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WILL OF [142-3991]
ALEXANDER HOUSTON

South Carolina }
Abbeville District }

I Alexander Houston of the District and state aforesaid calling to mind the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in the manner following
To it

I give and bequeath To the following named Children To it Robert H Houston Jas A Houston Joseph B Houston Matilda C Noble Elizabeth A. Cowan Jphn A Houston Sexan A Noble William I Houston all of my real Estate Except the tract of Land Known as the fort Hannah Tract now in possession of Alexander R Houston also the following Negroes Slaves namely Dave. Jack. John. Edwin George Jethro Little Lenda Milla Rose & Child named Flora and their Increase To be equally divided Between the above named Children in additon to what they have all ready received

This devision To be made according to the Entrys in Book Letter A & Page 1 & 2

So that the above named Children will be all Equal

I also Give and bequeath unto My Last set of Children the following Negro slaves To it

Augusta G Parks, Sharlotte, & Louisa and To Cornelius B Houston Moriah Jane & Child Sharlotte, and To Alexander R Houston, Lizzy Joe & Jacob, and To Armstrong P. Houston, John, Mary, and To Jane C; Scott, Eugene & Frank and To Cornelia A Houston Harriet & Billa and To Alice Houston Ben Patsy & Sally Being the Property and their Increase of Jane Houston deceased

I also Give and bequeath the Tract of Land Known as the fort Hannah Tract to the Equally divided Between the seven Last named Children

I also Give and bequeath unto Cornelia & Alice Houston the Forte Pianna Equally between the Two I. also Give to Jane C. Scott one bed & Furniture also to Cornelia Houston one bed and Furniture also To Alice Houston one bed and Furniture I also Giv of my Household & Kitchen furniture To the last seven named Children to be Equally divided between them also what moneys and notes may be on hands after paying all My debts to be Equally divided between my last named seven Children That is to say Cornelius, B, Houston A.R. Houston Cornelia A Houston Armstrong. P. Houston and Allie Houston &

Jane, C, Scott

I. do hereby nominate and appoint Alexander R; Houston and William P Noble
My Executors to execute this my Last Will and Testament in Witness
whereof I. have set my hand and seal this 11th of Aug^t.

A.D. 1855

I in presence of

D.M, Rogers

A Houston(Seal)

T.T. Cunningham

W.M. Rogers

WILL OF [141-3976]

JOHN CALLAHAM

The State of South Carolina }
Abbeville district }

In the name of God Amen.

I, John Callaham of the said State and District being of sound mind and disposing memory and being desirous of disposing of what worldly effects the Lord hath blessed me with do make this my last Will and testament in manner and form following .

(viz.) 1.st I will my body to the dust from whence it came and my soul to God who gave it

2^d I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Nancy Callaham a Tract of Land of Seventy eight acres to be Run off from a Tract known as my quarter Tract bounded by lands of John L Callaham and others the said seventy eight acres to be run so as to embrace the Buildings, also a negro man Sampson and his wife Hannah a negro woman named Polly with her increase her choice of one Horse her choice of two cows and calves one sow and pigs as much household and kitchen furniture and Plantation tools as she may deem necessary for her. One years provisions all the above property that I will to my wife Nancy is for her use during her natural life and at her death to revert back to my Estate to be divided as is hereinafter mentioned

3rd I will that the whole of the remaining part of my Estate both real and personal be sold by my Executors hereafter named in such manner and at such times as may be thought best and paying my funeral expenses and all my Just debts and expenses then I will that the proceeds of said estate real and personal be equally divided between my children or their Legal representatives (viz) Elizabeth Carwile, the children of Sarah Carwile David Callaham Basdell Callaham Lucy Caldwell the children of Jane Rutherford the children of Susan Bowen: Francis Callaham Absalom Callaham Mary Carwile Dempsey Callaham Clarissa Gray Elenor Latimer, John L Callaham Martha Griffin Gealia Wright Cabrilla pratt James S Callaham. William M Callaham Nancy Ann Pratt Sherrod W Callaham & Eliza Callaham share and share alike so that the children of each deceased parent receive the share their parent would be entitled

to receive and whereas I the said John Callaham did in October One thousand eight hundred & fifty three make a division of ~~cert~~ certain property so as to give each child five hundred Dollars if there should be any of my children or their Representatives that do not receive their said share of five hundred dollars during my life time it is my will and desire that such child or children or their Representatives receive their said portion of five hundred Dollars (so that all may be upon an Equality) before the proceeds as above named shall be divided and in case any of my children above named should die before the said Distribution then their children to receive the part such child or children deceased would be entitled if living.

And I do hereby nominate and appoint my sons John L. and Sherrod W Callaham Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made and hereby declaring this to be my last will and Testament In testimony I have hereunto assigned name and affixed my seal the Thirtieth day of November in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and fifty three

Si Signed, sealed published
 and declared as and for the
 last Will and Testament of
 the above named John Callaham
 in the presence of us
 G.M. Mattison
 J.R. Latimer
 Benj.^m M Latimer

John Callaham (seal)

WILL OF [142-3999]

JOHN L. LATHERS

South Carolina)
Abbeville District)

In the name of God Amen

I John L. Lathers of the State and District aforesaid being frail in body but of sound and disposing mind and being admonished by my present affliction that my life is short and also, being desirous to make some disposition of my worldly effects, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament

And first I consign my body to the dust from whence it came and my spirit to God who gave it.

Item 3rd. I give and bequeeth unto my beloved wife Nancy Lathers all my Estate both real and personal consisting of Lands and plantation Negroes horses, cows, sheep, hogs plantation tools, household and kitchen furniture, and all that I may possess at my death to have and to hold for ever. and I allow my beloved wife Nancy Lathers to possess it during her natural life, and to dispose of any and all of said property at her death as she may think proper

Item 3rd. It is my Will and desire that my friend David Keller Esqr should act as the Executor of this my last will and Testament

Signed sealed published and declared and acknowledge to be my last Will and Testament this 28th day of February one thousand eight hundred and fifty four and in the seventy eight of American independance John L. lathrs (LS)

In the presents of
Jas. I Gilmer
David Robison
Richard Thompson

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WILL OF [142-4601]
ANN McCRACKEN

In the name of God Amen!

I Ann McCracken (spinster) of Abbeville District in the State of South Carolina, being old and infirm in body, but of sound and disposing mind memory & understanding, do make and ordain this instrument as my last Will And Testament " to wit ----

1. After the payment of all my just debts it is my Will, that my Executor hereinafter appointed, shall cause to be erected a plain but neat HeadStone of Marble, at the grave of my half brother William Robinson Jr Deceased; provided, Rebecca Robinson, the widow of my deceased Brother has not caused such memorial to his name and memory, to be already erected.
2. It is my will, that my Executor cause to be erected over my humble grave, a head Stone in all respects similar to that, which marks The grave of my Brother William
3. I give and bequeath to Rebecca Robinson surviving widow, of William Robinson Jr, Deceased, the sum of fifty Dollars, should she survive me, to be paid to her by my Executor,
4. To Simpson Evans, who has often shown much care, and exhibited much Kindness to me I give and bequeath the sum of fifty Dollars, to be paid to him by my Executor; I also will and relinquish to the said Simpson Evans, the amount due me, for the rent of the Nancy Robinson Land, for the years 1852 & 1853, amounting to (principal & Interest) about, two Hundred and forty Dollars, and which the heirs at law of William Robinson Jr, have directed J W Hearst the administrator to pay over to me. "as justly and equitably my right and property."
5. To Jinny McBryde wife of Thos McBryde I give and bequeath the sum of One Hundred Dollars, for her sole use and benefit; and I hereby direct my Executor, to pay over the said sum, of One Hundred Dollars to the said Jinny McBryde; and in the ~~any~~ event of the death of the said Jinny McBryde, before having this legacy, then, it is my will that said bequest should be equally divided betwn her two daughter, Margaret H, and Jinny Bell McBryde.
6. To Margaret H. McBryde, and her Sister Jinny Bell McBryde, only

daughters of Thomas and Jinny M^cBryde, I give and bequeath the sum of two Hundred Dollars to be equally divided betwen them, and I hereby direct my Executor to pay over the said legacy to the said Margaret H. and Jinny Bell, when they arrive at the age of eighteen, or Marry; and in the event, of the death of either, the said Margaret H. or Jinny Bell, then, it is my will th t the surviving child, shall inherit her deceased sisters portion of this legacy.

