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Made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the seventeenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four and in the sixty eighth year of the Independence of the United States of America

signed sealed and declared to be my last will and Testament

LeRoy Watson

1844

in the presence of
Milton W. Coleman
Thos J. Henderson
William P. Hills
Sandy Turner

Proven by the oath of
Thos J. Henderson on 13th August 1844 and
Qualified Jas H. Watson Esqr same day
S. S. C. A. D.

Last will of Jane Patton Deceased

State of South Carolina } In the name of God Amen I Jane
Abbeville District } Patton 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
hath pleased God to bless me with do make and ordain this
my Last will in manner following that is to say I desire
that my Real Estate Consisting of three tracts (The Calhoun tract
Bounded by Lands of Samuel Jordan Nancy Calhoun Patrick
McCaslin the home tract Bounded by Isaac Kennedy A
Kennedy the long Care tract Bounded by Isaac Kennedy
and Henry Harborough) be immediately sold and out of the
Money arising therefrom all my Just debts be paid and
should the sale of the said Lands prove Insufficient I desire my
Executors herein after named to sell all my horses Hogs and
Cattle my house hold and Kitchen furniture and my present
Crop after gathered and out of the moneys arising therefrom
pay and satisfy such of my Just debts as shall
Remain unpaid from the sales of the said Lands and after
the payments of Just debts I will and bequeath that the balance
of my property whether personal or Real be appraised and
Equally Divided between my Children herein after named
John Frankles Patton William Washington Patton Rebeckah
Amanda Patton Edmond Lewis Patton Sarah C. Patton (after one
half of a Childs part is given to my grand daughter
Margaret Jane Patton and the other half of a Childs part
to A. Kennedy his Executors or administrators to be held
in Trust for the use of Nancy C. Patton during her natural
life) at her death the property in trust to descend to her
daughter Margaret Jane Patton and her bodily heirs or if
she had no bodily heirs at her death this property in
trust to return to my Children John F. Patton W. W. Patton
R. A. Patton & L. Patton & S. C. Patton Also Margaret Jane
Patton own part if she dies without bodily heirs to the

Above named J. F. Patton W. W. Patton R. A. Patton & L. Patton and S. C. Patton

And lastly I do constitute and appoint my Friends Archibald Kennedy and Isaac Kennedy Executors of this my Last will and Testament by me heretofore made in testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty four signed sealed and published declared as and for the Last will and Testament of the Above named I and

Witnesses in the presence of us
 Test Robert Durlin
 Margaret Morris
 John A. Brown

Cher
 Jane F. Patton
 mark

South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } In the Court of Oyer in the matter of I and
 Patton's will on examining the Test J. A. Brown
 & being satisfied this paper is the last will of I and Patton Dec^d
 ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common form
 30th Oct. 1844 David Lesly C. J.

South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } By David Lesly Oyer
 Personally came John A. Brown before me and of the
 Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing
 who made oath that he saw I and Patton Dec^d sign seal
 publicly pronounced & declare the same to be her last will & Testament
 that Testatrix was then of sound & disposing mind memory and
 understanding to the best of this deponents knowledge & belief, and that Robert
 Durlin & Margaret Morris together with himself at the request of the testatrix
 signed their names as witnesses thereto

John A. Brown
 Sworn to before me 2nd October 1844
 David Lesly C. J.

South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } By David Lesly Oyer
 We do solemnly swear that this paper or writing contains
 the true last will of the within named Jane Patton dec^d so far as we
 know or believe, and that we will well and truly execute the same by
 paying first the debts and then the legacies contained in the said will
 so far as her goods and chattels rights and credits & return the same
 to the Ordinary's office as the law directs

Sworn to before me 2nd October 1844
 D. Lesly, C. J. D. A. Kennedy
 Isaac Kennedy

Last Will & Testament of Mrs Willson dec'd

State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District }

In the name of God! Amen.

I John Willson of the District and state aforesaid, being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this as my last will and Testament.

Item 1st I direct that my body be decently interred in the burying ground of the upper Long Cain Church and that my funeral expenses be conducted in a manner corresponding with my Estate and situation in life

Item 2nd I direct that all my just debts, and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first monies that shall come into the hands of my Executors

Item 3^d I do direct; and it is my expressed will and desire that a fair valuation or appraisement be made by three disinterested persons, to be chosen by my Executors of all my Real Estate lying and being situate in the District and State aforesaid, to wit, One House and Lot in the Town of Abbeville purchased by me from the Estate of Samuel Branch deceased containing six acres more or less; One tract or parcel of Land conveyed to me by John Cunningham, containing Two Hundred and seventeen acres more or less, and also one other tract or parcel of Land purchased by me from the Estate of Samuel Branch deceased, containing forty one and one half acres, more or less, together with my stock of Horses, Cattle Hogs, also my Corn, Fodder, Oats and Wheat, and also my Household and Kitchen furniture.

Item 4th After being appraise in manner and form above stated, I will and do direct, and do hereby vest in my Executors full power and authority to dispose of my real Estate above mentioned, at such a time as will insure its reasonable value, on a credit of One and two years, and the amount thereof, secured in such a manner, as will insure the full and punctual payment thereof

Item 5^d I will and do direct my Executors, to dispose at public outcry to the highest bidder, as soon after my decease as convenient, all my stock of Horses, Cattle Hogs, and all my Corn fodder, Oats and Wheat and also my Household and Kitchen furniture, on a credit of Twelve months, and the amount thereof to be secured in such a manner as will insure the full and perfect payment thereof

Item 6 I do direct and it is my expressed will and desire; that the net produce of my Real Estate heretofore ordered to be disposed of, and

John Wilson's Will Continued

the net produce of my personal Estate heretofore accrued to be disposed of and all the Cash that I may have on hand at my death, and also all the monies arising from my book accounts, Bonds and Note (after paying off my personal expenses, and just debts as above mentioned), be by my Executors divided into two equal shares or moieties, as soon as the same shall come into their hands

Item 7th I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Louisa Wilson in life and bar of her dower in my real Estate for her sole separate use and benefit (not to be subject to any future Husbands contracts), during the term of her natural life, one share or moiety of the monies arising from the above mentioned sales, with full power and authority to my said Wife Louisa to bequeath the same to whosoever she may think proper after her death.

