In the name of God, amen, I Richardson Allen of the County of Marion and State of Mississippi, calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make constitute and ordain this as my last Will and testament —

Imprimis — My will and desire is that my body be buried in a decent and christian like manner; and as to what worldly goods and estate it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Pamelia Allen my tract of land and farm where on I now live adjoining the town of Palmyra and all my negro slaves, to wit; Jerry, Polly, Mary, George, Mariah, Emily and Isaac and their increase for and during her natural life or widowhood, also all stock of horses, cattle and hogs and household & kitchen furniture of every description —

Item, Second — after my wifes death, or if she should marry it is my will that the property which I have bequeathed to her be distributed in the following manner to my son John M. Allen one hundred dollars to be raised out of the sale of the property I also bequeath to my son Abram Allen the sum of one hundred dollars to be raised by the sale of the property aforesaid —

Item I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Catharine McCrackin one hundred dollars to be raised in like manner by the sale of my property on the death or marriage of my wife as aforesaid — —

Item — I also bequeath unto my daughter Caroline Melton five hundred dollars to be raised out of the proceeds of the sale of my land and farm adjoining the Town of Palmyra, which is to be sold at the death or marriage of — loving wife —

Item — I also give and bequeath to my son William R. Allen two hundred and forty acres of land where we now live on the place called the Pemberton place, to him and his heirs forever, my will and desire is that my son William if he chooses shall remain on the farm with his mother for two years

before he removes to his places hereby bequeathed to him —
Item — I bequeath to my daughter Martha Higgins the sum of one dollar —
Item — I bequeath unto my daughter Mary Cochran the sum of one dollar —
Item — I bequeath unto my son Washington Allen Five hundred dollars, the purchase money of the Reambletion placed tract of land which Reambletion owes for the same and Bonds —
all the ballance of my property remaining after my wifes death or marriage after the legacies aforesaid are paid to be equally divided among all my children —
I hereby appoint my loving wife Pamelia Allen Executrix of this my last will and testament — In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 15th Sept. 1843 —
attest Richard Allen
L. N. Allen
Thos. J. Allen —

State of Mississippi }
County of Marion } Ss.

The State of Mississippi To any Judge or Justice of the peace of Scott and County, Greeting, Whereas it has been suggested to me that Thomas J. Allen a subscribing witness to the annexed writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Richardson Allen deceased, resides more than sixty miles from the said County of Marion (the place where the said will is to be proved) — Now therefore reposing special trust and confidence in your integrity and circumspection, do command and require of you and do hereby empower you to take and certify the attestation of the said Thomas J. Allen on his oath, to be by you administered or by or from affirmation, that the said testator signed the writing hereto annexed, as his last will and testament, that he was of

sound mind, and that he said Rev. J. Allen subscribed his name thereto in the presence of said testator, and having reduced said attestation to writing by yourself you return the same annexed to this writ to the Office of the County Court for said County of Marion, with all convenient speed. Witness Thomas P. Matchett Clerk of our said County Court, at Office in Palmyra in said County of Marion, this 18th day of December A. D. 1843

Thomas P. Matchett Clerk

State of Missouri }
County of Marion } ss.

Be it remembered that on this 19th day of January A. D. 1844. before me Thomas P. Matchett Clerk of the County Court in and for the County aforesaid personally came Charles M. Allen, a subscribing witness to the within and foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Richardson Allen deceased and makes oath that the deceased signed and acknowledged the writing aforesaid as and for his Last Will and Testament in his presence and in the presence of Rev. J. Allen the other subscribing witness thereto, that at the time of doing the same he was of sound and disposing mind and memory and fully capable of making a will, and that they signed the same as witnesses thereto at the request of the said deceased and in the presence of each other

Subscribed & sworn to before }
me the day & year aforesaid }
Thos. P. Matchett Clk

State of Missouri }
County of Scotland } ss.

Be it remembered that on this 18th day of January A. D. 1844 - before me Andrew Arnett one of the Justices of the Peace in the County