7. To my Kinsw^man and Kind friend,^s Mary Robinson, Jinny Robinson a and Matty Davis, wife of William Davis, I give and bequeath the sum of One Hundred and fifty Dollars, to be equally divided - one third or fifty Dollars to each ; and in the event of the death of either the said Mary Robinson, or Jinny Robinson, or Matty Davis, then it is my Will, and my Executor is hereby directed, to pay over this legacy to the surviving Sister or Sisters.

8. To my poor neighbour, but Kind friend, William White and to his family I give and bequeath the sum of One Hundred Dollars, and I hereby direct my Executor, to pay over the said sum of One Hundred Dollars, to the said William White, for the Mutual benefit of himself & children

9. To Henderson Russel, I give and bequeath the sum of twenty Dollars, to be paid to him by my Executor.

10 To Simpson Evans, the distributee under the fourth Clause of this instrument, I Will and bequeath the whole residue or ballance of my property whatever it may be, after payment of the within named bequests or legays.

11. I hereby appoint J.W. Hearst as my executor, of this my last will & Testament.

In testimony whereof, I Ann M^cCracken do hereunto set my hand, and affix my seal, this eighth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight Hundred and fifty five (8th May 1855)

Signed, Sealed, and
acknowledged as and for
her last will and Testa-
ment in our presence --
Ann M^cCracken (Seal)

Jn^c Robinson

Timothy Russell
her
Sarah K Russell
mark

WILL OF [142-4010]

MARGARET PARKER

State of South Carolina)
Abbeville District) In the name of God amen -

I Margaret Parker of the State & District aforesaid, being afflicted in body } but of Sound mind, memory understanding, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament. First I commit my Soul into the Hands of God who gave it. } Secondly my property in manner & form following, (Viz)

First

I will that whatever cash I may leave, So much of it, as necessary, to be applied in defraying my funeral Expenses - Doctors Bills debts, etc., the balance if any to be Equally Divided between my Brother James Parker and my two Sisters Elizabeth Grayham, & Isabella Pool;

Second

I Give and bequeath unto my niece Polly Ann Grayham, youngest daughter of my Sister & Elizabeth Grayham, Half of my tract of Land, the dividing line to Run as follows, Start at the S.E. Corner running angling across the land in a north westerly direction so as to divide it in two Equal parts. Polly Ann Grayham to take the part lying N.E. of the line run -

Thirdly

I give and bequeath unto my niece Jane Pool Eldest daughter of my Sister Isabella. & Matthew Pool the balance of my tract of Land Embracing the buildings also. One cow. & calf } one Large wood'n chest. } one Side Saddle one Bed. furniture and curtains } Spinning wheel } oven a part. of my plates & dishes } Loom. } Reel } two of the choice Sitting chairs } dressing table } Water piggin } clock. & Glass }

Fourth

I Give and bequeath unto my nephew John W Grayham, Son of Elizabeth & Zachariah Grayham One oven } One pig } One bed cover }

Fifth

I Give and bequeath unto my niece Margaret E. Pool, Second Daughter of Isabella & Matthew Pool One Spinning Wheel } Cupboard }

churn) dinner pot,

Sixth I Give and bequeath unto my niece Martha Jane Grayham, Eldest Daughter of my Sister Elizabeth & Zachariah Grayham, One Bed & furniture) Loom the balance of my plates). One Kettle) wash pots)

Seventh I Give and bequeath unto Saml Greyham (my nephiew) Son of my Sister Elizabeth & Z. Greyham One pig) Sheet }

Eighth I Give and bequeath unto my nephiew James Hilliab. Grayham. Son of my Sister Elizabeth & G. Grayham - One Sow) Counter pin }

Ninth I Give and bequeath unto my nephiew Joel Addison Grayham, Son of my Sister Elizabeth & Z. Greyham - One hog & one table -

Tenth I Give and bequeath unto my niece Rachel Isabell Pool. daughter of my Sister Isabella & Matthew Pool. One Small box with Lock & Key

Eleventh I Give and bequeath unto my Insane Sister. Sarah Parker (now in the confines of the Lunatic Assylum in Columbia So. Ca, one dollar in Cash)

Twelfth I will that the proceeds for the rent of my lands the present year. be taken charge of by my two Sisters Elizabeth Grayham & Isabella Pool, and divided Equally between all their children. Except. Jane Pool. & Martha E Grayham

Thirteenth

I do hereby Give and bequeath unto my two Sisters. Elizabeth Grayham .& Isabella Pool the residence of my Effects. If, there be any. not heretofore mentioned, corn, meet, clothing (etc.)

Lastly I do hereby nominate & appoint my Brother in Law Zachariah Grayham - to be my Lawfull Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling all former wills) by me made & ratifying) confirming) this & no other to be my last will and testament) Witness my hand & seal this the tenth day of February One Thousand eight Hundred & fifty One -

her
Margaret K Parker (S)
mark

Test

David W. McCants

John Moore

Williston W Franklin

WILL OF [142-4005]

ELIJAH OLIVER

State of South Carolina)
Abbeville District }

In the name of God amen. I Elijah Oliver -
being Sound and disposing mind and memory but weak in body and
calling to mind the uncertainty of life and being desirous to dis-
pose of all such Worldly Estate as hath pleased God to bless me
with do make and ordain this my last will in manner following that
is to say .

- 1st I give to my Brother James Oliver Fifty dollars -
- 2.^d I give to my Sister Elizabeth Robinson Fifty dollars
- 3.^d I give to my Sister Susan Stinchcomb Fifty dollars
- 4. I give to my Sister Sarah A Teril Fifty dollars

The remainder of my Estate both personal and real I
desire to be sold at public out cry by my Executors hereinafter
named my real Estate I desire to be divided and sold at the dis-
cretion of my Executors as they may think best to do with it .

All of my Estate comeing to me under the will of my Father
consisting of Lands Negroes money and all other Property whatever
nature - & Kind it may be I desire to be disposed of by my Execu-
tors as above stated and all the proceeds there off after paying my
Just debts and funeral Expences I give to my Brother George W Oli-
ver to be paid over to him by my Executors in money with the other
Legacies given to my other Brothers and Sisters, The Negro men come-
ing to me under the will of my Father that has wives from Home I
desire to be sold by my Executors to the men Owning there wives at
the sum of seven hundred dollars Each one of them, and Should the
men Owning there Wives refuse to take them at the seven hundred do-
dollars they will then be sold as the balance of my Estate at pub-
lic out cry.

Should the will of my Father be broke as it is now in suit for tri-
al, I desire that my Executors shall receive from the administrators
of my Fathers Estate the whole intrust comeing to me as a Legatee
from said Estate and apply it as I have before stated in my will

Should my Fathers will stand as a Valid Will my Executors
will demand and receive from the Executor of said will all that is

comeing to me and dispose of in the above discribed manner.

and Lastly I constitute and appoint Sam^l L, Hill and James T. Allen Executors of this my last Will and Testament by me hereto - fore maed in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fix- ed my seal this the 14th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty five signed sealed published and declared as and for the last will and Testament of the above named Elijah Oliver in the presence of us

Alex^r Oliver

James C. Harper

J Foster Hill

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Elijah Oliver (LS)

WILL OF (143-4036)

MOSES GLENN ROSS

In The Name of God, Amen.

I Moses Glenn Ross of the vilage of Green- wood in the District of Abbeville and of the State of South Carol- ina, being of Sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertain- ty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, pub- lish, and declare this to be my last Will and Testament : That is to Say-

First, after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the resi- due of my estate I give, bequeath, and dispose of as follows to Wit. To my Father in law Mr Philip LeRoy of the District and State a- foresaid, A Negro Boy Named Daniel about Five years of age now pos- sessed by me, during the natural life of the Said Philip LeRoy, & after his death the Said Boy to be Sold, and the proceeds arising from Such Sale to be equally divided between his children

I give, bequeath, and devise, all the rest, residue and remainder of my whole Estate to my Sister Mrs. Isabella A crews wife of Mar- cus A Crews of the District and state afore Said . Likewise I make, constitute, and appoint / my brother in Law, the Said Marcus A Crews, to be Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunt, Subscribed my name and affixed my Seal, the Nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Five, In presents of

of C H Selleck

J W Appleton

Gilford Waller

M. G. Ross (LS)
" " "

WILL OF

[143-4045]

B. C. WEBB

State of North Carolina)
 Cleveland County)

I, B C Webb of Abbeville in the State of South Carolina do make this my last Will & testament in manner & form following that is

Item 1st I will that all my debts be paid out of my estate.

