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I Thomas S. Allen make and obtain this to be my last will
and testament and I give and bequeath the same to say I
will that all my debts be paid by my regular business after
my death and desire in that all my estates consisting of
the tract of land whereas I now live all my negroes at present to wit
in my household (to wit) Oney, Margaret, Ann, Abner, Amos, and
Stephen Nelsons Amos, Sally, Patrick and Salador
with my stock of horses, cattle, sheep, household furniture, planta-
tion utensils debts &c and whatsoever my estate may consist in
be kept together during my beloved wife Prudence Allen's lifetime
or widowhood and should after my decease in
that case I desire www.virginiapioneers.net be divided into four equal parts
including my land one fourth part of my land and personal property
the said during her life only the personal property in fee simple
to dispose of as she shall choose, the other three fourths to my three
children (to wit) Paul James, Susan Armstrong and Leptate
Thomas and should either of my children come of lawful
age or marry in that case the one so arriving to age or marry-
ing shall be entitled to the one fourth part of my personal
estate only, at that time (and so on) until the three arrives
to lawful age or marrying and should any die unmarried (and
before my youngest child comes of age nevertheless she is entitled
to dispose of her one fourth part of the personal property left

before my youngest child comes of age nevertheless she is entitled
to dispose of her one fourth part of the personal property left
her as she may choose, after the death of my wife whether
she has been married or not and my youngest child comes
of lawfull age or marriage I desire the whole of my land
to be sold for the best price that can be had and equally
divided between my three children of over and should
either of my said children die without lawfull issue his
surviving brothers & sisters to equally divide his part among
them and should my said wife die unmarried and before
my children marriage or comes to lawfull age or until
my youngest child comes of lawfull age in that case I desire
~~that~~ my estate to be kept together until my youngest
child comes to full age nevertheless I leave it to the discre-
tion of my executors whether in the meantime the land
should not be rented and the proceeds hired out, and this
I leave to their discretion to determine what will most
be for the advantage of my children Lastly I appoint John
F. Ellis Executor & Prudence Ellis my beloved wife
executrix of this my last will and testament Given
under my hand & Seal this 16 day of April 1820

In presence of us
Joseph Hartman & John F. Ellender
Witnesses
Harding

Thomas P. Ellis Seal

divided between my three children of record and should
either of my said children die without lawfull issue his
surviving brothers & sisters to equally divide his part among
them, and should my said wife die unmarried and before
my children marriages or comes to lawfull age or untill
my youngest comes to lawfull age in that case I desire
~~that~~ my estate to be kept together untill my youngest
child comes to full age. Nevertheless I leave it to the discre-
=tion of my ~~own~~ ^{own} whether in the meantime the land
should not be rented ~~and~~ ^{and} the crops be sold out, and this I
leave to their discretion to determine what will most
be for the advantage of my ~~own~~ ^{own} estate. I appoint John
Richardson Esq. my Executor. And my beloved wife
Executing of this my last will and testament Given
under my hand & seal this 15 day of April 1820
in presence of us

Joseph Garbrough and F. Wade
Witnesses

And I to my wife I desire when my land is to be sold that
it be known and understood that my line does not follow
the ground to the mouth of my big paper and that the
line between my land and John's is in the middle of
the line between the two papers from the line to the corner

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as the facts of said branch are heretofore which have my deed
includes the same which is that I did in any letter to the said
and state as above have been made and I will the above state
by the Court of
William A. T. Hastings Daniel F. Wades
Thos. P. Ellis

In Lunenburg County Court 11th August 1820
The within written last will and testament of Thomas P. Ellis deceased
together with the Corroborative deeds annexed was exhibited in Court and
proved by the oath of two of the witnesses thereto subscribed and ordered
to be recorded and on the motion of John A. Johns the executor
named in the said will ^{Lunenburg County Wills 1818-1826} ^{www.virginiapioneers.net} is granted him for obtaining
probate of the said will in due form whereupon he gave bond
and security and qualified for that purpose conditioned as the Court directs
reserving liberty to the executor named in the said will to join
in probate when he shall think fit
Teste Wm. H. Taylor &

William Johns In Inventory and appraisement of the estate of John
Inventory of W. Williams deceased made this 15th day of February 1820
15 sheats @ 7-
5 bound & 26 pigs 22.50
1 yoke Oxen - Best 37.50
40.00
40.00 135.00