Item 8th I give and bequeath to my only daughter Eliza Stewart Wilson, the other moiety or share of the monies arising from the above mentioned sales to her and her heirs forever.

Item 9th But in case my daughter Eliza Stewart Wilson should die before marriage, I give and bequeath her portion of my Estate, that is the annual income to my wife Louisa (if she be alive at the death of my daughter) for her sole separate use and benefit (not to be subject to any future Husbands contracts) during the term of her natural life, and then I will and bequeath the same to my nephews and nieces, then living at the death of my wife Louisa share and share alike

Item 10th But if my wife Louisa should die before my daughter Eliza Stewart Wilson, so that the first clause of the above item cannot be carried into effect, I will and bequeath my daughter Eliza Stewart Wilson's portion of my Estate, if she should die before marriage, to my nephews and nieces, then living at the death of my daughter

Item 11th I do direct and it is my expressed will and desire that the moiety or share bequeathed to my daughter Eliza Stewart in the 8th Item be loaned at lawful interest to responsible persons, secured in such a manner as will insure the full and punctual payment of the Interest annually and that Interest to be re-invested, untill she marries or arrives at the age of twenty one -

Item 12th I do direct and it is my expressed will and desire that my Executors do hire out at public outcry to the highest bidder annually, for five consecutive years the following named negroes, to wit Saml, Bob, Caty, Emily, Campbell, Jim Phillis Fanny, Henry, and Charles, an the monies arising thereof I direct my Executors to pay over annually to my wife Louisa, to be paid and applied by her in the support and maintenance of herself and my daughter Eliza Stewart

- Item 13 I do direct and it is my expressed will and desire that my Executors after the expiration of the five years above mentioned, do cause, or have the above mentioned negroes, their increase, and any other negroes that I may have at my death, divided into two equal shares by three disinterested persons to be chosen by themselves.
- Item 14 I give and bequeath to my wife Louisa Wilson in lieu and bar of her dower in my real Estate for her sole separate use and benefit (not to be subject to the contracts of any future husband) during the term of her natural life, one share or moiety of the above mentioned negroes, with full power and authority to bequeath the same to whoever she may think proper after her death.
- Item 15 I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Stewart Wilson the remaining share or moiety of the above mentioned negroes to her and her heirs forever. But subject after her death, to the same limitations as is contained in the 9th and 10th Items, provide she never marries - upon which event it is her and her husband's absolutely.
- Item 16 I do direct and it is my express will and desire that the share or moiety of negroes bequeathed to my daughter Eliza Stewart in the above Item, be hired out annually by her Steward at public outcry to the highest bidder and the monies arising thereof to be paid and applied in her maintenance and education, and if it be not enough then to take and apply so much of the Interest of the money directed to be loaned out, as will be sufficient - until she marries or arrives at the age of twenty one.
- Item 17 I give, grant, and devise unto my father John Wilson and his assigns for and during the term of his natural life, one clear yearly annuity rent, charge, or sum of One Hundred and ten dollars, to be issuing and payable, out of all and every of my estate heretofore bequeathed, that is to say, it is my will and desire, that the moiety my wife Louisa receives of my Estate, and the other moiety that my daughter Eliza Stewart receives of my Estate be equal in amount, but severally liable for the said annuity of one Hundred and ten dollars. And if it shall happen that the said annuity, or any part thereof, shall be unpaid for the space of sixty days after it shall have become due; it shall and may be lawful to and for my said father John Wilson, or his lawful attorney, to demand and sue for the said annuity.
- Item 18th Should my wife Louisa prove pregnant at my death and that child be born alive, then in that case, it is my expressed will and desire that my Executor divide my estate into three equal shares in manner and form above directed, and give to my wife Louisa one third subject to the same limitation as is contained in the 7th and 14th Items, to my daughter Eliza Stewart one third, and to my unborn child the remaining one third subject to the

same limitations as is contained in the 9th and 10th Items.

Item 19 Should there be any residue of my estate, I give and bequeath the same to my wife Louisa Wilson.

Lastly I do hereby make ordain, constitute and appoint David Lesly, and A. Jefferson Executors of this my last Will and Testament; hereby revoking all former wills made by me, and do declare this to be my last will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I John Wilson have set my hand and seal this the thirtieth day of May in the year of Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

John Wilson 

Signed, Sealed, published and declared, by the subscriber John Wilson to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who have hereunto, subscribed our names as witnesses thereto,

J. F. Marshall
John McIlwain
J. W. W. Marshall

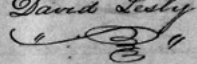
South Carolina }
Abbeville District } In the Court of Ordinary

In the matter of John Wilson's Will: - Having examined John McIlwain one of the subscribing witnesses to this will annexed, & being satisfied it is the true last will, Ordered that the same be admitted to probate in consequence

9th August 1844

David Lesly, Ordry A.D.

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } I do hereby relinquish all my right & decline to qualify on the within will of John Wilson deceased

David Lesly 

The above will was admitted to probate in common form on the 9th August 1844, by the oath of John McIlwain one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and Andrew Jefferson Weems was duly qualified Executor.


Lesly O.A.D.

State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District }

Whereas John Wilson my son has died leaving his last will and testament & appointed David Lesly & A. Jefferson his Executors, and whereas in the event of my death some doubts or difficulties may arise as to his right or claim to the property mentioned & disposed of in his said last will and Testament: Now for the removal of all doubts, and the prevention of all difficulties in relation to the property & bequest mentioned and contained in said

wills I know all men by these Presents that I John Wilson do hereby renounce all claim right or interest in all and singular the property, money, notes, and accounts, mentioned in and devised & bequeathed by the said Last Will & Testament of my said son John Wilson. And I do hereby convey, assign and surrender to the said David Selby & A. S. Upems Executors aforesaid, all right, interest, claim or property, which I may have in or to the estate or any part thereof mentioned, described & bequeathed & devised in and by the said last Will and Testament of my said son John Wilson deceased to be by them held, used, managed & disposed of in conformity to the directions and instructions of the said Will of my said son John Wilson deceased: not hereby in any manner renouncing my right or claim to the Annuity granted and bequeathed to me in the said Will, but hereby expressly accepting the same as a Legacy left and bequeathed to me by my son for my own benefit and enjoyment.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the Twenty fourth day of July Eighteen Hundred & forty four 1844

John Wilson 

Signed, sealed & delivered
in the presence of
Benj. V. Martin
James A. Andrews

Examined & compared by David Selby, C. H. H.