Item 2nd I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Mary M Webb all my Estate of every kind to have & to hold & use during her life time or widowhood placing all confidence in her proper management of the same & in event that she may become married to another man I will & desire that my Estate be divided between her & my children in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina and in the event of my wife Mary dying as my widow I will that my Estate be equally divided among my children so as to make them all equal sharers in the same except as to my son Hylemon Alison if he shall inherit the property & Estate of his aunt Mary L Yon then & in that case he is to receive no more of my Estate than enough of it with the Estate of the said Mary L Yon to make him equal with my other children.

Item 3rd I nominate appoint & constitute my my beloved wife Mary M Webb sole Executrix to this my last will & testament.

And I also request my friend Gen^l S MCGowen & W H Parker of Abbeville S^cCa, and my brother Edw^d. J Webb & Rev W O Prentiss of St^l Bartholomews Parish S^cCa to be advisers & helpers to my wife in the procuring a residence for herself & family wherever she may choose

And I further request my friend Gen^l S MCGowen to superintend the education of my Son Lockwood States Webb

Signed sealed & declared to be my last Will & testament on this the 30th day of May A. D. 1855.

In presence of

Tho^s Williams

L N Durham

Tho^s Wilson

B. C. Webb (LS)

N^oCa Cleaveland County

I add to the foregoing will the following Codicil that is I give to my wife Mary M Webb my executrix full power & authority to sell or exchange such of my property as may be necessary to carey out my foregoing will & when sold or so exchanged to convey the same with good & sufficient warranty & title signed & acknowledged as a Codicil to my last will & testament on this the 2nd day of June A D 1855

In presence of

B C Webb (LS)

Tho^s Williams

James Poston

Tho^s Wilson

WILL OF [142-3996]
CLEMENT T. LATIMER

The State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District }

In the Name of God Amen! I Clement T. Latimer of the State and District aforesaid being of Sound and disposing mind and memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and being desirous to dispose of all Such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to Bless me with do make and ordain this my Last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say.

1st I will my Body to the Ground from whence it came and my Soul to God who gave it

2^d I will ^{that} my funeral Expenses and all my Just debts be paid by my Executors hereinafter named

3^d I will and Bequeath to my Beloved wife Isabella ---Latimer the Plantation whereon I Reside and all the Lands I may own at my Death together with all of my Household and Kitchen furniture also an Equal part with my children hereinafter named of all the rest of my Estate of whatsoever kind with one years Provision the Same to vest in her during her Natural life and at her Death to return to my Estate to be Equally divided between my children or their Representatives as shall hereinafter be provided

4th I will and devise that my Executors hereinafter named do have the negroes I may own at my death divided into as many Lots as there are Legatees my Beloved wife Isabella Latimer taking share alike with my children that Shall hereinafter be named and Said Negroes to be appraised by Suitable appraisers and then my Said wife Isabella and Children to draw for their Lots in Such Manner as Shall appear best the Lots to be made as near equal as can be conveniently and those drawing Lots of most value to pay to those drawing Lots of Less Value provided there Should not be enough money arising from the sales of my other property hereafter mentioned to make each equal

5th I will and devise that my following Children (viz) Mary Trow - bridge or her Bodily Heirs Edmond F Latimer Harriet and Walter "G" Johnson James "M" Latimer the children of Albert G. Latimer Stephen

Latimer the Children of Catharine Featherston Micajah B Latimer Benjamin M Latimer Margaret Louisa Latimer Sarah A and her Husband Benjamin W Mattison with my Beloved wife Isabella Latimer do each draw equal Shares without regard to what each one has here before Received

6th I will and devise that the portion drawn by my daughter Mary Trowbridge be under the control of Gabriel M Mattison whom I hereby appoint as Trustee for that purpose to manage as may seem best for her and her Bodily heirs during the natural Life of my said Daughter Mary Trowbridge and at the Death of my Said Daughter Mary the property to be equally divided between her children or their Legal Representatives So that no part Shall be at the disposal or control of her present Husband Marvin Trowbridge or any other future Husband

7th I will and devise that the property willed to my wife Isabella be for her use and Benefit during her natural life and at her Death all to be Sold both real and personal in Such manner and form as may seem best to my Executors in that day and to be Equally divided between my above named children in the Same manner that my other property is provided for and the portion falling to my daughter Mary Trowbridge be under the control of the Trustee above named to be disposed of in the Same manner as specified for the portion above named I will that the portion falling to the children of my Son Albert G Latimer and the children of Catharine Featherston be managed by my Executors hereinafter named in that way and manner that Shall Seem best for Them and to pay to each child as they become of age their equal Share and in case any of my children above named Should die before me or before they receive their Respective Shares I desire that my Executors hereinafter named do manage the Shares coming to their children in the Same manner as before Specified

8th I will and devise that all the Residue of my Estate not before mentioned ^{be} Sold by Executors that will be hereafter named in Such manner as Shall Seem to them best and also the Negroes that may be drawn by the children of Albert G Latimer and the children of Catharine Featherstone or other of my children as before provided for and the Property falling to my wife Isabella Latimer Real and personal (after her death) to be distributed as before mentioned

ed under the Same restrictions

9th I will and devise that of the property Sold as above named (viz) the Residue named in the Eighth Clause above after paying a all Just Debts and Expenses to be equally divided as before provided for .

And I do hereby Constitute and appoint my Sons Edmond F James M. and Benjamin M. Latimer my Executors of this my Last will and Testament with full Power and authority to Execute the Provisions therein named hereby revoking all other wills by me made and confirming and declaring this to be my Last will and Testament

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto assigned my name and affixed my seal the Tenth day of November in the year one Thousand Eight hundred and fifty four

Signed Sealed published and declared)
as the Last will and Testament of the)
Said Clement T. Latimer in the presence)
of him & of each other)

- Noah. R. Reeve
- Stephen Latimer
- T. R. Latimer

C. T Latimer (LS)

WILL OF {142-3993}

ABIGALE JAY

The State of South Carolina

In the name of God, Amen !!!

I Abigale Jay of the District of Abbeville in the State afore - said, being of sound & disposing mind memory and understanding; but weak in body & knowing that I must die, do make this my last will and testament.

- 1. I will and direct that all my just debts be paid.
- 2. I will and bequeathe my negro woman Anna & her child Mary with their future increase to my daughter Henrietta Moriah Skinner, for and during her natural life and at her death to her children, which may be living at the time of her death, and the children of any deceased child if any such, the child or children of any deceased child to take the share which the parent would have taken if living -
- 3. The balance of my estate I will & bequeathe unto my four children Joseph, Jesse, Tery & Henrietta Moriah Skinner, equally to be divided between them share and share alike - my son Joseph is indebted to me by note for borrowed money, my will is that the interest be colculoted on the note up to the time of division and if it amounts to as much or more than his share than that it be delivered up to him in full of his share but if it be less than that he receive it only in part the balance to be made up to him - My son Jesse is likewise indebted to me by note - He is to be charged with the full amount of Principal and interest of his note if not paid to me in my lifetime -

4. I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend John Gothran Executor of this my last will and testament

In witness whereof I do hereunto set My hand and seal . this 27th day of July - 1849.

Signed Sealed acknowledged and published in the presence of

Rob^t.H. Wardlaw)
 James M. Perrin.)
Thos. C. Perrin)

her
 Abigale X Jay (L.S.)
 mark

WILL OF (141-3981)
JOHN DONNARD

In the name of God, Amen.

