I Give and Bequeath to my said Daughter Frances the Sum of
Ten Pounds cur. money to be paid out of my estate.

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them. I give unto Bezabab who my own Daughter was one three year
old Slave Jack Gould known by being already called her with all
her increase to her and her heirs for ever.

How my Will and desire is that if my son Felt shall live longer
than his Mother then my son is said William Daniel take him
under his care if he is so long as he lives and for ever consider
him his own - I give unto the said William Daniel and all are worth
in my debt with all the interest he has and his heirs forever
How I give and bequeath to my Daughter Frances one Feather bed
and Furniture

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Item I give ~~bequeath~~ my Daughter Ann one Feather Bed and
Flower

Humbly will and desire Intent & meaning is that if either of
the above Negroes named to be lent to any of my Children
should die that then such loss shall be made up by my
Estate with another Negro of the like value out of my estate
And if the said wench given to William Daniel should
die that then my Executors shall give them another wench of
her value out of my estate to enable them to take posses-
sion of my son Field of the said wench and her in-
crease to him and his heirs forever as before directed.

Item I do unto my beloved Wife Martha all the remainder and
residue of ^{my} estate of every kind and Quality with the land and
Plantation whereon I now live with all the slaves Tools Stock
Household stuff during her natural life or Widowhood
and my will and desire is that my Executors hereafter mentioned
shall have it in their power to dispose of all the property
arising from the said estate to the best advantage they can for
my Children after leaving my beloved Wife a sufficient main-
tenance and my will and desire is that after the death or
marriage of my said wife all my estate in her hands

except the land before given to my Son Samuel be leg. & equally divided amongst all my Children then living and I desire to their Children by an equal division and my desire is that my estate may not be inventoried nor appraised but remain as I leave it in the hands of my wife & above Ordained.

And I do nominate and appoint my two Sons Nathaniel & Samuel and my Son in Law William Daniel my whole and sole Executors of this my last will & Testament hereby revoking & annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made & declaring this to be my only and true last will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this fourth day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy four.

Signed sealed & published

Samuel Allen

In the presence of
Stephen Woodson
Lucy Woodson
George Mathis
John Woodson

At a court held for Cumberland County the 26th September 1774.

The last will and Testament of Samuel Allen deceased was exhibited in court by Nathaniel Allen Samuel Allen & William Daniel

The Executors herein named and the same was proved
by all the Witnesses and William Swann Clerk of the Wills
at Newcastle and ordered to be entered in the public office of the
said Executors who made an acknowledgment in reference
granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form of
giving security whereupon they together with Stephen
Woodson, Symon Scott and Daniel Allen their Securities as
entered into bond according to Law

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Thompson Swann Clerk

In the Name of God Amen I George Wright of the County of
Cumberland and Parish of Littleton being sick and weak of body
but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be to almighty God for
the same and calling to mind the the uncertainty of this Life
do make my last Will and Testament in manner and form as
follows