Last Will of Harris Finer (decd)

The State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District }

In the name of God, Amen
I Harris Finer of the District and state aforesaid make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

First It is my Will that all my just debts be paid as soon as convenient after my decease

Second I give, bequeathe and devise to my distainlaw Louisa Upiman one Bed and furniture, one cow and calf, and a saddle and bridle I also give bequeathe, and devise to my said distainlaw one third part of the proceeds of my tract of land on which I now reside, after deducting from the price of the land the sum necessary to pay all my just debts, she the said Louisa Upiman then to receive one third part of the balance which shall be left after the payment of all my debts. Provided, the said land is not to be sold to pay to the said Louisa her third part above mentioned, until it shall be the wish and desire of my beloved wife, Jane Finer that such sale shall be made, nor is the sale to be made during the life of my beloved wife Jane Finer unless it should be her wish to sell or it should become necessary to sell the land to pay my debts, nor is my wife Jane Finer to be accountable for rent or


Harris Finer's Will Continued

the possession of the land during her life. The legacy above mentioned I give bequeath and devise to my Sister-in-law Louisa Updegraff, with the provisions above mentioned, to her, her heirs, and assigns forever,

Third I give bequeath and devise all the remaining part, of my Estate both Real and personal to my beloved wife Jane Finer, to her, her heirs Executors, Administrators and assigns forever,

Lastly I nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved wife Jane Finer sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament and I authorize and empower my beloved wife Jane Finer to sell at any time either at public or private sale any part or the whole of my Estate on such terms as she may think fit, and to make good and sufficient titles to the purchaser or purchasers thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, seal this twenty-fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and forty four, and in the sixty-eighth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Harris Finer 

Signed, sealed, published and delivered by the Testator in the presence of us who at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses

Robert Brady }
J. J. Shanks }
C. Y. Shanks }

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } In Ordinary 6th September 1844
In the Matter of Harris Finer's Will

Having examined Robert Brady one of the subscribing witnesses to the within will, and being satisfied it is the last Will of Harris Finer dec'd It is therefore Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common form
David Lesly, C. A. D.

The above will was admitted to probate by the oath of Robert Brady (on the 6th September 1844) who is one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and Jane Finer was duly qualified Executrix.
David Lesly C. A. D.

Examined. David Lesly }
C. A. D. }

Last Will of William Sharpe

The State of South Carolina

In the name of God! Amen

I William Sharpe of Abbeville District and State aforesaid being in low health but of sound disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this as my last Will and Testament

- 1st My Will is that all my just debts be paid as soon as convenient after my decease
- 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Ann ^{Sharpe} an uninterrupted occupancy on my lands during her natural life. It is understood that my son Robert Sharpe shall occupy with her together with the rest of my family as long as they remain single and be disposed for living together, no one to enjoy privileges which might operate injuriously to the interest of the others. The stock of Horses Cattle Sheep and Hogs to be retained as far as may be necessary for the support of the family agreeably to the above arrangement. Also the household and kitchen furniture with the farming utensils. My will is that whatever stock or furniture not necessary ^{to answer the above purposes} to be sold for the payment of my debts with any surplus crop over and above the wants of the family. Further my will is that at the death of my wife there be a sale of all my Estate real and personal and an equal distribution made among my children making share and share equal
- 3 Should my wife intermarry her occupancy is to be restricted so that she and her husband live on the land in such a way as not to be detrimental to the interest of my children. Should she be disposed for relinquishing her occupancy under these restrictions. Then let there be a sale of the land and let her draw a thirds share of the proceeds & then a general settlement made as above specified
- 4th I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Ann Sharpe executrix & Johnson L Sims and my son William Sharpe executors to this my last will and testament hereby revoking ~~and~~ disannulling and disallowing all former wills by me made and declaring and establishing this to be my last will and testament. Witness my hand and seal this fourth day of September one thousand eight hundred and forty four

William ^{his} Sharpe
mark

Signed, sealed published & delivered by the testator as and for his last will and testament in our presence who have subscribed as witnesses thereof in presence of each other and in presence of the testator

Hugh Dickson
Samuel W Agnew

South Carolina } In Ordinary September 20th 1844
Abbeville District } In the matter of William Sharpe will
Having examined Samuel W Agnew one of the subscribing witnesses

to this will & being satisfied it is the last will of William Sharp dec^d.
it is ordered that it be admitted to probate in common form

David Lesly Jct D

The foregoing will was admitted to probate on the oath of Samuel W Agnew
on the 20th September 1844. and J P Sims and William H Sharp were
duly qualified executors thereof

David Lesly C. A. J

2. Amicus. David Lesly C. A. J

Last Will of Martha C Posey

State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District }

Know all men by these presents that I
Martha Preshaw Posey of the state and District aforesaid being frail
and weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind, and being ad-
monished by present bodily infirmity that my life is short, and being
desirous to make some disposition of my worldly effects that will be
coming to me from the Estate of my late beloved Father, do make and
ordain the following to be my last will and testament, and desire that
all of its provisions be strictly attended to

Item 1st I will and bequeath my body to the Tomb and my spirit to God who
gave it

Item 2nd For the great love and regard I have for the Church at Abbeville C. A.,
I mean the Methodist Episcopal Church, it is my will and desire that
the sum of Two Hundred dollars be appropriated out of my Estate to pay
the debt or debts now hanging over it for which the trustees of said Church
are responsible

Item 3rd It is my will and desire that the sum of Two Hundred and fifty Dollars
of my Estate be appropriated for the education of my Cousin Margaret Matilda
Posey daughter of the late Charles Posey and now residing in Laurens dis-
trict in this state,

Item 4th It is my will and desire that the balance of my Estate after all of my
just debts and liabilities are paid be equally divided among my beloved
brothers and sisters

It is my desire that my beloved brother Addison F Posey, who is also
my guardian should carry out the provisions of this my last will and
testament, provided he can do so legally, and if he cannot legally perform
this duty, it is my wish and desire that my friend Dr Isaac Branch
should act as my Executor of this my last will and testament

signed sealed and acknowledged to be my last will and testament

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this seventeenth day of August, One thousand Eight Hundred and forty four and in the sixty ninth year of the sovereignty and independence of American Independence

In presence of
Ann R. Jackson
Melissa A Sample
Mary A Allen

Martha C Posey

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } In Ordinary 21st September 1844

In the matter of Martha C Posey last will
Having examined Mary A Allen one of the witnesses to this will & being satisfied it is the last will of Martha C Posey dec^d. It is ordered that it be admitted to probate in common form.