I John Donnald of The district ^{of} Abbeville and State of South Carolina. Being of sound mind and retentive memory, and considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being desirous of disposing of my ^{worldly} effects, do make and declare this my last Will and testament in manner and form following (That is to say - - first

Item 1st ---

I give and bequeath unto my wife Jane Donnald, absolute - ly for her own proper use and benefits, one negroe woman Betsey and her daughter Louiza, also her choice of two Beadsteads beds & furniture also my silver watch together with a looking glass that stands where my watch usually hangs, her choice of one Bureau and one folding table, her choice of one Washstand, and whatever glass and crockery, she wishes to select, one Buggy & Harness and her choice of one of my Horses, and whatever number of my stock of cat- tle she may desire, also one years provisions for the maintaianc of her family and stock (to be designated by the appraisors se - lected by my Executors to appraise my Wordly estate , - also my will is that my Executors hereinafter name^d, pay in cash unto my wife Jane Donnald the sum of five hundred dollars at the expira- tion of twelve months after the sale of my effects'

Item 2^d I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anny, wife of Willi- am Hill, the sum of five Hundred dollars.

Item 3^d I give and bequeath unto my daughter Eliza, (wife of Larkin Barmore, the sum of five Hundred dollars.

Item, 4^h I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah (wife of (Reuben Lattimer, the sum of five Hundred dollars.

Item 5^h -- I give and bequeath unto my daughter Lucinda J. (wife of Robert Brownlee, the sum of five Hundred dollars.

Item 6th --- I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Jane, (wife of Samuel W. Agnew, the sum of five Hundred dollars.

Item 7^t----- I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Mary Jane Donald one negro girl named Minerva valued at five Hundred dollars, to be paid, of the legacy herein after named given to my son Samuel Donald, provided also should the said negro Girl Minerva be valued at more than five Hundred, the amount over five hundred dollars be paid out of my estate, and not as before provided, out of The legacy given unto my son Samuel Donald,

Item 8^h -- (I give and bequeath to the Trustees of Greenville Church the sum of two hundred dollars to be added to the permanent fund of said church.

Item 8'^h----- I give and devise unto my son James F. Donald, all of my lands lying between the Greenville & Columbia Rail Road and Long cane creek, together with all the improvements and appertinances thereon. also one negro Boy Wesley, also my Mettle Eight day clock.

Item 9^h----- also my will is, that all of my estate both real and personal, be sold by my executors herein after named, and the proceeds thereof equally divided share and share alike, (after paying the several legacies before mentioned) between my wife Jane Donald and all of my children that is Samuel Donald, Anny Hill wife of William Hill, Eliza wife of Larkin Barmore Sarah (wife of Ruben Lattimer, Lucinda J. wife of Robert Brownlee, Mary Jane wife of Samuel W. Agnew, William Donald, John Donald, David L. Donald & James F. Donald

Item 10.^h My will is that all of my lands East of the Rail Road, and all my lands West of long cane creek, also my Lands on turkey creek with the mills thereon, be sold by my executors, and the proceeds thereof distributed according to the provisions of the ninth clause preceeding

Item 11th----- My will is, that my executors immediately after my decease, take charge of my whole estate, collect all my notes & accounts pay all my Just debts and incidental expences. also that my executors provide (and pay ^{for} out of my estate, an appropriate Tomb Stone.

Item 12th----- It is my will that all gifts or legacies heretofore

given by me to any of my children, name^d in the ninth clause of t
this will) shall be and remain as at present. - except where there
may be reciepts /^{or notes} to the contrary

Item 13th---I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons Samuel
Donnald & James F. Donnald, sole Executors of This my last Will and
Testament, hereby revoking all former wills, In witness whereof I
set my hand & seal, and declare this to be my last will. This the
twenty Third of June in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight
hundred and fifty five, ----signed^d and sealed^d in the presence

of us, who at the request
of the testator, and in his
presence have subscribed
our names as Witnesses

Jn^o Donnald (L.S.)

- A. C. Hawthorn
- R. R. Seewright
- John B Gordon

WILL OF [140-3949 1/2]
NANCY SWAIN

The State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District }

In the name of God amen

I Nancy Swane of the District of Abbeville in the state of South Carolina being at an advanced age but of sound mind and understanding Do make and ordain this as my last will and Testament

Viz,

Item 1^t I will and devise that all my just debts be paid out of my Estate as soon as possible after my decease :

My Estate consists of one hundred acres of Land and two Slaves We Westt, and Fanny together with my share of the stock and plantation tools household and Kitchen furniture :

As we have ~~sixty~~ sixty four acres of Land since the death of my husband for the sum of \$530 dollars my distrib^{te} Share / being over one hundred dollars

Item 2^d I give and bequeath unto my grand son Robert Daniel Swain one hundred dollars to be paid out of my Estate :

Item 3^d I give and bequeath unto my two daughters Jane Amanda and Elizabeth^{Ward} the balance of my estate, both real and personal to be equally divided between the above named daughters :

Item 4 I hereby nominate and appoint my friend Samuel Reid Executor of this my last will and Testament and I hereby revoke annul and disavow all and any other wills Testaments devices or bequeathments by me heretofore made :

Given under my hand and seal this 23^d day of December in the year of our lord 1854.

Signed sealed

her
Nancy X Swain (L.S.)
mark

and Acknowledged
in presence of us

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Andrew Stevenson
James C Stevenson
A G Hagen

WILL OF [143-4047]
SOLOMON WALKER

In the name of God Amen I Soloman Walker of Abbeville District S. Carolina being of Sound and disposing mind and memory, but calling to mind the uncertainty of life and being desirous to dispose of such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, do make and odrain this my last will in manner following that is to say, after paying my debts and funeral Expences. I Give to my wife ^{Nancy} ~~Elizabeth~~ a negro Girl about twelve years old named Moriah for and during her natural life: and after her decease I give the same to all my children hereafter mentioned to be equally divided amongst them, to them and their heirs forever.

I Give to my daughter Elizabeth Dillishaw One Negro Girl named Martha about ten years old.

And all the rest of my personal Estate I Give and bequeath to be equally divided between the whole of my Six children namely Lucy Hardy, Samuel Walker, Sanders Walker, Margaret Martin, Barton Walker and Elizabeth Dillishaw.

And lastly I do constitute and appoint Sanders Walker Executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed my Seal this 29th day of ~~of~~ January one thousand Eight hundred and forty Seven.

Signed, Sealed published, and declared. }
 as for the last will and testament of }
 the above named Solomon Walker }

In presence of us

Solomon Walker)L.S.)

Thomas Ferguson

Geo. W. Mitchell

L^r Newby

WILL OF [142-4007]

ELIZABETH D. PORTER

State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District }

I Elizabeth D. Porter of the District of Abbeville and State of South Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make and declare the following as my last Will and Testament, To wit:

First, My will and desire is that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid:

Second, I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth now married to W.M. Griffin all my real estate, of which I may die seized and possessed, for and during her natural life to her sole and separate use and benefit and at her death all my Real Estate hereby given and bequeathed to her for life, I will devise and bequeath to the heirs of her body forever.

Third, I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth now married to W.M. Griffin all my Personal estate for her sole and separate use and benefit during her natural life and at her death I give devise and bequeath that Personal estate to her heirs absolutely and forever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twenty eighth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty four

Signed, sealed, published and
declared by the said Elizabeth D. Porter
as and for her last Will and Testament
in our presence, who at her request
and in her presence and in the
presence of each other have signed
our names as witnesses to this
her last Will & Testament.

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E D Porter (LS.)

SM. G. Gary

A N Darracott

Mary A Gary

WILL OF {141-3878}

EDNA CALDWELL

State of South Carolina }

Abbeville District }

In the name of God Amen. I Edna

Caldwell of the State and District aforesaid being weak in body, but of perfect, Sound mind and memory thank God for his mercies and Knowing that is appointed that all Should die. In the first place I will my Soul unto the hands of the Almighty who gave it and my body to the earth to be decently burried hoping at the day of Judgament, to obtain ever lasting life and as Concerning the things that I have been blessed with in this life I give and bequeath as follows

Item 1st

It is my will and desire and I give to my Son George. R. Caldwell in Trust, for my daughter Ann, E. Webber the following named Slaves (Viz, One Negroe. Woman named Elizur and her four. children Solomon Jack Daniel and Ellen allso. one Negro boy, named Smith and One Negro, Girl named Lizzy together with their future increase to be held by him as. Trustee for the use and Support, of, my daughter Ann E Webber her natural life and at her death to go to her children but, Should my daughter Ann E Webber die with - out leaveing Child or Children then and in that Case I give the above named Negroes and their increase to be equally devided among my liveing Children

Turn over.

