

In the Name of God Amen: I William Allen of Clarence in the County of Surry and State of Virginia being of sound mind and Memory do make Ordain the Writing as my last Will and Testament hereby perverting all other wills made by me.

1st I give to my dear Son William Allen my Gold Watch to him and his heirs for ever.

2nd I lend to my dear Wife Francis all my plate of every kind for her life, and at her death I give the same to my Son William to him and his heirs for ever.

3rd All the balance of my estate of every kind, Consisting of lands Slaves Stocks of every kind, household and Kitchen furniture, farming implements of every kind, liquors stores of every kind, Money and evidences of debt, Crops of every kind whether growing or severed, and all other property to which I may be entitled. I give unto my beloved wife Francis to her and her heirs forever.

4th My watch and plate (at the death of my wife) I have given to my dear Child as a memorial of a fathers love, the reason which influence me in giving my whole to his mother, are these, my Son will have an ample estate to which he is entitled under the will of my late Uncle Col William Allen. and that I desire, his mother to have the most ample means for her Comfort and enjoyment, and to be at her absolute disposal.

5th I do not wish any appraisement of my Estate to be made,

6th I appoint my dear wife Francis exir of this my last Will and Testament and I do not wish or intend that she should be required to give security as such.

Given under my hand and Seal this the 28th day of May one thousand eight hundred and fifty six

William Allen



Signed, Sealed, and Acknowledged
in the presence of us, and attested
by us in the presence of W^m Allen
and in the presence of each other

Joseph A Graves

W C Rawlings

Virginia

At a Circuit Court of the County of Henrico. Continued and

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At a Circuit Court of the County of Henrico. Continued and
held at the Courtroom thereof on Tuesday the 25th of May 1875.

This writing purporting to be the last will and Testament
of William Allen deceased. was produced in Court for probat by Francis
Allen, the Executor therein named. and it appearing to the Court, upon
the testimony of the Rev: Edmund C Murdaugh that Joseph A Graves and
W C Rawlings the only subscribing witnesses to the said will are dead,
and it being further proved by the oath of the said Edmund C Murdaugh
that the signature of the said Joseph A Graves as a witness to the said
will is the genuine signature of said Graves and it being further proved

by the Oath of John D Branch that the Signature of W C Rawling
the other Subscribing witness to said will is the genuine signature
of said Rawling. It is ordered that this writing be admitted to record
as the last will and testament of said William Allen. See?

And on motion of Francis Allen the Executrix named
in said will, she having taken the Oath of an executrix and entered
into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Five Thousand dollars.
Conditioned as the law directs, which bond was ordered to be recorded; a
Certificate was granted her for obtaining a probate of said will in
due form. No security taken the testator by his will requesting that
none be required.

Teste:

Geo N Taylor D.C.

A Copy

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In Surry County Court Clerk's office June 5th 1875.

This Copy of the last will and testament of William
Allen dec'd was this day received in this office and with the Certificate
of the probate thereof before the Circuit Court of Henrico County, and of
the Qualification of Francis Allen Ex'or of William Allen thenon
written. admitted to record.

Teste.

A J Edwards Clk.

Virginia

At a Court held for James City County and the
city of Williamsburg, at the Courthouse thereof
in said City on Monday the 14th day of June 1875.

A duly Certified Copy of the will of William Allen deceased
admitted to record in the Circuit Court of Henrico County, was examined
by the Court, and it appearing that said Copy is duly authenticated.
It is ordered that the same be received as and for the last will and
testament of William Allen deceased,

Teste:

Wm H Emonson Clk

In the Name of God, Amen, I, William Allen of the County of Surry, do make and ordain this my last will and testament,

First. I direct that the whole of my estate real and personal shall be kept together by my executor herein after named for the term of five Years after my death in order out of the profits thereof to raise a fund for the payments of my debts, and the legacies which I shall hereinafter bequeath; provided that my executor may at any time he thinks proper, sell such of the personal Estate other than Slaves, or plate, as in his opinion Cannot yield any profit, the proceeds whereof shall be added to the same fund.