David Lesly C. A. J.

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } the foregoing will was admitted to probate in common form, by the oath of Mary A Allen who is one of the witnesses to the signature of the testator, and Addison F Posey was duly qualified Executor thereof on the 21st September 1844

Examined by
D. Lesly C. A. J.

David Lesly C. A. J.

Last Will of Isaiah Johnson, deceased

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } In the Name of God, Amen.

I Isaiah Johnson of the District and State aforesaid planter the full in Body yet of sound and discriminating mind and judgement for which God is to be praised, make and establish this my last will and testament in manner and form following

- 1st it is my will that all my just debts be paid and for this purpose I set apart so much of my crop as can be spared from the support of the family also my negro boy Joe which I value at four hundred dollars, this boy Joe I allow my son Levi I Johnson to take at the price I have put on him together with all my notes and accounts coming to me also that part of the crop already mentioned all of which I allow to pay my just debts, should anything remain after paying the debts out of the above mentioned property I allow it to be equally divided between my son Levi I Johnson and daughters Jane Caroline Amanda and Martha Johnson to them their and assigns forever
- 2^d I give bequeath and devise to my son Sereal P Johnson my negro boy George and negro girl Selby to him his heirs and assigns forever
- 3^d I give bequeath and devise to my son Robert D Johnson my negro woman Pat. and negro boy Anthony to him his heirs and assigns forever,

4^{thly} I give bequeath and devise to my Daughter Francis Bowie my negro girl Rachel and negro Girl Lucy to her her heirs and assigns forever

5^{thly} I give bequeath and devise to my son Henry J Johnson my Negro boy Richard to him his heirs and assigns forever,

6^{thly} I give bequeath and devise to my son Levi J Johnson my Negro Girl Mary and Negro Boy Henry to him his heirs and assigns forever,

7^{thly} I give bequeath and devise to my daughters Jane Johnson Caroline Johnson, Amanda Johnson and Martha Johnson my negro man Jim, my negro boy Louis, my negro boy Franklin and negro woman Lucinda, also my plantation and farming utensils waggon and all that pertains thereto, also all my stock Horses, Hogs Cows and sheep to them their heirs and assigns forever to share and shares alike.

Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my son Levi J Johnson Executor of this my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one and in the sixty sixth year of the independence of the United States of America

Signed sealed published and delivered by the said testator in our presence and in the presence of each other and at his request have signed our names as witnesses hereunto

Witnesses
 Nathaniel Moore
 George A Ruff
 John Link

Isaiah Johnson

South Carolina
 Abbeville District

In Ordinary

24th September 1844

Having examined John Link one of the subscribing witnesses to this will and being satisfied it is the last will of Isaiah Johnson dec^d. It is ordered that it be admitted to probate in common form

David Lesly C.A.S.

The foregoing will was admitted to probate on the oath of John Link (one of the subscribing witnesses) on the 24th September 1844 and Levi J Johnson was duly qualified Executor thereof on same day

David Lesly C.A.S.

Examined & certified
 by David Lesly
 C.A.S.

Last Will and Testament of Joseph P Jones

In the name of God! Amen.

Know all men by these presents, that I Joseph P Jones, planter of the district of Abbeville, and state of South Carolina being weak in body, but of sound mind memory and understanding, do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament in the words following, to wit.

First I resign my body the dust, and my soul to the God who gave it

Second It is my will that all my just debts be paid.

It is my will that all my real and personal property, remain together during the widowhood of my present wife, and lifetime of my daughter Mary Margaret Jones, until said daughter becomes of lawful age to transact business for herself, unless my wife shall marry a second time, And if she marry a second time before my aforesaid daughter becomes of age the property shall be appraised and equally divided between my wife and daughter aforesaid, if such division, can be judiciously made without a sale, if not, the property shall be sold at auction, and the proceeds equally divided as aforesaid.

It is my will, that, if my daughter shall die before she becomes of age, all my estate both real and personal shall be the sole property of my present wife

It is my will that my daughter be well educated, according to her rank and condition in life, out of the property of my estate, without being charged for the expenses of such education

It is my will that my wife shall have the power to dispose of any servant which may prove refractory, either by hiring out from year to year or by actual sale, if it shall be deemed necessary by her. Furthermore it is my will, that my wife shall have the power, to sell or dispose of the plantation on which we now live if it can be thus disposed of to a great advantage, or circumstances seem to require it for the benefit of the estate. All the monies received for any such sales to be duly accounted for at the final division of the property

Lastly it is my will, that my beloved wife Mary Ann Jones be the sole Executrix of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking annulling and making void all other wills before made by me

Signed by my hand, and sealed with my seal this 20th day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and forty four

Joseph P Jones

signed & sealed in presence of Thomas Sutton, S. A. Ramey, Franklin Branch,

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } In the Court of Ordinary

In the matter of Joseph P Jones's will - having examined
Franklin Branch, one of the subscribing witnesses to this will
& being satisfied it is the last will of the said Joseph P Jones dec.
It is Ordered that the same be admitted to probate in common form
this 11th November 1844
David Sedley C. C. J.

The foregoing will was admitted to probate on the 11th November 1844
on the oath of Franklin Branch one of the witnesses, and Mary A
Jones duly qualified Executrix thereof on same day
David Sedley C. C. J.
Examined & certified
by Mr. David Sedley C. C. J.

Last Will of Robert Durnn, dec.^d

Abbeville District October 28th 1844

In the name of God! Amen.

