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Nicholas Allen In the name of God Amen this twentieth day
of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and eight I
Nicholas Allen of Montgomery County and State of Virginia
being advanced in years and weak in body but of sound mind
Memory and understanding do see cause to make this my last
will and Testament that is to say I commend my soul to Almighty
God and my body to the grave to be buried in a Christian and the
manner at the discretion of my wife and Exrs and authorizing
such worldly estate as I have and shall have in and to the same
I dispose of the same in the following manner to wit It is my
will and sole ordain that all my lawful debts funeral expenses and
Doctors charges if any there be shall be paid and lawfully discharged
I will and bequeath unto Mary daughter of Joseph Davis deceased
who is married to me and lives with me now in my wife's and home
neches Seven Cows and calves one Beef cow my mare that goes by

who is married to me and liveth with me now as my wife and home-
keeper. Seven Cows and Calves one Beef Cow my mare that goes by
the name of the young Queen and her choice three of the rest of
my horses all my sheep and Hogs all my Household furniture
Beds and bedding her saddle and every other article thereunto
belonging without exception all the Grain Hay and fodder that
is on my plantation now and growing the Crops now
about at the time of my decease. I also will unto the said Mary all
the Lands that I now possess in this County during her natural life
if she remains unmarried if she chooses to live on it and if she
will not chuse to live on it or should marry then the Lands to be sold
by my Ex^{rs} for the most that can be got for it and the price thereof
to be equally divided between my own children by this said
Mary namely Anne Nicholas Mary Polly Joseph Isaac
and Hannah she drawing a child at birth and I will unto

the said Mary all or any Legacy or Legacies that may or shall
 fall to her from her father's Estate I bequeath unto Thomas
 that now lives with me one cow & calf. The balance of my
 property to be sold and the price thereof with my cash to pay the
 Legacies to my six children by my former wife to wit Sarah Stephens
 Semma to Henry Hezekiah Robert, David John & William Allen
 Twenty pounds each and to Rhoda my grand daughter five
 pounds. If my negro Pat. will find a man that will give fifty
 five pounds for her she may chuse her own Master if not if any of
 my children will take her at the same they may the oldest having
 preference; And if they will not she shall be sold to the highest bidder
 And it is my will that if my children by my wife Mary should
 be like to suffer or not be well brought up they shall be bound out
 by my Ex^{rs} in such places and with such men as will be likely
 to bring them up in the fear of God & make them able to gain an
 honest living when of mature age. And if my Mary should die
 before the youngest of my children be born I bequeath

~~to and being under of lawful age.~~ And if my Mary should die
before the youngest of my children by her shall be of lawful age then
two thirds of her dowry to go to my children by her and the one third
is to be at her own disposal and whereas my son David Allen hath worked
for me after he was of lawful age and my son William hath left
property on my plantation for which they had no satisfaction
in law thereof I will unto the s^d David & William the thirds they
bought of me of the forementioned legacies And it is my will
that the balance of my property if any there be after the above legacies
is paid the one half thereof go towards the Education of my
children by the s^d Mary and the other half to be divided equally
between my six aforementioned eldest children my wearing apparel
and my large Bible I will to my son David and I do nominate
my trusty friends Peter Saunders Jun^r and John Long to be Ex^{rs} of
this my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I set my hand
and seal the 21st and date above written

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property or my reputation for which they had no satisfaction
in the thereof with unto the s^d David & William the younger they
bought of me or some of the forementioned legacies And it is my will
that the balance of my property if any there be after the above legacies
is paid the one half thereof go towards the Education of my
children by the s^d Mary and the other half to be divided equally
between my six aforementioned eldest children my wearing apparel
and my large Bible with to my s^d David and I do nominate
my loving friend Peter Saunders Jun^r and John Long to be Ex^{rs} of
this my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I set my hand
and Seal this 21st day and date above written

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Signed and acknowledged

in presence of us
Edward & Gray Jun^r
John Long

Nicholas Allen Esq^r

At Montgomery July Court 1808
 This last will and Testament of Nicholas Allen deceased was
 presented in Court and proven by the Oath of Edward Gray Junr
 and John Long the witnesses thereto subscribed and ordered
 to be recorded And on the motion of Peter Saunders Junr and
 John Long the Executors therein named who made Oath and inter-
 est into bond with security according to Law certificate is granted
 them for obtaining a probat thereof in due form

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Teste Charles Taylor Clerk

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Nicholas Allen An exact list of the moveable property of Nicholas Allen deceased
 as appraised by us this 20th of July 1808

Appraisement

9 match bows at 3 pounds per bow

1 head of young cattle

	£	s	d
9 match bows at 3 pounds per bow	27	0	0
1 head of young cattle	12	10	0

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