Item 2^d

It is my will and desire and I give to my Son George. R Caldwell One Negroe Woman named Harriet and her two Sons- Peter and Gains also. One Negro man named Hampton Two Feather beads with bead Steads and furniture five head of Cattle Such as would be ^{an} average of my Stock I also, give or it is my wish that he take the Tract. of Land whereon I now live Known as the home place at the Valuation of, Three Thousand five hundred Dollars but should he not be willing to take it at the above Valuation for the land then to be valued by man. and he Still have the priveledge of taking it at their Valuation if he refused, to take it then it be a part of my estate

Item .3.

It is my Will and desire and I give to my dau-

ghter Margaret R Caldwell one Negroe Woman, named Rachel and her five children Joe Westley Willis / ^{Dave} and Della also, one Negro girl named Carolina two Feather beads, with bead Seads and furniture and five head of cattle such as would be an average of my Stock and Should my daughter Margaret R Caldwell die without leaveing Child or Children I give the above named Negroes and their increase to be equally devided among my living Children

Itum 4^h

It is my will and desire and I give to my Grand Daughter ^{Virginia} Pickens Maynard one Negroe boy named Jeff. One Feather bead and bead stead & furniture and that her portion be made equal with my other Children ~~sons~~ for each and all to have an equal portion of my Estate Share and Share alike and Should my Grand daughter Virginia P Maynard die without leaving child or children I give the above ~~named negroe~~ together with the Money which will arise from makeing her equal with my other children to be equally & devided among my living Children

It is my will and desire that all the property named as disposed of in this will be valued by five free holders chosen by my Executor ^{except the Land}, and Should my son G R Caldwell not take the land at the Valuation ^{on} set/it for it to be Valued with the other property the amounts received by each of my children to be charged, to them respectfully, and that the rest, and all of my property not willed be sold by my Executors and out of the proceeds the Shares of all my children be made equal Share & Share alike except two hundred Dollars hereafter to be disposed of

It is my Will and desire that the above two hundred Dollars be loaned out, by my Executors and the Interest accruing from said Loan be anually paid in for the use and Support of Mount Moriah Church untill my Grand daughter Virginia P Maynard, arrives of age or Marries and then to be equally devided among my living children and I do hereby nominate and appoint Stanmore Brooks and my son George R Caldwell my only lawfull Executors to this my last will and testament and hereby disannul all and every other Will bequest, to be null and void and of none effect hereby Confirming this to be my lawfull Testament

(Turn over)

In witness whereof, I have hereunto Set my hand and
Seal this the first day of Febuary. in the year of our Lord. One
Thousand Eight hundred and fifty five

Signed Seald, and Deliverd

Edna Caldwell (Seal)

in the presence of ,

John Cothran

C W Sproule

W C Hunter

WILL OF [141-3982]

JAMES DONNELLY

The State of South Carolina)
 Abbeville District -).-

In the name of God amen !!-

I. James Donnelly of the District & state aforesaid, Minister of the Gospel, being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, but calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.-----

1.- I direct that all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid.-
 2.- A separation having taken place between my wife Maria and myself on terms mutually agreed upon: the observance of which on my part is regarded by me as a full discharge from all obligations as to other & further provision for her. The same being accepted by her in lieu of all claim to dower or share of my Estate. With this remark I dismiss this subject, the most painful of a long and afflicted life. -

3.- I give to my son Francis Olin Donnelly three hundred dollars.-

4 I give to my son George Summerfield Donnelly my negro woman Becky and my negro man Rolla. -

5 I give to my son Andrew Emory Donnelly my negro man William. -

6. I give to my son John David Fletcher Donnelly, my negro woman Rachel and her son Dennis

7. I give and bequeath to my daughters Margaret Kizia Jane and Hamilton Harriet Elmira Louisa my negro woman Caroline and all her children viz Joseph Alfred Charles William Alexander and Rebecca Hester together with the future issue of the females, to be divided into two equal shares when Either of my said daughters shall marry or come of full age : one share to be given to Each to the sole and separate use of such daughter during her natural life, and at the death of such daughter to the children she may leave living at the time of her death and if Either should die without leaving issue, then such share shall revert to her brothers and sisters, and if the sister or any brother be dead leaving issue living , such issue shall represent and take the share , which the parent would have taken if living

.My Executors shall cause their lots to be Equalized upon

the judgement of three disinterested and discreet persons -one may be named by Each daughter, and one by my Executors, but all must be approved by my Executors

8. - I direct that all my books be Equally divided amongst all my children - my ^{Exe}cutors superintending the same, and causing it to be carried into Effect upon the judgement of three discreet persons . -

9. My will and desire is, and I now so direct that all the rest and residue of my Estate both real and personal, be sold by my Executors at Public or private sale as they may think best for the children, without the assistance of Either the Court of Law or Equity, and if the proceeds should be more than sufficient to pay my debts and provide for the pecuniary legacies herein given, then I wish what may remain to be Equally divided among all my children above named. If the funds thus raised shall be ⁱⁿ sufficient to pay debts & legacies, then each child shall contribute according to their several legacies, towards paying the same. And if by death or otherwise any legacy should fail, before the will takes effect, and is not provided for by a codicil, my will and desire is, and I now so direct that each legatee shall contribute ratiably towards making up the loss : - and to this end my Executors will cause proper assessment to be made by the judgement of three suitable persons, to be chosen by them and the legatee to be so charged. ---

10. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my friends John Brownlee and James C. Harper Executors to this my last will and testament - leaving in their hands the administration of the ~~for~~ dly goods, with which it has pleased God to bless me, with a strong confidence that they will act in all things for the best. ----

11 I also appoint my Executors John Brownlee and James C Harper Guardians of my three youngest children, upon their giving bond as Guardians. appointed by the Court an required to do . --

I have left my property and my children in their hands - resting upon their Known Kindness and integrity . -----

Witness my hand and seal this ninth day of April Anno Domini one thousand Eight hundred and fifty five . ---

Signed sealed published and acknowledged in our presence & in the presence of Each other Jas. T Baskin Joel Lockhart Wm. A. Giles)))) James Donnelly (IS)

WILL OF [16-1732]

H.H. NELSON

South Carolina Abbeville District

I,Harvey Nelson being of sound and disposing mind and Memory,do make this my last will and testament as follows.

My will is that all my property both real and personal be sold by my Executor to the highest bidder,after due notice given I desire all my just debts to be paid.

My will is that one third of the proceeds of my real estate be paid over by my Executor to my wife Louisa E Nelson, which said one third is to be in Lieu and bar of all claim or right of dower in or to my said real estate.

I desire all the residue of my estate,the remaining proceeds of my property both real and personal,all cash and shoses in action to be given wholly and undivided to my Brother Enoch Nelson,to him and his Heirs forever.

I appoint Enoch Nelson my brother the Executor of this my will

Signed and published on this the twenty seventh day of March, Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and fifty five

and witnessed by, D A Jordan

Sam^l McQuerns

H H Nelson

W^t Butler

WILL OF [139-3936]
JOHN POWER

State of South Carolina)
Abbeville Dist)

) Know all men by these presence That I

John Power Sr, Now of Sound Mind & Memory, do Make & ordain this
my last will & Testament in the Name of God Amen, To wit,

I give & Bequeath at my death & wife's All of My Effects wheth-
er of Negroes, Horse & Buggy, Bonds, Notes, Money Rail Road Stock
House & kitchen furniture & whatever I may posses, Shall be Equally
Divided betwen my three children Henry F. Power, Mary Ann Magr-
uder & Carolina A Huckabee G.W. Huckabee^s wife

2nd I leave my Son Henry F. Power My Executor of my last Will &
Testament This the 14th day of Feb In the year of our Lord one
thousand Eight Hundred & fifty five Where unto I sett My hand &
Seal Jn^o Power Sr (Seal)

Signed in the presence of
Hugh. M. Prince
Sterling- Bowen
J. H. Power

WILL OF [139-3943]

SAMUEL ROBENSON

South Carolina)
 Abbeville District)

In the name of God amen "

I Samuel Robenson of the District of Abbeville in the state of South Carolina, being at an advanced age but of sound mind and understanding do make and Ordain this as my last Will and Testament

Viz :

Item 1^t I will and devise that all my just debts be paid out of my Estate as soon as possible after my deceas,

Item 2^d I will and devise that the hole of my Estate boath real and personal remain as it is during the life of my beloved wife Jane:

and-

Item 3^d At the death of my wife Jane /^Igive unto my daighter Eliza- beth Jane Evens one hundred and fifty dollars :

Item 4th I. devise that the balance of my Estate boath real and personal^{be} equally devided between my two children John and Mary

Item 5th I hereby nominate and apppoint my friends Charles Evens and William Gorden Executors of this my last will and Testament and I hereby revoke/^{anull}and disanull all and any other wills Testaments or bequeaths by me heretofore maid

Given under my hand and seal this nineteenth day of Dec^ember in the year of our Lord 1854

Signed sealed and

(L.S.)
 Samuel Robenson

Acknowledged before

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Samuel Reid

A G Hagen

W^m G. Gordon

WILL OF [140-3955]
ELIZABETH TODD

State of South Carolina }
 Abbeville District }

I, Elizabeth Todd widow, of the district and State aforesaid, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and declare the following, to be my last Will and testament.

