

In the name of God, Amen. I, James Allen of Hanover County, being of perfect mind and memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life, am [i.e. and] Desirous to settle my Temporal affairs, do make this my last Will and Testament revoking all others, and first I will that all my lawful Debts be paid.

2dly. I give and bequeve to my Granddaughter Anne King and to the heirs of her body Lawfully begotten one hundred acres of Land in Cumberland County Bounded by Allen's branch being my son Richard's line, my back line and Womack's line, with two Negroes & the Incens, named Jacob and Easter, the Feather bed and Furniture which was her Mother's and every thing that was her mother's, as stock of all kinds & household Furniture now in the possession of her Father Philip King, with twenty pounds Current money. But if my said Daughter should depart this life without heirs of her body lawfully begotten, that then the Land and Negroes with the twenty Pounds be taken as my Estate and be divided as the rest of my Estate hereafter named. But if my Granddaughter should die leaving no issue then my desire is that Phillip King keep what he has of mine in his possession as his property.

3dly. I give and bequeve unto my son James Allen and his heirs Fifty pounds Curr. Money, my five Vol. of Henry on the Bible, my wareing Cloaths and every thing that he has of mine in possession be it of what nature or Quality so ever.

4thly. I give and bequeve unto my son Daniel Allen and his heirs all the Estate of mine that he has in possession with twenty pounds Curr. Money.

5thly I give and bequeve unto my son Richard Allen and to his heirs the plantation whereon he now lives which was Given him by Deed, but by Calling the branch intended to be his bounds on one side (Womack's Branch) instead of Allen's branch. I therefore mention it to prevent a dispute hereafter, and every

thing that he has of mine in his possession and twenty Pounds Curr. Money.
6thly. I give and bequeave unto my son Benjamin Allen and to his heirs all the rest of my land in Cumberland County with two Negroes named Little Tony & Gilbert with one third part of the stock of Cattle, hogs & sheep that is on the Plantation that is on the land with all the household furniture he has in possession.

7thly. I give and bequeave unto my son Charles Allen and to his heirs after my Wife's deceas the Plantation whereon I now live with all the land thereunto belonging with two Negroes named Frank and Sam, a Good Feather bed and furniture, my Desk and bookcase with a proportionable part of Stock & Kitchen Furniture with the rest of my Children that is gone from me at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, and my Desire is that my son Charles may have the liberty of making use of sum part of the Land so that he dont disturb his mother durement her life.

8thly. I lend unto my Daughter Anne Richardson durement her natural life five Negroes and their Inceas named Sampson, Agge, Dick, John & Jane & their Inceas, and after my Daughter's death my will and desire is that the said five Negroes with their Inceas be equally diovided between her Children share & share alike. And all other Estate that is in the Possession of my Daughter Anne Richardson & her husband Turner Richardson of mine I give it to them & their heirs.

9thly. I lend unto my Daughter Anna Allen durement her natural life three Negroes and the increas named Sarah, Dick, Little Cate, with a feather bed & furniture, two Cows & Calves, two Ews & Lambs, the Mair and Saddle she calls hers and a proportion of Kitchen furniture with the rest gon from me. And if my said Daughter should have children Lawfully begotten then my Will & desire is that the above mentioned Negroes & their Inceas said to be lent should be equally Divided between her sd. Children share and share alike. But oif my said Daughter Anna should depart this life leveing no Children then my will and Desire is that the said Negroes with the Inceas be Equally Divided among my other children in the same manner as the rest of my Estate hereafter mentioned.

10thly. I lend unto my Daughter Sarah Allen durement her natural life three Negroes and the Inceas named Dol, Isaac & Sarah with a feather bed & Furniture, two Cows & Calves, two Ews & Lambs, the mair & Sadle she calls her one [own] with a proportion of Kitchen furniture with the rest of my Children. And if my Daughter Sarah should have Children lawfully begotten, then my Will & desire is that my above sd. Negroes with the Inceas should be

equally divided among them share and share alike, after my Daughter Sarah should depart this life leaving no Child as
But if my said Daughter Sarah should depart this life leaving no Child as
aforesaid then my desire is that the aforesaid Negroes with the Increase be divided
among my other children in manner hereafter mentioned.