I Robert Durnn being sick of Body but of perfect mind and
memory, and knowing the frailty of this human frame, do make this
my last will and Testament as to what worldly effects it has pleased
God to bless me with to be disposed of in manner and form as follows by

Item 1 I will Request and demise to my Beloved Wife Lane Durnn the planta-
-ation wherein we now live running a line from the head of the mill pond
on the south side to the mouth of the Lean next to my son John's place
and along the fence of the plantation to dunnons Branch with all the
appurtenance thereunto Belonging, I also bequeath to my Beloved wife the
best road waggon to be used in general for the use of the family, and
her choice of two of the best horses on the place also the Bourouch
also four negroes by Tom, Honey, Sam, and Lucindy, also whatever of
plantations implements she wishes, and all household and kitchen furn-
-iture, also her choice of two Cows & calves with a sufficient supply of
Provisions Corn and meat to last until another crop is made, also
Three Hundred Dollars in money \$300

Item 2 I will bequeath and demise to my son Andrew Durnn all that planta-
-ation on the north side of the Creek, known as the McFullough place
with all the appurtenance thereunto Belonging, Except that he is not
to enterfar with the Mill nor road leading thereto only to have the
superattendance of said Mill for the benefit of the family, and at the
decease of my wife the mill with the benefit of the water to be sold
also the small tract of land where Jacob Youngblood now lives, about
fifty five acres and ^{the} proceeds to fall into my Estate, I also allow my
son Andrew to pay into the Estate two Hundred & fifty Dollars \$250


Item 3rd I will bequeath and devise to my son William Dunn that part of my plantation known as the Richey tract Beginning where the Spring Branch ^{enters} the creek running up said Branch to the head and in a straight line from the head of the Branch to the fence of my plantation thence down said fence to Drannon Branch, thence down said Branch, to Mrs Wallaces line thence to the Creek and up said Creek to the mouth of the Spring Branch with all the Appurtenance thereunto Belonging

Item 4 I will bequeath and devise to my son John Dunn all the Balance of the Richey tract Vening up the Spring Branch, and along Williams line to my fence thence up said fence to the mouth of the lane, thence in a straight line on his mothers line to the head of the Mill pond thence down the creek but not to Entersure with water of the Mill and to continue on Richeys line crop the Creek and and round to the Creek again with all the appurtenance thereunto Belonging

Item 5 I also will and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Dunn one Negro Girl named Hannah her and her increase for ever, also her choice of one horse after her mothers is taken out, also a Bed Bedstead and furniture

Item 6 I do will and Devise all the Balance and residue of my property Remaining to be sold on a Credit of twelve months and to be equally divided share and share alike between my Six Children viz Andrew Dunn, William Dunn, John Dunn Pheby Hodges, Polly Richey and Elizabeth Dunn - After paying all just debts and demands, and lastly I do appoint and ordain my sons Andrew and William Dunn Executors of this my Last will and testament Signed sealed Witnessed and declared in presence of the ^{subscribing witnesses, and witnessed in presence of the} Testator the day and year above mention ed, and the sixty ninth year of the Independance of the United States of America

John Miller
James Webb
E W Crauwright

Robert Dunn 

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } In the Court of Ordinary.

In the matter of Robert Durnns last will
Having examined John Miller one of the subscribing witnesses to the attached will, & being satisfied it is the last will of the said Robert Dunn dec^d. Ordered that the same be admitted to probate in Common form this 16th November 1844

David Lesly C. C. J.

The foregoing will was admitted to probate 16th November 1844, on the oath of John Miller one of the witnesses, Threlk. and Andrew Dunn, and William Dunn were duly qualified Executors thereof on the same day

Examined & certified?
D. C. J.

David Lesly C. C. J.

Last Will of Christian Ruff dec'd

I Christian Ruff of the District of Abbeville being of sound mind and memory and being desirous of disposing of all my property both real and personal do make and ordain the following to be my last will and testament. first I give and bequeath to my wife Lucretia Ruff all my property until my youngest child arrives to the age of twenty one years, or so long as she remains a widow, but if she should marry before that time then my will is that my property both real and personal be equally divided between my wife Lucretia Ruff and my surviving children she receiving one third part which I give and bequeath to her during her natural life, and at her death my will is that her third part may be equally divided among my surviving children, and as I am owing some debts which I may not be able to pay in my life time, my desire is that my executor if he thinks necessary may sell as much of my property (except my negroes as may satisfy the same


Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Brother John Ruff my Executor to execute this my last will and testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this thirty first day of march in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight Hundred and thirty

George Penney

H. Ruff

David Bracknridge ^{Junr}

Christian Ruff 

South Carolina

Abbeville District

In the matter of Christian Ruff dec'd.

Having examined David Bracknridge one of the subscribing witnesses to this will & being satisfied the testator was of sound mind It is Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common form

D. Lesly C. J.

The foregoing will was admitted to probate on the 19 December 1844 by the oath of David Bracknridge J^r one of the subscribing witnesses thereto.

South Carolina

Abbeville District

To all whom it may concern

I John Ruff do hereby decline & Relinquish all my right & authority, as Executor of this will of Christian Ruff dec'd. and utterly decline to qualify as Executor on the same

Given under my hand this 15th day of January A.D. 1845

Wit
D. Lesly.

John Ruff

Examined & compared
David Lesly C. J.

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Last Will of William P Raiford

In the Name of God! Amen

I William P Raiford, Farmer living near Rocky River in Abbeville District South Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last Will and testament in manner and form following.

- 1st I will and bequeathe to my Grand daughter Louisa Raiford Power a negroe girl by the name of Sally, to her and her heirs forever
- 2- I will and bequeathe to my wife Susan C Raiford as many of the negroes of my Estate as she may make choice of to be hers during her life provided she does not marry again, and at her death to be equally divided in three portions and given as follows, one portion to John M Raiford, another portion to Susan Caroline Raiford and the last portion to my two Grand Children Louisa Raiford Power, and John William Power - The division to be made by two or three disinterested individuals appointed by my Executors. But if she should marry again she shall only be entitled to one third of the negroes (to be allotted off agreeably to valuation, my watch, carriage) and horses - the negroes to be valued by three disinterested persons all of which property, shall at her death be divided into three equal parts, and given as above (that is, one part to John M Raiford another part to Susan Caroline Raiford and the last part to my Grand Children Louisa R Power and John M Power All the remainder of the property both real and personal shall be divided and given in the manner and way as above mentioned at the time of her marriage)
- 3rd I leave it discretionary with my wife to divide and give off at any time she may wish any part of the property she may have taken for her own use provided it be given to the individuals above named and in the manner and apportionments above prescribed
- 4th I also leave it optionary with my wife either to sell or occupy the lands belonging to my estate which if they are sold the money is to be divided as above mentioned, or appropriated to the purchase of other lands which shall on her marriage or death be divided as above mentioned and given as above prescribed Concerning the other property
- 5th It is my wish and desire and I do hereby appoint my wife Susan C Raiford and my son John M Raiford Executors of this my last will and testament and they are hereby empowered to manage and dispose of my estate as above specified

