

State of Georgia  
 Wilkes County

I John Allen of the county and State aforesaid con-  
 trasting the uncertainty of this mortal life and having  
 of some years and memory blessed be God for the same, so make this  
 my last will and testament in manner following that is I give my  
 body to the Lord to be decently buried my sole Executor to God  
 who gave it. Then my funeral expenses be paid

1) Second My will and testament is that all my just debts be  
 paid by my executors as soon after my decease as practical

2) Third I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife two negroes  
 to be of her own choosing and she later to remain on the old place  
 with my Wife + + + + + But these negroes chosen by  
 my Wife at her decease them and their offspring if any to  
 be sold and the money to be divided equally amongst my legatees

Also I give and bequeath to my wife the sum of five hundred  
 dollars to be at her disposal Also of the house hold stuff or  
 furniture I give her an equal part with those of my daughters  
 that live with me at present and at her decease to be divided  
 between those daughters Also I give and bequeath to my wife  
 during her natural life the use of all the old tract of land  
 with a part of the better tract which lies on the east side of  
 the Snapping shole creek Also the two daughters are permitted  
 to live on the same place with my Wife during her natural life  
 as long as they may remain single. Also I give to my Wife  
 as many of the horses & cows hogs sheep and plantation tools as  
 may be thought necessary. The rest to be sold and the money  
 of said sale of such stock & stuff to be equally divided

4) Fourth I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Allen one  
 hundred acres lying on the west side of the Snapping shole  
 creek and known by being part of the Carter tract and not  
 before disposed of by me - that is by paying to each of my eight  
 two twenty five dollars in twelve months after my decease  
 This is to be all of the Carter tract that lies west of the same  
 creek be it more or less

5) Fifth I give and bequeath to my son John W Allen the  
 old place whereon I now live and the part of the Carter tract  
 east of the Snapping shole creek that is at the time of  
 my Wifes decease by paying to each of my daughter twenty

five dollars twelve months after my decease  
 I thought I gave and bequeath to my daughter Jane Henry  
 that lot a lot of land known by the name Blue Spring on the  
 west side of Great Run the sole right to the said lot of land  
 to her as she may remain single but in case she marries as she  
 will then the same shall be divided to her sons by Mr Henry  
 as near the sole right is to belong to her sons as each of them  
 John Henry and James Henry also to them as each of them  
 one of said John Henry shall need to get a lease sande and timber  
 of the owner of a negro called

7 I bequeath I give and bequeath to all my children by to  
 Jane Henry Nancy Thompson and his wife Elizabeth John McDaniel  
 Samuel John Miller and his wife Elizabeth Mrs John Allen Mary  
 and his wife Elizabeth James and his wife Martha; My will is that  
 all negroes not being excepted be equally divided and drawn  
 for that as after being valued and those whose part may be  
 less the other to pay back so much as to make each share alike  
 Also all money a notes or other accounts due or on hand as  
 soon as collectible to be equally divided except so much as is  
 before excepted

8 I do hereby nominate my son James Allen and John W  
 Allen executors of this my last Will and testament with  
 full power and authority to carry the same into effect.  
 In witness whereunto I have hereunto set my hand and  
 seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 1847

Present  
 William Melson jr  
 J M Lewis  
 H H Henry

John W Allen  
 mark

State of Georgia  
 Newton County

This codicil is to certify that as I  
 have had those negroes drawn for and  
 divided between my legates which are mentioned in the  
 foregoing will except one who is named Sampson and  
 my will is that the said boy remain with my Wife  
 till her decease a my success whichever may be last  
 and then to be appraised and sold with those of my

Wife choosing and the way of said wife to be equally divided  
 also John Henry Henry and my wife is that Mrs and James or  
 get to the amount of of money or the lease if they above it given and  
 they a better of them so the bill they become of age also as Peter  
 is to remain on the old place he is to be under the the care and  
 control of my son James & Mrs Allen and that they see that  
 he does not come to want and pay his taxes Also that James  
 & Mrs Allen be my Executors of this my will and testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal  
 this 21<sup>st</sup> of November 1855  
 Present  
 J M Lewis  
 H H Henry  
 Mrs McDaniel  
 John W Allen  
 mark

Proven in open Court at Newton County Georgia  
 to be the said James & Mrs Allen  
 the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 1855 & signed  
 by the said James & Mrs Allen