

Liber A. remayner for the good of my children according to their best discretion. Now for the disposall of my children I would not haue them to liue wth any Papist. ffor my Eldest sonne Thomas, if hee please to liue wth eyther of the Ouerseers of this will hee may during his pleasure. I know he will yerne his uictuals & cloaths: if not lett him take his course. And for the other Two I would not haue them sold for slaues, or Morter-Boyes, but according to their best discretion I meane, of my uery louing ffreinds John Hatch & Rich: Banks. I haue an old freind att Accomack called James Bruse, I could wish th' he had my sonne Robert, if he haue none of his owne & th' he would use him well, & nott sett him to the Mortar. or eyther Vrmstrong ffoster. Phillip Conner of the Ile of Kent, did desyre once to haue my Sonne William, as his child, & soe he would use him. & I told him, if it pleased god to take me to his mercy I would leaue him, to him, Soe I desyre yo^u my freinds to use yo^r discretion in it. And for yo^r paines & labor in it, yo^u may pay yo^r selves, out of this estate. But I beseech yo^u my freinds, doe yo^r best for my children. And soe I conclude desyring god to bring us to (in his good time) euerlasting glory & mercy in Jesus Christ our Sauour. Now to him be thanks both now & euermore. Amen.

The words him, his, & god was enterlyned before the Signing & Setting to of my hand. Now in wittnes of the truth I haue sett my hand this Twenty third day of Aprill. An: Do: 1648
Sign^d Thomas Allen.

on the backside of the will

I desyre that & if I should sodenly dye, & the cause how, should not be directly knowne how, or where, or when. That there bee speedy Enquiry made, how & where, & what was the cause. And if it be not directly fownd th' then I would haue Nick: & Marks att Pyney-neck, Irish-men, questioned as suspitious persons: for reasons to mee best knowne. This more I desyre of yo^u my freinds John Hatch, & Richard Banks, & soe likewise of yo^u my Sonnes Thomas, William, & Robert Allen. This is my desyre. Wittnes my hand this Twenty third of Aprill Año Dñi 1648. Sign^d Thomas Allen.

p. 172 August ii. Whereas this day Jn^o Hatch, Rich: Banks, & Will^m Marshall, ouerseers of the last will & testam^t of Tho: Allen deceased, haue brought into the Registers office, the sayd last will & testam^t of the s^d Tho: Allen. And whereas there is noe p^{nt} power to graunt lrēs of admistraōn. It is therefore Ordered by the Gou^r th' the s^d M^r Hatch Rich: Banks, & Will^m Marshall shall receiue & collect the estate, w^{ch} otherwise would fall to ruine, & cause it to be apprayed by the oaths of Walter Beane, Walter Waterlin, & Robert Smith, & bring into the