1. I ~~direct~~ that all my just debts, shall be first paid.
2. My will and desire is, that as soon as possible, after my death, that all my estate real and personal, be sold and the proceeds of such sale and all moneys on hand or arising from debts due to me, shall be equally divided between my daughters Mary Ann Eddings, Elizabeth Eddings, Harriet Eddings, Rebecca McCrackan, my son James McCrackan and my grandson William Child son of my deceased daughter Sarah Child.
3. If my daughter Harriet Eddings should die, leaving child or children such child or children shall take the estate given to the said Harriet by this will, but if my said daughter Harriet shall die leaving no child or children living at her death, then my will is that all the estate which she may take under this will shall be equally divided between my daughters Elizabeth Eddings, Rebecca McCrackan, my son James McCrackan and my said grandson William Child or the survivor or survivors of them, but if either of them shall have died in the lifetime of my said daughter Harriet, leaving a child or children living then such child or children to represent the deceased parent and take the share that would have been taken by him or her if he or she had survived, my said daughter Harriet -
4. If my said daughter Rebecca McCrackan should die leaving a child or children, such child or children shall take the estate given to the said Rebecca by this will, but if my said daughter Rebecca shall die leaving no child or children living at her death, then my Will is that all the estate which she may take under this will, shall be equally divided between my daughters Elizabeth Eddings, Harriet Eddings, my son James McCrackan and my said grand Son Will-

iam Child, or the survivor or survivors of them, but if either of them shall have died in the lifetime of my said daughter Rebecca M^cCrackan, leaving a child or children, living, then such child or children to represent the deceased parent and take the share that would have been taken by him or her, if he or she had survived my said daughter Rebecca.

5. My will and desire further is, that if my said grandson William Child should die before he attain twenty one years of age, or should he attain twenty one years of age and die before marriage, or if he shall attain twenty one years and marry and die leaving a child or children surviving him, then that the estate taken by the said William Child under this will, shall be equally divided between my daughters, Elizabeth Eddings, Harriet Eddings, Rebecca M^cCrackan, and my son James M^cCrackan, or the survivor or survivors of them, but if either of them should die in the life of the said William Child, leaving a child or children surviving them, then such child or children shall take the share that would have been taken by the parent if the parent had survived the said grandson William Child.

6. I nominate my son James M^cCrackin, and my sons in law Benjamin F Edding and Patrick H Eddins Executors of this my Will.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the second day of July Eighteen hundred and forty seven.

Signed sealed & acknowledged
by the testatrix, in our presence
& by us subscribed as witnesses in
her presence, and in the presence of
each other

Elizabeth Todd (Seal)

David Ourts

Squire J Burnett

Willis Ross

South Carolina }
Abbeville District }

I, Elizabeth Todd widow being of Sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and declare, the following, Codicil to my last Will and Testament which bears date the Second day of July Eighteen hundred and forty Seven and Witnessed by David Courts, Squire^J/Burnett and Willis Ross ,

First, It is my Will and desire that the legal title to all the Estate and property which my daughter Mary Ann Eddings, may receive under my said Will, shall vest and be in my Grandson James Bolivar Eddings as trustee, for the sole and separate use of my daughter Mary Ann Eddings, and it is furthermore my desire that my daughter Mary Ann shall have the Entire control of said Estate with full power to dispose of the Same as she may desire.

Second, It is my will and desire that all the Estate and property which my daughter Elizabeth Eddings, may receive, under my said will, shall be for her sole and Separate use, and not to be liable for any contracts of her husband, and my desire is that she shall have the control of the same during the term of her natural life, and at her - death^{is} my will and desire/that the said portion of my over - Estate which my daughter Elizabeth Eddings, may receive, shall be divided Equally amongst the heirs of her body share and share alike.

Third, My desire further is that all the Estate which my son James M^cCrackan may receive under my said will shall be for his sole and Separate use, during the term of this natural life and at his death to be Equally divided amongst his children Share and Share alike,

Fourth, My desire is that my Executors shall cause to be Equally divided, amongst my own children, Mary Ann, Elizabeth, & Harriet Eddings, Rebecca & James M^cCrackan all the fine Bed Quilts which may be in my possession at the time of my death.

Witness my hand and seal this July 14th day of July E Eighteen hundred and fifty four and hereby revoking all other Codicils to my Said Will.

Signed Sealed & acknowledged in our presence & by us subscribed in the presence of the testator and of each other -
Tho^s T. Blake
W. R. Hilton
Tho^s C. Griffin

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Elizabeth Todd

(LS)

WILL OF [187-3889]
RICHARD PRICE BOWIE

South Carolina Abbeville District

January, 12th A. D. 1855

I, Richard Price Bowie of the State and District aforesaid being of Sound and disposing mind and memory but, weak in body and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and being desirous to dispose of all. Such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to Bless me with, do make and ordain this my last Will in Manner Following. That is to Say I desire that so much of my Property be Sold or disposed of as my Executor herein after mentioned may think necessary to pay off all my Just Debts and Funeral Expences I give to my wife Jane D. Bowie all of my Estate as well Real as personal For and during the Term of her Natural life and after her Decease I give the same to (my) Child Martha Jane Bowie. And lastly I do constitute and appoint my Friend W^m B. Bowie my Executor and wish him to consult my Wife Jane D. Bowie Relative to the management of my Estate and If they agree and conclude that it will be to their Interest of all to Sell or Dispose of any of the above Property. it is my will and wish that my Executor will do so and the proceeds to go as above at my wifes Death to my Daughter Martha Jane Bowie of this my last will and Testament by me made whereof I have set my hand & Seal this the 12th day of January A. D. 1855. The Twelfth day of January one thousand Eight Hundred & fifty five

Witness - . Edward . Hagan

. W. A. Hagan

Richard P Bowie (LS)

. Robert Hagans

WILL OF {140-3950}
JOEL SMITH

In the name of God Amen!!!

I Joel Smith of Abbeville District & State of South Carolina being of sound and disposing mind memory and ~~understand-~~
of disposing
ing and being desirous/ of my estate and property, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore made.

1. I order and direct that all my just debts be paid.
2. I confirm all the gifts heretofore, by me made; requiring however that all advancements be accounted for by my children, and taken by them, respectively, at the value or prices fixed in my book of advancements. as well the advancements hereafter made or those already made.
3. I order and direct all my Bank Stock, and all my other Stocks of a like kind, to be sold by my Executors, at such times & in such quantities as to my Executors may seem proper, due regard being had to the state of the prices of Stocks & the true interest of my estate
4. I give & devise to my wife Isabella Elizabeth for a home for her my Stoney Point tract of land, meaning the original Stoney Point place, containing about five hundred acres which with the improvements I value at ten thousand Dollars, to be taken by her as part of her share of my estate, provided she chooses to take the same at that price; but if she should refuse to take it, then^I direct that it. be sold with my other estate.
5. All my land & negroes & all my other property I direct to be sold by my Executors as soon. after my decease, as may be convenient, upon a credit of twelve months with interest from the time of Sale- the purchase money to be well secured.
6. I give devise & bequeathe my whole estate to my wife Isabella Elizabeth & my eight children to wit: Augustus Marshall, Mary Elizabeth (now the wife of James M. Perrin) Virginia Carolina, William Joel, Lucy Jane, Emma Eliza, George Miles & Isabella equally between them share & share alike, including advancements, which shall apply as well to my wife as to my children, sothat ultimate-