11thly. I lend unto my son in Law John Richardson during his natural life all the
Negroes he has of mine in his possession, named Forda, Jene, Ned, Sam & Annis
with the increase and after his death I give and bequeave the said Negroes with the
increase unto my Grandchildren and their heirs named Anna Richardson, Doraw
Richardson, Martha Richardson, Elizabeth Richardson, John Allen Richardson
and Daniel Richardson to be equally divided between them share and share alike,
But if either the said Children should depart this life before they come to lawful
age or Marry then his, her or their parts be equally divided among the living.
12thly. I give and bequeave to my Grandson John Sims and his heirs one Feather
bed & furniture, one Cow & Calf, one Sow and pigs, one Iron pot to the value
of ten shillings, one frying pan, two pewter dishes, six plates with such Kitchen
furniture as my Executors shall think proper before the division. And I desire
that my Executors may buy him a horse & Saddle of abt. Eight or Ten Pounds
price, these Goods I give him my sd. John Sims in Consideration that he shall
never Claim hereafter any Rite or Claim to any part of my Estate by any title
whatsoever.

13thly. I give and bequeave unto my Granddaughter Elizabeth Green and her heirs
one Negroe Carl named Lydda with her increase upon Condition that she nor her
heirs set up any Title to any part of my Estate hereafter. And I give & bequeave
to my Granddaughter Anne Sims & her heirs one Negroe girl named Jene with her
increase wch. Said Negroes is in possession of my two Granddaughters, and if any
of the Negroes said to be lent to my two youngest Daughters Anna & Sarah
should die before they are in possession, my desire is that my Wife may make up
the loss as she shall think proper.. And I desire that my Executors hereafter
named may sell my tract of Land in James City County on a Creek of York river
named Ware Creek as they can by giving long Credit, and the money arising be
equally Divided as hereafter mentioned.

I lend unto my well beloved Wife Anne Allen during her natural life all the rest
of my Negroes, Stocks & household furniture after my Debts & Legacies is paid,
with the plantation whereon I now live only that my son Charles have liberty to
work his hands on some part of the land any my desire is that after my wife's
death that all and every thing be is of what nature or Quality soever after my
Debts and Legacies be paid may be equally divided between my five Sons & two

Daughters, Vize: James, Daniel, Richard, Benjamin & Charles with Anne and Sarah Allen share and share alike, to be divided by two or three of the neighbours with my Executors. But if my Wife choose to give any of the said children any thing so that it don't exceed fifteen pounds to any one, I desire that she may have the liberty. And I desire that my Estate be not appraised and I do appoint my well beloved Wife Anne Allen, my son James Allen, my Son Benjamin & Charles Allen Executors & Executors of this my last will and Testament. Revoking all other this only to be my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal this tenth day of September One thousand seven hundred & Seventy one.

Ja. Allen

Signed, Sealed & Delivered)

in the presence of us:)

Nelson Anderson

Benjamin Tyree

Susanna Anderson

Memorandum that it is my desire that my Executors within mentioned should pay my son Benjamin Allen Twenty five pounds towards Building of him a house & likewise pay a Joyner to make him a Desk & Table he providing the said be Witness my hand and seal this Eighth day of October One thousand seven hundred & Seventy one.

Ja. Allen

Susanna Anderson

Mary Ann Hughes

Thos. Austin

At a Court held for Hanover County on Thursday the 29th day of March 1772. This last Will & Testament of James Allen deceased With the Codicil therein was offered to proof by Anne Allen, Jas. Allen & Charles Allen three of the Executors therein named, and was proved the will by the oath of Nelson Anderson, Benjamin Tyree & Susanna Anderson the Witnesses therein and the Codicil by the Oath of the said Susanna Anderson, Mary Ann Hughes & Thomas Austin the Witnesses to the same & also by the oath of the said Executors & Ordered to be Recorded.

Test:

William Pollard C.H.C. [Clerk of Hanover County]