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and subscribed my name this 30th of Janry 1840
in presence of }
William T Baker, J G Baker. }
William P Raiford

South Carolina
Abbeville District

In the matter of William P. Rayford's will

Having examined J. S. Baker one of the subscribing witnesses to the above will & being satisfied it is the last & true will of William P. Rayford dec'd. Ord that it be admitted to Probate in Common form

15th January 1845.

David Lesly C. A. J.

The foregoing will was admitted to probate on the oath of Theodore S. Baker one of the witnesses thereto, and also Susan C. Rayford was duly qualified Executrix thereof, on the 15 day of January 1845

David Lesly C. A. J.

Damning certified. David Lesly C. A. J.

Copy of the Last Will of Enos Tate of Albert County Geo^a dec'd the original of which is in the Ordinarys office of said County

The last will and Testament of Enos Tate of the County of Albert and State of Georgia,

I Enos Tate considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following

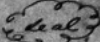
Item 1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Tate Ten negroes of her own choice the one third part of the Pembert tract of Land four horses of her own choice Ten head of cattle of her own choice Corn and meat for the first year and such household and kitchen furniture and farming utensils as she may select, and the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars to her and her heirs forever

Item 2nd I Give and bequeath to my beloved grandson Enos Astbury Tate the following negroes Nelson and Esther his wife and five children to wit, Lucy, Matilda, Jesse, Harriett, and Nat, Louis and his wife Caroline Fanny and her five children (to wit) Alfred, Margaret, Oliver, John & William to him and his heirs forever. But if the said Enos Astbury Tate should die before he arrives at the age of twenty one years, without leaving a wife, child or children the the above negroes to be equally divided between Ulrich & Tate and Sarah S Tate share and share alike

Item 3rd I Give and bequeath to my Daughter in law Sarah S Tate one negro girl by the name of Hallow to her and her heirs forever

Item 4. The whole of the balance of my estate both Real & Personal including the interest which I have in the Estate of my deceased uncle Enos Tate's estate, and all of my property of all and every description I Give and bequeath to my beloved son Ulrich S Tate to him and his heirs forever

Item 5th I do appoint my beloved son Wash. O. Tate and my friend Tho^s.
 I Heard Executors to this my last will and testament hereby revoking all
 former wills by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and seal this sixth day of March in the year One thousand Eight Hundred
 and Forty one

Enos Tate 

In the presents of us
 Richard Bennett
 John A. Verdell
 John Stunnelee

Georgia } Court of Ordinary January Term 1845
 Elbert County } Partially came into open Court John A. Verdell and
 being duly sworn saith that he saw Enos Tate sign
 and seal the foregoing instrument of writing as his last will and testa-
 ment and that this deponent signed the same as a witness and saw
 Richard Bennett & John Stunnelee sign the same as witnesses all in the
 presence of the testator and at his request, and this deponent believes the
 testator was of sound mind at the time he executed the same,

Sworn to in open Court
 this 13th January 1845
 Attest Wm B. Nelms

John A. Verdell

Georgia } Court of Ordinary January Term 1845
 Elbert County } Upon reading & examining the foregoing will of Enos
 Tate, It is ordered by the Court that the same be recorded
 Attest Wm B. Nelms C. C. O.

Recorded the 14th day of January 1845 Wm B. Nelms C. C. O.

Georgia } I William B. Nelms Clerk of the Court of Ordinary in
 Elbert County } and for said County and state do certify that the foregoing
 two pages contains a true copy of the last will and
 Testament of Enos Tate deceased late of Elbert County
 as the same now remains on Record in the Clerks office
 of the Court of Ordinary of said County

In witness whereof I haveunto set my hand and seal
 of office this the 14th day of January Eighteen Hundred
 and Forty five
 Wm B. Nelms C. C. O.

Examined and
 by Clerk Ord



Last Will and Testament of Samuel Miller decd.

The State of South Carolina }
 Abbeville District }

In the Name of God Amen


I Samuel Miller of the aforesaid State and
 and district taking into consideration the uncertainty of this mortal
 life, and being at this time of sound mind and memory do make
 this my last Will and Testament in the manner following viz

- Item 1st I will and bequeath unto my son John my Negroe Boy Sack
 to him and his heirs forever
- Item 2nd I will and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth (wife of John
 Webb) my negro woman Rachael to her and her heirs forever
- Item 3rd I will and bequeath unto Emily Webb (my Grand-daughter) Mary
 a child of the before named Rachael to her and her heirs forever
- Item 4th I will and bequeath unto my Grand-son Samuel Webb - Peter
 (a child of the said Rachael) to him and his heirs forever
- Item 5th I will and bequeath unto Elizabeth Miller (daughter of my Grandson
 Alexander Miller) Susan a child of the said Rachael. to her and
 her heirs forever, and I hereby appoint my said Grandson Alexander
 Miller to be Elizabeth's Guardian during her minority
- Item 6th I will and bequeath unto my Grand daughter Jane Brown
Jenn a child of Peter and also my Cupboard and Contents to her
 and her heirs forever
- Item 7th I will and bequeath my Negroe man Peter unto my son John
 Miller to him and his heirs forever
- Item 8th I direct that my Real Estate and all the Residue of my property
 which may be in my possession at the time of my decease be pub-
 licly sold and the proceeds of which be applied as hereafter directed
- Item 10th I will and Bequeath unto my sons John and Robert Miller
 the sum of Three Hundred Dollars each
- Item 9th I will and bequeath the sum of One hundred Dollars to each of my
 Grand-children living at the date of my decease and it is my desire
 that John Webb, John Brown, and Robert Miller, do act as their
 Guardians during their minority
- Item 11th I direct, that after fulfilling the above Bequests and my Just debts
 and funeral expensers be paid, that the Balance which may remain
 be equally divided betwixt John Miller Robert Miller Elizabeth

Webb, and the children of my late daughter Margaret Brown
by one fourth to John Miller, one fourth to Robert Miller, one fourth
to Elizabeth Webb and one fourth to the children of the aforesaid
Margaret Brown late wife of John Brown.