ly all shall be made equal, my wife taking the Stoney Point Place in part of her share as aforesaid if desired by her- The share which falls to the lot of my wife I give to her absolutely & forever. of the shares which falls to the lot of my daughters respectively, I give & bequeath to each one of them, the sum of twenty five thousand Dollars, to be for ^{her} sole and separate use & behoof not to be subject to the debts contracts or engagements of her present or any future husband, for & during her natural life, she to have the free use & enjoyment of all the interest & profits arising therefrom to her sole & separate use & her receipt notwithstanding her coverture to be a proper discharge to the executors or trustee for the same. with full power given to each of my daughters, if she should ^{leave} issue at the time of her death, to dispose of any part or the whole of the said twenty five thousand Dollars, by will or to her may seem proper- At the death of any of my daughters, leaving issue at the time of her death, without, ~~###~~ disposition by her as aforesaid I give the twenty five thousand Dollars secured to her for life as aforesaid, to such issue as she may leave at the time of her death- But in case ~~of~~ any of my said daughters should die, leaving no issue living at the time of her death then I give & bequeath the said twenty five thousand dollars to my other children, the issue of any deceased child to take the share of the parent if living. My Executors are charged specially with the preservation of the estates above secured to my Daughters to their separate use, and in the absence of a trustee, to act themselves as trustee-

8. The provision herein made for my wife shall be in lieu & in bar of her dower in my estate.

9. I appoint my son Augustus Marshall, & son in law James M. Perrin Executors of this will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twentieth of May 1853

" Signed sealed & acknowledged & published in presence of (- The
of
word disposing" on first page interlined before signing)

Thos. C. Perrin)
John White)
W.H. White)

Joel Smith (L.S.)

JOSEPH C. MATHEWS

State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District }

In the name of God Amen, I Joseph C. Mathews of the State and District above written being of sound and disposing mind do make and establish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows .

1st I give, ^{devise} and bequeath to my son Thomas J Mathews that portion of the tract of land whereon I now reside included within the line to be run between said tract, and a portion sold to my son in law Geo A Christopher, then down the line of the "Charlie Hope place to the eastern corner of the same near the spot where the "Charlie Hope" house formerly stood, thence in a direct line to a large rock on the west side of the road leaving from my present residence to the old house, thence ~~down the road until it intersects~~ in a direct line to a large oak in the ^{edge} ~~corner~~ of our old field being a corner between said tract and the Gilbert place, thence around to the place of beginning, to him and his heirs forever.

2^d I give devise and bequeath the remaining portion of the tract of land including the dwelling to my Wife Margaret Mathews during her natural life, and to my daughters Mary Mathews and Lucretia Mathews so long as they remain unmarried - but in the event of my said daughters marrying or at the death of my wife above mentioned, it is my will that the above mentioned portion of land including the dwelling descend to and be vested in my son Thomas J Mathews ~~to him~~ and his heirs forever,

3^d I do further bequeath to my wife Margart Mathews during her natural life, and to my unmarried daughters Mary Mathews and Lucretia Mathews so long as they remain unmarried the following slaves to wit, Bitty Fanny and Andrew, and at the death of my wife above - mention'd it is my will that the above mentioned slaves descend to and be vested in my daughters Mary and Lucretia,

4th It is my will that my son Thomas Mathews do pay to my sons Ezekiel & Mathews and Joseph A Mathews each one third value of the lands at the time he comes into the possession of the same, such value to be ascertained by each party selecting an appraiser whose award is to be final in the matter

5th I will that my daughters Jane A Christophr Mary Mathews, Rachael

all. C. M. Caslan, Elizabeth T. Shanks Margaret E M^cGaw, Martha L
Wilson and Lucretia A A Mathews do each receive the sum of \$60
in cash, whn my debts are paid

6th It is my will that my debts be paid out of the residue of my
estate, and the remainder after doing that to remain with my wife
Margaret Mathews, and at her death to be divided among my children
Share & Share alike.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affix-
ed my seal this second day of January in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and fifty four,

In presence of

M O Talman

A. Houston

James Macelvy

Jos C Mathews

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WILL OF [140-3952]

THOMAS WALTER THOMAS

In the name of God, amen, I Thomas Walter Thomas of Abbeville District South Carolina being of Sound mind and at this time in tolerable health, but calling to mind the uncertainty of Life, have determined to make this my last will and testament for the purpose of placing my property more particularly under the controul of my family after my death; I therefore hereby appoint my Wife Elizabeth Hamilton Thomas my executrix and my Son James Walter Thomas my executor, enjoining upon my Son always to act in obedience to the wishes of his mother, to treat the Negroes with especial consideration and to be kind and attentive to his Brothers and Sisters without expecting to exert too much controul over them in his capacity of my executor. I particularly direct that no money belonging to my estate shall be loaned on private bonds, but shall in every instance from whatever Source obtained be invested in Bank Stock as the Safest investment. If the Lands and Negroes cannot be managed to advantage I leave in the hands of my executor and executrix the power to sell and invest the money as above directed. They will also divide the property whenever it appears necessary to them, in any equitable manner they may choose to adopt, as equal portion to each, or they may keep it together as long as they think it can be done to advantage. The above directions relate to that part of my property consisting of Lands and Negroes. I further direct that all the bank Stock of which I die possessed shall be set apart, and the interest applied exclusively to the education of the Children until they are all educated. It may then be divided equally. I give and bequeath to my Wife the Carriage and horses and my gold Watch.

I give and bequeath to my Son Robert Walter Thomas my gold Sleeve buttons.

I write this myself without advice being convinced that my wishes will be carried into effect notwithstanding informalities.

Signed Sealed published and declared as the last will and Testament of the above named T.W. Thomas in the presence of us .

} In consequence of the youth of my Son James, I direct that he must not qualify or act as my executor-until he is directed to do so by his Mother.

Charles T. Haskell,
James Taggart
Robt M Palmer

T. W. Thomas.

WILL OF [131-3904]

THOMAS P. DOWTIN

South Carolina)
Abbeville. District) In the name of God. Amen

I Thomas. P. Downtin of the State and District aforesaid, being of sound mind and memory, but weak in body calling mind, the uncertainty of life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with I do make and order this my last will in the following manner that is to say, I give to my Beloved Wife that parcel or tract of Land known as the Cook place containing one hundred and five acres more or Less and also fifty acres of wood land of the home place aded to it commencing at the north corner of the Cook place running that line untill it intersects Mrs. Margaret Widemans thence along her line to the snake road thence along the snake road far enough to take in the above named fifty acres I also Give to her a negro girl Elen and the bay mare known as Frances one Bed and furniture and also she is to have too thousand Dollars in cash. I have given to my son John S. Downtin too thousand Dollars I have given to my Daughter Mary Ann Sprowl, too thousand Dollars I have given to My Daughter Dusillah Ray Nineteen hundred Dollars and also My son James C. Downtin must have too thousand Dollars to be equal to the above named children before they get any more I have given my Daughter Mildred W. Wideman fifteen hundred Dollars she must have five hundred more to be equal to the rest that I have given off I also My son Thomas A. Downtin must have too thousand Dollars to be equal to the above named Children

also my Daughter Nancy L. Downtin must have twentyone hundred and fifty Dollars to be equal to the above named children; and also my son David Downtin mus have too thousand three hundred Dollars to be equal to all the rest above; also I give to My Daughter Katharin three hundred Dollars more it being all that she is to have of my estate I also desire that My Wife and the fore Children that is know with me viz James C. Downtin Thomas A. Downtin Nancy L. Downtin and David Downtin have Dressing necessary for them untill after the sale out of the estate; and also My Wife and the fore children that is with me is to have provisions of all kind for their support un-

till after the sale- or they are settled;

