

North Carolina, Washington County;

I Margaret M. Allen of the aforesaid County and State, being of sound mind, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament:

First. My executor hereinafter named shall give my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives, and pay all funeral expenses, together with all my just debts, out of the first moneys which may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

Second. I give and bequeath to my son, John M. Allen, one good bedstead, mattress, bed, two pillows, one bolster, one bureau, one wash stand and one dining table, also three hundred dollars (\$300.00) in cash. The remaining moneys equally divided between my son John M. Allen and daughter Leila L. Davenport.

Third. I give and bequeath to my daughter Leila L. Davenport wife of E. L. Davenport one good bedstead, mattress, bed, two pillows, one bolster, two safes, two tables. The quilts, shirts, pillow cases & bolster cases to be equally divided between my son John M. Allen and daughter Leila L. Davenport.

Fourth. One bedstead, mattress bed, two pillows and one bolster to be sold, and proceeds equally divided between my son John M. Allen and daughter Leila L. Davenport.

Fifth. My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate (if any) after taking out the devises and legacies above mentioned, shall be sold, and the debt owing to me collected, and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts, expenses and legacies, that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to my said son John M. Allen and daughter Leila L. Davenport in equal proportion, share and share alike.

Sixth. I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend, Louis J. Meade, my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me herebefore made.

In witness whereof, I, the said Maggie Allen, do hereunto set my hand and seal, this 21st day of February, 1920.

Margaret M. Allen.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Margaret M. Allen to be her last will and testament in the presence of us, who, at her request and in her presence, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

B. D. Bateman

D. G. Darden.

State of North Carolina }
Washington County. } In the Superior Court,

A paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Margaret M. Allen, deceased, is submitted for probate in open court by Louis J. Meade the executor therein named; it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of John M. Darden that B. D. Bateman, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto is dead, and it is also proved by the oath and examination of John M. Darden that D. G. Darden the other subscribing witness thereto is also dead. And it is further proved by the oath and examination of the said John M. Darden that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said B. D. Bateman, having often seen him write, and that the name of the said B. D. Bateman subscribed as a witness to the said will, is in the handwriting of the said B. D. Bateman, and it is also proved by the oath and examination of the said John M. Darden, that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said D. G. Darden, having often seen him write, and that the name of the said D. G. Darden subscribed as a witness to the said will, is in the handwriting of the said D. G. Darden. It is therefore concluded by the Court that the said paper writing, and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of the said Margaret M. Allen and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

This 2d day of Sept. 1924.

W. W. Tinsboro, cec.