Thus 1846 I hereby nominate and appoint John Miller, Alexander Miller
and John Webb Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, and
utterly revoke and disannuls any and every former will and testament
by me made, hereby ratifying and confirming this to be my last Will
in witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my hand and seal
this twenty first day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand
and eight hundred and forty and in the sixty five year of the Inde-
pendance of the United States of America


Signed, sealed, published and
declared in the presence of us who
have hereunto subscribed our names
in the presence of the testator

Samuel Miller 

Jno. Donald
Saml. Donald
William Hill

Codicil to the above Will. Whereas I Samuel
Miller of Abbeville District have made and duly executed my last
Will and testament in writing bearing date the twenty first day of
September one thousand eight hundred and forty and thereby give
and bequeathed to my son John Miller among other things two negro
men by Old Peter and his son Jack, now it is my Will and desire
that if said John Miller should die and leave no other issue that
the said Negroes Peter and Jack, shall go to his son Alexander M
Miller to him and his heirs forever, it is also my desire that Peter
a boy bequeathed to Samuel Webb should he die without issue that
said boy Peter shall go to John Webb Junr. Brother of said Samuel
Webb to him and his heirs forever

Signed, sealed, published and
declared by the said Samuel
Miller as and for a Codicil to
be annexed to his Last Will and
Testament and to be taken as part
thereof, in the presence of
John Donald
James B. Richey
Samuel Donald

Samuel Miller 

So Carolina Abbeville District

In the Matter of Samuel Millers Will
Having Examined Samuel Donald one of the subscribing witnesses to
the attached will I being satisfied it is the Last Will of Samuel Miller
deceased, It is ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common form
D Lesty C. A. D.

(Last Will of Samuel Miller) (Continued)

The foregoing ^{and read} Will of Samuel Miller decd. was this day admitted to probate in common form by the oath of Samuel Donald one of the subscribing witnesses and John Miller, Alexander Miller and John Webb were duly qualified Executors, 5th March 1845

David Lesly C. A. S.

Exam'd & qualified by Lesly C. A. S.


The Last Will of Elizabeth Fox

In the Name of God Amen.

I Elizabeth Fox, single woman, calling to mind the mortality of my and being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following first I will that my body be decently buried, and my soul I commit to God who gave it, secondly I give devise and bequeath to my Niece son Washington Green Pruitt, all my property of whatsoever kind that I may die possessed of whenever he has heirs of his own body lawfully begotten, but should he die leaving no heirs as above then in that case it is my will that Elizabeth Semina Alwine shall have two hundred Dollars in money my cloathing loom and wheel, and the balance after that is paid I allow to be equly divided betwixt William C Daniel and William C Able, and I do hereby make nominate and appoint James A Black and Francis B Glinkscals my Executors of this my last will and testament.

Signed sealed and acknowledged and published in the presents of us

Jesse Rutledge
Sincy ^{his} Ashley
Joshua ^{his} Ashley

Elizabeth ^{her} Fox ^{mark} 

South Carolina

Abbeville District

In the matter of Elizabeth Fox's Will

On examination of Jesse Rutledge, one of the subscribing witnesses to this will, being satisfied, it is the will of Ely. Fox, decd.

It is ordered that it be admitted to probate in common form

1st March 1845

David Lesly C. A. S.

The above will was this day admitted to probate as above by the oath of Jesse Rutledge one of the subscribing witnesses thereto

David Lesly C. A. S.

Exam'd & qualified by Lesly C. A. S.

The Last Will of Samuel Jones decd.

South Carolina

Abbeville District

I know all men by these presents that

I Samuel Jones Senr being weak in Body but sound in memory do make this my last Will and testament to wit. I Resign my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust from whence it came

Item 1st I do give unto my two sons Charles S Jones and William

I Jones My plantation where I now live together with the farming utensils also one feather bed and furniture a piece Steer 2nd. I do give and bequeath unto my daughter Maryann My sorrel Horse called Tom and also one feather bed and furniture and the balance of my household and kitchen furniture together with my stock of cows, hogs and sheep to be equally divided between my three children whose names are here above written and I do leave my two sons Clayton Jones and Charles S Jones to be my Executors to this my last will, given under my hand and seal this twenty second day of June one thousand eight Hundred and forty four

Test

Samuel Jones

Exam'd & certified by Clerk

Peter S Burton
 John L. Wright
 R D Tucker

In the matter of Samuel Jones' will

On Examining this paper & the wit Peter S Burton & being satisfied it is the last will of Samuel Jones dec'd. It is ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common form

D. Seely C. A. D.

The above will of Samuel Jones was duly admitted to probate on the oath of Peter S Burton; and Clayton Jones and Charles S Jones were duly qualified Executors - 11th March 1845

D. Seely C. A. D.

The Last Will and Testament of John Norwood dec'd.

In the Name of God Amen! I John Norwood now living very low but in perfect mind and memory do make this my last will and testament as follows It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid. Also that the whole of my Estate both real and personal should be kept together excepting such parts thereof as my Executors herein after named may see proper to dispose of. It is also my will and desire that my beloved wife Elizabeth, A Norwood and my two sons Joseph and Franklin remain with their mother on the plantation whereon I now reside during her widowhood, I also will and desire my sons Joseph and Franklin to be supported clothed and receive such an education as my Executors may deem proper. It is my will and desire also that should my beloved wife have another heir that it receive an equal part with my two sons Joseph and Franklin and should my widow Marry, my Executors will then proceed to give to her her portion which will be a child's part.