2^{dly}. I direct my Executor to select Eight male and eight female Slaves from among my Slaves now at my plantations in Drumwitt, and two male and eight female Slaves from among my Slaves now at my plantations in Southampton, all of them prime Slaves, and to transfer them to my plantation in Curl Neck in Henrico -

3^{dly}. From and after the expiration of said Term of five Years I give devise and bequeath to William Griffin Orgain, Son of Richard Griffin Orgain, and my Niece Martha his Wife, all my Lands and plantations in Curl Neck in Henrico, all the Slaves now at and upon the same, and all the Slaves herein above directed to be transferred thereto, and all the other personal estate now at and upon the same, also all my Lands and plantations in the County of Surry, and all the Slaves now at and upon the same except such as I shall hereinafter otherwise dispose of, and all my plate household and kitchen furniture at Clement, and all my personal estate now on my Lands and plantations in Surry, excepting my Wines and liquors at Clement and also all that part of my Lands and plantations in the County of James City which lies on the right of the road leading from Williamsburg to York Down, and all the Slaves, and other personal estate now at and upon the same, to have and to hold all the property real and personal in this Clause of my will mentioned, to the said William Griffin Orgain for and during his

any time he thinks proper. I will that if any
than Slaves, or plate, or in his opinion cannot yield any
profit, the proceeds whereof shall be added to the same fund.

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female Slaves from among my Slaves now at my plantations
in Downsville, and two male and eight female Slaves from
among my Slaves now at my plantations in Southampton. all
of them prime Slaves, and to transfer them to my plantation
in Curl Neck in Henrico -

3^{rdly}. From and after the expiration of said Term of five Years
I give devise and bequeath to William Griffin Orgain, Son
of Richard Griffin Orgain, and my Niece Martha his Wife, all
my lands and plantations in Curl Neck in Henrico, all the
Slaves now at and upon the same, and all the Slaves herein
above directed to be transferred thereto, and all the other personal
estate now at and upon the same, also all my lands and plan-
tations in the County of Surry, and all the Slaves now at and
upon the same except such as I shall hereinafter otherwise
dispose of, and all my plate household and kitchen furniture
at Clermont, and all my personal estate now on my lands and
plantations in Surry, excepting my Wines and liquors at Clermont
and also all that part of my lands and plantations in the
County of James City which lies on the right of the road leading
from Williamsburg to York Down, and all the Slaves, and other
personal estate now at and upon the same, to have and to hold
all the property real and personal in this Clause of my will
mentioned, to the said William Griffin Orgain for and during his
natural life, upon Condition that he take the Name of William
Allen, and in Case the said William Griffin Orgain shall
leave a Son or Sons living at his death, then I give devise and
bequeath unto the eldest Son which he may leave, at his death
and to his heirs, executors and administrators forever, all and
singular the property in this Clause of my will mentioned upon
Condition that he also take the Name of William Allen, but if
the said William Griffin Orgain shall die without leaving a
Son living at his death then from and after his death, I give and
bequeath unto the property in the Clause of my will mentioned

to my Nephew Carter H. Eskew, his heirs, executors or administrators forever.