I. also - desire my cotton to be gined, packed and sold, the money that is due me, must be collected; and out of the moneys arising arising therefrom, all of my Just debts, and funeral expences be paid; and also, that; part, or portion of my Land lying North of the charleston road, be, resurveyed, and sold, in one tract to its self, by the acre; and the Balance of my Land, that I, have not given off: be, resurveyed and sold, by the acre, in one tract; the Land all, to be sold, on the day of sale, at the place, where, I, now, reside on a credit, of one, and too years, from the day of sale and, all the Negroes, consisting of about thirty Eight, including men Women and children; corn and fodder horses, Mules Cattle, Hogs sheap, crop of all kinds gin, Blacksmith tools Household, and kitchen furniture; plantation tools or any other thing not mentioned here, belonging to me, all, be, immediately, sold, after my Death, on a credit of ^{after} twelve months; I, also desire that the property that I have given off, including the money, above mentioned that, Henry D. Ray Who married My daughter Drusillah, get, one, hundred Dollars more, to make, him equal, to, the, rest, of my, children and, also, the balance, of the money, after, equalising those of my children above, mentioned except - ing Katharin be, equally, Devided, between My Wife, John S. Downtin Mary Ann Sprowl, Drusillah, Ray: James, C Downtin Milldred W. Wideman Thomas, A. Downtin, Nancy, L. Downtin and David, Downtin and, also, at, the Cook, place, there must be, a garden bilt for my Wife, the houses, repaired, a crop, fence, fence, run from the cosfence in the field, down to, James, Hanveys fence and about fore, acres of, wheat, sowed, for my, Wife;

The sale, and Lands, must, be, advertise three or fore, weeks, before the sale, in the District paper; and also, I desire My, son James, C. Downtin Thomas A. Downtin and David, Downtin to get their Estate, at, the age, of nineteen and Nancy, L. Downtin to gethurs when she marrys or becomes of age;

And, Lastly I, constitute and appoint; My, Wife Executrix With M. O. McCaslan and John S. Downtin Executors of this my, last, will; by me, herefore, made in testemony whereof, I, have, hereunto set, my, hand, and seal, this the, twenty second, day, of september Eighteen hundred, and fifty fore.

signed, sealed, published, and deliverd as : and, for, the last, will and testament of the above, named, Thomas, P Downtin -

J A Gibert

Jas. W Child

Thomas P Downtin (LS)

R. A. F. McCaslan

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the said Court, at the City of New York, this _____ day of _____, 19__.

 Clerk of the Court

WILL OF [137-3891]
WILLIAM BEASLEY

In the name of God Amen

I William Beasley of Abbeville District, farmer being Sound in mind but infirm in body make this my last will & testament. I give and bequath to my dear wife Mary Beasley all my estate both personal and real and I appoint my dear wife Mary Beasley my Sole Executrix

Signed Sealed and delivered this 20th day of November 1853 in the presence of

W^m Beasley his
X LS
marks.

W A Crozier

W T Rodgers

W. J. Martin

WILL OF [140-3947]
BENJAMIN W. SALE

In the name of God amen : I Benjamin W Sale of Abbeville District So Carolina being of Sound mind and disposing memory, considering the uncertainty of this frail & transitory life, do make, ordain, establish, and declare this to be my last Will & Testament, as follows : After all my just debts are paid and discharged, my will is, that my Executor, whichever he may deem best for the interest of my Estate, shall either purchase an improved Lot of Land, or one unimproved contiguous to his present residence, & upon it erect plain & comfortable Building for a Home for my Wife & Children: and that my Farm be kept up & continued, and the proceeds applied as far as may be necessary to their support & maintenance, and also to the schooling and education of my children, whom I wish to receive as far as each may be capable a good academical education. My Executor, I wish to manage my farm as he may think to the best advantage for the benefit of my Estate. In case of the Marriage of my Wife, My Will is that all my Lands, stock & whatever else I may own, except my Negroes be sold at auction and of the proceeds of said sale as well as of my Negroes my wife shall draw as her portion the one sixth part. The ballance or residue to be continued as my Estate, and as each child shall become of age he or She shall draw his or her proportionate share thereof. The Negroes may be hired privately if deemed best by my Executor. In case that my son James Lenard should be rendered incompetent to manage his property from his affliction then I wish my Executor to be a Trustee to manage for him. In the event of the death of either of my Children in nonage, Then I wish his or her Share to be divided equally between my Wife & Children, Share & Share alike .

The portions of my Estate drawn by my daughters Sarah Jane and ~~Martha Virginia~~ Martha Virginia I wish entailed upon them & the 1 lawful heirs of their bodies : but in case of the death of either of them not leaving lawful issue, then I wish their portions to be divided equally between my surviving children Share & Share alike

I hereby appoint and declare my friend Johnson Sale, and in the event of his death, my friend Jas H Wideman Executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me

made

This the Eight day of December in the year of our Lord one
Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty four

Signed Sealed & delivered in }
the presence of us,

Benjamin W Sale (LS)

Joseph, W, Trevet

Henry, Jones

H F Enlow

WILL OF [139-3944]
JOHN RUSH JR.

State of South Carolina

In the name of God Amen !!!

I John Rush Junr. of the District of Abbeville & State aforesaid being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding but weak in body and Knowing that it is appointed that all must die do make this my last will and Testament

1st. I will and desire that all my Just debts be paid

2ⁿ. I Will and bequeathe to my beloved Wife Mary Rush all my estate after paying my debts as above. for her and our Childrens support

3^r. I do nominate and appoint my friend Charles William Sproull Execuetor of this my last will and Testament. in Witness^I whereof set my hand and Seal.

Dated and signd other side

This the 18.th day of December. 1854

Signed Sealed. and

Declassed in the presence

of.

John Cothran

Hugh Mozeley

Henry Rush

John Rush Jun (Seal)

PETER GUILLEBEAU

South Carolina

Abbeville Dist }

In the name of God Amen

I Peter Gillebou being weke in body but Sound in Mind do Make and ordain this my last will and testimoney in the following Manner first of all I recemend My soul to God who give it and My Bodey to beurred in a christin Manner, and as tuching My wourldey Estate I give and bequeth unto My daughter Mary Bouchlong the Negroe Charlotte for ever now in her posesion, I give & bequeth unto My daughter Marth Hays the Negroe Girl Jancey for ever I also give unto My said daughters Mary Bouchlong & Martha Hays one Hundred and fifty dollars each to be paid out of My Est by My Executors

I give & bequeath unto My son Peter, L, Gillabo and John J Gillebo My Black smyth shop with all its contents to be divided equl I also give unto My sons Peter ,L, Gillabo and John J Gillebou two Negroes Eliza & John her son, to be equal divided between them I give unto My son Lazeus B, Gillebo the Negroe Ben, I give unto My son Andrew Gillebo the Negroe Patrick I give and bequeath unto My two daughtes Susan Gillebo and Elisabeth, C, Gillabo the negroes Towit Isaac, William, Janna and Abesuy to be equal divided between them I give unto My daughter Ann, LeRoy the following Negroes Lizzy, Nicholas, & Mary Jane, I also give unto My daughters Susan and Elisabeth, C, Gillabo the Negroe Rachel to be equal divided betwea them I give and bequeth unto my son John J, Gillabo the Negroe boy Major, I give & bequeth unto my son Peter, L, Gillebo the Negroe boy Jerry, I give and bequeth unto My sons John, J, Gillabo & Peter. L. Gillebo and My daughters Elisabeth, C, Gillebo and Susan Gillabo the Negroe Margret to be equal divided betwen this my four children last named I give and bequeth unto my sons John, J, Gillabo and Peter L Gillabo all my land that is to say four Hundred & thirty acres ^{equal} divided betwen them I give unto the four Children now living with Me that is to say Peter, L, Gillabo John, J, Gillabo Elisabeth C Gillabo and Susan Gillabo all my Stock of all Kinds on the farm to be equelly devidded between them I give unto John, J, Gillabo and his sisters Elisabeth C, and Susan, the present Crop not gathered for there suport I give unto Ann LeRoy an equal share of the stock with her Brothers

& sisters abovenamed but not the crop, I now lave all my out stand-
 ing debts to be collected with the Cash on hand and after paying
 my debts the ballence what ever it may be to be equelly divided be-
 tween my five children viz John J, Gillab Peter L. Gillabo, Elisa -
 beth, C, Gillabo, Susan Gillabo and Ann LeRoy, The Baroush not named
 is to be divided betwen my daughters Susan & Cathrin Gillibo, I
 now nominate and appoint My sons Peter, L, and John J, Gillebo My Ex-
 ecutors to execute this my last will & testament in Witness I have
 set my hand and seal this 25 day of Sept. - - - - - 1852
 in presence of

B " " Gibert

Pierre -Guillebeau (seal)

J. E. Bellot

J L Wilhite

A. Houston