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Be it known that J. John Allen of the County of Chatham
and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and
memory do on the eighth day of February in the year of
Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty
seven make this my last will & Testament in manner
& form following Viz-

1st I will that all my just debts & personal charges be paid
2nd I will & bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah a life time
inheritance on all the lands I now own.

3rd I will & bequeath to my son Nathan all my lands which I
now own until my son Jos shall arrive at the age of twenty
one year on condition he takes care of and maintains the
balance of my family who may choose to stay with him and
on half thereof to him and his heirs forever -

4th I will & bequeath unto my son Jos on half in value of all
my lands when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one year -

5th I will & bequeath to my son in law Edward Edwards one
dollar which is all I intend he shall ever have of my estate.

6th I will & bequeath that all my household and Farm utensils
& smiths tools remain in the care of my son Nathan until
my son Jos shall arrive at the age of twenty one year and
at that time be disposed of as any other personal estate

7th I will that all the residue of my property be equally divid-
ed between all my living children and that the part al-
lotted to my daughter Rachel Edwards be placed in the
hands of a suitable person who shall administer it to her
as necessity may require and reason dictate.

8th Lastly I will that my truly and confidential sons Simon
& Nathan Allen execute this my last will & Testament

Joshua Dixon
Caleb Dixon

John Allen

Chatham County August 1st 1847
This certifies that the foregoing last will & Testa-
ment of John Allen did pass privately in open
Court by the affirmation of Caleb Dixon a sub-
scribing witness thereto & ordered to be recorded. Whereupon
Nathan & Simon Allen the Executors therein named
appeared in open Court & were qualified -

John M. Newman C.C.C.