4th The Clause of my will next above preceding is the disposition which I intend of the property therein mentioned upon the supposition that the said Richard Griffin Orgain and Martha his wife have not, or shall not have a second son but in case they have or should have a second son, then from and after the said term of five years. I give and bequeath unto the said William Griffin Orgain for and during his natural life, my lands and plantations in Curles Neck aforesaid, and all the slaves now upon the same, and all the slaves hereinabove directed to be transferred thereto, and all the other personal Estate at and upon the same, and I give and bequeath unto such second son as the said Richard Griffin Orgain and Martha his wife have or may have, for and during his natural life, all the other property in the next preceding Clause mentioned and devised and bequeathed to the said William Griffin Orgain for life except the plate and furniture at Clermont and I bequeath the said plate and furniture to the said William Griffin Orgain, and second son of the said Richard Griffin Orgain and Martha his wife, to be equally divided between them for and during their lives respectively upon Condition in regard to all the devises and bequests in this Clause, of my will contained respectively, that the said William Griffin Orgain, shall take the name of William Allen, and that such second son of the said Richard Griffin Orgain and Martha his wife shall take the name of John Allen, and in case the said William Griffin Orgain shall die without leaving a son living at his death, such second son of the said Richard Griffin Orgain and Martha his wife him surviving, then from and after the death of the said William Griffin Orgain, I give and bequeath all the property in this Clause, devised and bequeathed to him for life unto such second son of the said Richard Griffin Orgain and Martha his wife for and during his natural life and if such second son of said Richard Griffin Orgain and Martha his wife, should die without leaving a son living at his death the said William Griffin Orgain him surviving, then from and

unto the said William Griffin Orgain for and during his natural life, my lands and plantations in Curles Neck above said, and all the slaves now upon the same, and all the slaves hereinafore directed to be transferred thereto, and all the other personal Estate at and upon the same, and I give and bequeath unto such second son as the said Richard Griffin Orgain and Martha his wife have or may have, for and during his natural life, all the other property in the next preceding Clause mentioned and devised and bequeathed to the said William Griffin Orgain for life except the plate and furniture at Clermont and I bequeath the said plate and furniture to the said William Griffin Orgain, and second son of the said Richard Griffin Orgain and Martha his wife, to be equally divided between them for and during their lives respectively upon Condition in regard to all the devises and bequests in this Clause, of my will contained respectively, that the said William Griffin Orgain, shall take the name of William Allen, and that such second son of the said Richard Griffin Orgain and Martha his wife, shall take the name of John Allen, and in case the said William Griffin Orgain shall die without leaving a son living at his death, such second son of the said Richard Griffin Orgain and Martha his wife him surviving, then from and after the death of the said William Griffin Orgain, I give and bequeath all the property in this Clause, devised and bequeathed to him for life unto such second son of the said Richard Griffin Orgain and Martha his wife for and during his natural life and if such second son of said Richard Griffin Orgain and Martha his wife, should die without leaving a son living at his death the said William Griffin Orgain him surviving, then from and after the death of such second son of the said Richard Griffin Orgain and Martha his wife, I give and bequeath all the property in this Clause, devised and bequeathed to said second son for life to the said William Griffin Orgain for and during his natural life and in case the said William Griffin Orgain shall leave a son or sons living at his death then from and after his death, I give and bequeath all the property hereby devised and bequeathed to him for life either directly or contingently upon the death of the said second son without leaving a son living at his death for the said

of the said William Griffin Orgain and to his heirs forever upon Condition that he also take the name of William Allen and in Case the said Second Son of said Richard Griffin Orgain and Martha his wife, shall leave a Son or Sons living at his death, then from and after his death, I give and bequeath all the property hereby devised and bequeathed to him for life, either directly or contingently upon the death of his brother without leaving a Son living at his death, to the eldest Son of the second Son of the said Richard Griffin Orgain and Martha his wife and to his heirs forever upon Condition that he take the name of John Allen; and in Case both the said William Griffin Orgain and the second Son of the said Richard Griffin Orgain and Martha his wife shall die without leaving at their deaths that is without any Son of either living at the death of the survivor, then I give and bequeath all the property herein devised and bequeathed to them for life to my Nephew, Carter de Colles, and to his heirs for ever.

5^{thly} I bequeath one third of my Wines and liquors at Clermont to my Executor Richard Griffin Orgain and the other two thirds to the said William Griffin Orgain to be kept by his father for him till he attains to full age.

