

Last Will and Testament of William ALLEN (1689); Talbot County, MD

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William Allen

Will

Talbot County, Maryland

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In the name of God Amen the Twenty ffourth day of January one thousand six hundred and Eighty nine I William Allen of Talbott County in the Province of Maryland being sick and weak of body but of perfect memory and understanding blessed be God doe hereby make my Last will and Testament

ffirst, I bequeath my Soul to almighty God

Secondly my body to the ground to be buried in Christian burial

Thirdly I leave my dear wife Executrix of my goods and Chattells if she keepeth herselfe unmarried after my decease then I bequeath my now dwelling Plantation to her during her life or age her third part and

fourthly after my wife's decease or if she marrie I bequeath my now dwelling plantation to my son William

Likewise my will is that my Son William Shall Serve my Dear wife my said Executrix till he is one and Twenty years of age and my said Executrix shall have a full and free Enjoyment of my Plantation till my son William be of age

Likewise I give and bequeath to my son John all that Tract of Land Called Allens neck as is Exprest by Pattent Lying in Chester Containing two hundred acres

Likewise I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth and to my dear daughters Susannah and to my Daughter Grace all that tract of Land called Parkers ffreshes as is Expressed by Patent containing three hundred acres to be equally divided between them my said three daughter in condition and quality

Likewise my will is that all bills and bonds due from me to any person or persons whatsoever that shall be plainly made appear before any of his majesties Justices of the ? or his Lordships Justice of ? to those who are in force I desire may be paid or also not

I give and bequeath to my Son William one Cow called Young Rose Likewise to him I give and bequeath one of my guns also my will is likewise two sows.

I give and bequeath unto my son John one of my guns likewise one Cow called Cole Likewise two sows

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth one Cow called blackberry likewise two Sows

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Susannah one Cow called Linen Likewise two Sows

I give and bequeath to my daughter Grace one heifer yearling called Hoddy

The rest of my goods and Chattells I give and bequeath to my dear wife during her life and after her decease to be Equally divided between my two Sons and three daughters as my said Wife shall think fitt

And as touching or concerning what I have given and bequeathed to my Sons and daughters at either of their decease without issue what I have given and bequeathed unto them may of Shall goe to the next heir and if any of my Sons or daughters have issue and they decease without issue I will that what I have given or bequeathed may or Shall to the next heir belonging to my body Enjoy it

Furthermore my will is that if my dear wife doth decease before my son William be of age that he may be free and have a full enjoyment of what I have given and bequeathed to him

Likewise I do Instruct my well beloved friends Capt. John Davis and Jacob Abrahams that if my dear wife deceaseth undevidible what goods and chattels she leaveth behind her may be Equally divided between my said Children as they shall think fit soe concluding this my Last Will and Testament desireing the Lord Almighty to guide and protect my dear wife and Children and the welfare of all my neighbours I rest only I declare I decease a Protestant

Given from under my hand and Seal the day and year within written William (his mark) Allen (Seal)

Signed, Sealed and delivered in the presence of us
John Warner
Hester (her marke) Stone
Thomas Reswick

February y^e 5th Anno Dom 1701

Then came Elizabeth Howard the wife of David Howard of Talbot County and daughter of the within named William Allen decd before me Robert ffinley Dept Commisary for the aforesaid County and caused the within will to be proved which will was accordingly proved in due forme p the oath of Thomas Reswick one of the witnesses thereunto subscribed certified the day and year above said JJme(?)
Rob^t ffinley Depty Comisary for Talbot County