

Register of Probate, Athens, Ga.

State of Georgia } In the name of God: amen
Athens County } I Bezel Allen of the County of Athens
and State of Georgia being of advanced age and knowing
that I must shortly depart this life deem it right
& proper both as respect myself, family & myself that
I should make a disposition of the property with
which a kind providence has blessed me
I do therefore make this my last will & Testament
revoking all others heretofore made by me
Item 1st I desire and direct that my body be buried in
a Christian like manner suitable to my rank and
circumstances and condition in life. In soul I
trust will return to rest with the God who gave
it Item 2nd I desire that all my just debts be paid
as soon as convenient without any unnecessary
delay; Item 3rd I desire that my beloved wife
Bezel Allen have and hold all my property both
real and personal during her natural life after
paying my just debts
Item 4th I desire my executors and executor of this
deem it expedient to sell my real estate and as much
of my personal property as they think proper and
advise and with a portion of the money arising
therefrom purchase a place of life value for
my wife having a view to her comfort and that por-
tion not so applied I desire my executors to divide
to divide equally among my children provided
however that my sons John M. Allen & Wm. Allen
first have a preferential share a piece or its value at
the time of the division and provide further that
my daughters Sarah B. Allen Martha C. Allen
and Cynthia C. Allen also have a preferential
share and have a piece or its value before
said division

Item 5th I desire that a majority of my legal

Be Allens will Register Court
Control in executing the 4th item of this my will
and whatever any ^{parties} of them may agree upon shall
be done

Item 6th I desire that at my beloved wife's death all
my property be sold either at private or public sale at
the discretion of my Executors and the money arising
therefrom equally divided among my children & any of
them be dead their children to have their parents share
Item 7th I do hereby constitute and appoint M^r E Allen
& Frederick G Allen my Executors & Sarah Allen Executor
to this my last will & testament This 16th day of October
1864

Signed Beverly Allen

Witness Seal & delivered

and published by Beverly Allen as his last will
and testament in presence of us subscribers who
subscribe in presence of said testator at his special in-
stance and request & in the presence of each other

Signed

Isaac S Clement

Calford W Jones

Joseph V Bell

County Court of Ordinary

May Term 1865

The will of Beverly Allen being previous in open Court
for probate in solemn form by two of the nominated
Executors who has filed their petition to prove the same
and the witnesses I S Clement W Jones & J V Bell
having subscribed the following affidavit sworn
on said will May term 1865 before the Ordinary
Court Come into open Court at this regular
term of the Court I S Clement W Jones & J V Bell
depose that same Beverly Allen signed & published the
same as his last will & testament while of
sound and disposing mind & that they believe
the same for him at his request and in his
presence & each other & that the same was read
aloud & attested by him on the day

I purport to have been executed

Vigned Isaac B. Clements

Guilford W. Jones

Joseph S. Bell

Sworn to & Subscribed before me in open Court
May term 1868 Vigned W. D. Beatty, Clerk

We Varah Allen W. H. L. Allen Two of the nominated
Executors in the will of Beverly Allen dec'd do
solemnly swear that this writing contains the
true and last will of the within named Beverly
Allen dec'd as far as we know or believe &
that we will well & truly execute the same in ac-
cordance with the laws of this State so help us
God May term 1868 Vigned Varah Allen
" " W. H. L. Allen

Sworn to & Subscribed before me in open
Court May term 1868 Vigned W. D. Beatty, Clerk

Rec'd in May 1868

W. D. Beatty, Clerk
J. Clerk & Officer