6^{thly} I give and bequeath to Dr Robert Drolling Starke and his heirs forever, all my land and plantation in the County of Brunswick, and all the Slaves now at and upon the same excepting those herein above directed to be transferred to Charles Meek, and all the other personal property now at and upon the same.

7^{thly} I give and bequeath unto my Nephew and Nieces in equal portions Share and Share alike all my lands and plantations in the County of Southampton, and all the Slaves now at and upon the same, excepting those herein above directed to be transferred to Charles Meek and all other personal property now at and upon the same to be divided among them, to them and their heirs respectively forever—

8^{thly} I

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8thly. I give and bequeath to my Nephew Carter H. Eeles and his heirs forever all that part of my land in the County of James City which lies on the left of the main road leaving from Williamsburg to York Town.


9thly. I hereby emancipate and set free my slave Emanuel Jones, by law, and her six children Maurice, James Manuel Katy Annama and Mary Eliza James Waller, and his daughter Helene and my servant slave James called James Bell.

10^{thly}: I bequeath to the said Emanuel Jones above emancipated the sum of six thousand dollars. to the said Sylvia and her said six children equally to be divided among them the sum of one thousand dollars to the said James Walker the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars. and to the said Jane Tabb the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars, and I devise the said legacies may be paid to them respectively as soon as they can conveniently be paid. so as to furnish them the means of leaving the State of Virginia and settling themselves elsewhere -

11^{thly}: I bequeath to grand Nieces Anna Lester Harrison and Nancy Newell Harrison to each the sum of five thousand dollars.

12^{thly}: I devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my Estate of whatever kind, after payment of my debts and the legacies herein above bequeathed to my relations and next of kin, to be divided and distributed among them according to the law of distribution now existing in this Commonwealth.

Lastly: I appoint Richard Griffin Organ of Petersburg executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other and former wills by me made, I have caused the name of "William" in the nineteenth line first page, in the seventeenth and twenty fifth line second page. in first sixth tenth, fourteenth nineteenth and thirty first line on the third page, and in the sixth, ninth and sixteenth line of the fourth page to be erased and the name of Richard Griffin to be interlined in lieu thereof before signature and publication of this will, and the words upon Condition that he also take the name of William Allen to be interlined in the ninth line of the second page before signature and publication

W Allen his 

Signed, Sealed and published by
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in the presence of each other,
and attested by us at his request,
and in his presence and in the

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W Allen his 

Signed, sealed and published by the testator, in our presence and in the presence of each other, and attested by us at his request, and in his presence and in the presence of each other the same being declared acknowledged and published by the testator as and for his last will and testament

J. V. Wilcox
Geo. Mingo Jr.
John Armistead.

In Surry County Court January 23rd 1832
The last will and testament of William Allen deceased

was proven by the oath of John V Wilcox, John Mungo Jr
and John Armstrong, the subscribing witnesses thereto, and by
the Court ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of
Richard G Organ the only executor therein named, who
made oath and together with Ann E. Esler, David D. Poyson
Willis Cousins, David Dunlop, Daniel Dugger Robert
Leflow, O. Hare, and Patrick Durkin by Nathaniel M
Osborne, their attorney, John A Seldan, Miles Seldan
and Nathaniel M Osborne, his securities entered into and
acknowledged a bond in the penal sum of Eight hundred
Thousand Dollars. Conditioned as the law directs, Certif-
-icate is granted him for Obtaining a probat of the
said will in due form

Teste:

Walter S. Booth Clerk

A Copy

Teste:

Wm J Underwood C. C.

1st Decr 1862,

At a Quarterly Court held for James
City County and the City of Williamsburg
at the Courthouse thereof in said City
on Monday the 14th day of February 1876.

A duly Certified Copy of the will of William Allen
Sr. which has heretofore admitted to record in the Court
for the County of Surry, was this day presented to Court, examined
and being satisfied of its genuineness. It is ordered that
the same be recorded as and for the last will and testa-
-ment of William Allen Sr.

Teste:

C. C. Dixon W. C.