Lastly I do nominate and appoint to this my last will and testament, my Brother Nathaniel Norwood and Lewis Smith Esq. my Executors with full power to do and manage as they may deem proper for the benefit of the Estate, signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of May 13th In the year of Lord one thousand the under named witnesses this 13th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four

John Davis

John Norwood

William Childs
 Melvius Lyon

The above will was proven by the oath of Melvius Lyon and Nathaniel Norwood & Lewis Smith qualified there on 5th May 1845

Last Will of James Hucey deceased
In the name of God Amen

I James Hucey of Abbeville District and state of South Carolina a planter do make this my last Will and testament; being weak in Body But in Being in my right mind and memory Knowing that it is appointed for all once to die I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my Body to be buried at the discretion of my executors and as it has pleased God to give me some portion of worldly property I will dispose of it in the following manner (viz)

1st I allow all my just Debts & funeral Expenses to be paid (together with a marble head stone at my grave) out of the first money that may come into their hands of my Estate. 2nd I give my beloved wife Martha P Hucey one negro Girl named Catherine in fee simple in Law of dower of Land
3rd I leave the following property to my Widow during her Widowhood ~~if she~~ & if she don't marry during her natural life & the then surviving ^{property} to be Equally Divided among my then living children viz the tracts of Land I live on of 93 acres and the Abbeveens tract of 63 acres, also one negro man Mingo or negro woman Peggy one clock and case two Beds Bedsteads & furniture three pine tables one Cabinet one Bureau one set silver tea spoons marked W.D. & such Books as she may chuse to keep 12 split Bottomed Chairs & such kitchen furniture as she may chuse to keep at my death with shovel tongs and fire Dogs in house & the table under the post office desk the two choice of my horses & a little two horse waggon to be Bought for her the Brough & harness in comon Between her & daughter Martha & provisions of all kinds to do the first year to be layd of by My Executors & plantation tools to do the farm to be layd off by my Executors & seven head of cattle such as she may chuse one sow and Pigs and eight larger Hogs such as she may chuse five head sheep and Geese and fowls one Loom and tacklings two spinning wheels & cards such Crochery ware as she may chuse to keep and knives and forks and one set German silver tea spoons one side saddle and such other House hold furniture of a Cheap King as she may stand in need of such as Reel and Trunks &c. 4th if my Widow should marry I allow her the Interest of seven hundred dollars year & yearly as long as she lives & two Beds and furniture as the property under the 3rd head is to be sold & she is to have the negro Girl Catherine 5th I give my Daughter Sarah C Clinkscales one negro man Ben at Six hundred dollars one negro Girl Mary at two hundred dollars & if my daughter Sarah C Clinkscales dies without any child the said negro Mary is then to go to my Daughter Martha P Hucey I give Sarah also 15 Books Called the family library & Browns Dictionary of the Bible & Josephus Works in 4 volumes at ten dollars

Also one Bed Bedstead and furniture at twenty five dollars also one set silver tea spoons at five dollars also I have given my daughter Sarah one negro woman & sundary other articles amounting to Eight hundred & fifty dollars which is to be that much in her part of my Estate at the division
6th I give my Daughter Martha P Hucey one negro Girl Maria at three hundred and twenty five dollars one negro Boy Bannister at three hundred and fifty dollars, one negro Girl at three hundred dollars the above named three negroes is to be Martha P Hucey & the Lawfull Issue of her Body But

if she leaves none they are to go at her death to Sarah C. Cluikscals
 During her natural life & if Sarah C. Cluikscals leaves no lawful
 Issue of her Body at her death they are to be sold and the proceeds to
 be Equally Divided among my Brother Roberts Childers in Chambers
 County Alabama & my sister Jane B. Walkups Childers in Union County
 N Carolina share & share alike & I appoint and constitute James Spence
 & Doct Isaac Branch Trustees for that Purpose to see the same carried
 out Right I also give my Daughters Martha one Side Board & folding
 Table at thirty Dollars one set silver table spoons at fifteen Dollars also
 one Bural and Book Case Bought at Underwoods sold at ten Dollars
 one large painting at two Dollars also two Bedsteads Bed & furniture
 at twenty five Dollars apiece also my large Bible ^{and Henrys Commentary of the Bible} & Books, Dictionary
 & the Constitution of the Sacerd Church at twenty Dollars & the Balance
 of my Books to be Divided Equally Between my ^{and} Daughters to be lotted off
 by my Widow

I allow my Daughter Martha to get one Hundred & fifty Dollars to
 make her schooling Equal with Sarah Before the Division takes place
 & then to get Equal share & share alike Counting in what each one is
 willed to their share

7 I allow the land over the Creek to be sold in one & two years payment
 known as the Barnes Tract & my Executors to make titles to the same
 and take note & security for the Payment of the same they may sell
 either at publick or private sale the Loundsville land is to be sold at
 private sale as soon as it can be done if it can be ^{sold} for more than
 twelve Hundred Dollars the Balance is to go to John M Young to help
 him to pay a three Hundred Dollar note that he is bound to me
 on M Youngs account it must be Rented till sold my Executors can sell
 it at what they think is right & make titles to the same & my house at
 the Mineral Springs to be sold at private sale & one & a half acres Joining
 John M Brown also at a time to suit themselves & make titles to the
 same & I constitute and appoint Albert J Cluikscals Martha & Henry
 Guardian to hire her negroes at private so as to get good Masters & to take
 charge of her money

9 I allow all things not mentioned to be sold at publick sale on a credit
 of twelve months

10 I allow my Executors to pay particular attention to the false charges of
 Dr. A. B. Arnold for under the Great seal of Heaven & these my last
 dying words I pronounced them all most palpable falsehoods to all intents
 & purposes. 11 I allow A. J. Cluikscals to buy a saddle & such other things
 as my Daughter Martha may need to come out of her part of her Estate
 and have them charged to her

12 I constitute & appoint My Widow Martha P. Huey Executrix & appoint
 & constitute Thomas C. Penning ^{Esqr} Albert J. Cluikscals & Alexander Hunter
 My Executors of this my last Will and Testament & I do make null & void
 all former Wills if Alexander Hunter dont wish to serve in amount of his age
 I wish him to assist till the sale is over & on all other important occasions
 and be paid for the same. In witness Whereunto I have set my hand &
 seal this 8th Day of February 1845 In presence of us subscribing

Postscript to the Codicil to my last Will and Testament

It is the desire of my wife Martha F. Huey that she have the Loundsville Tract in Linn of the Land mentioned in this Codicil,

It is my will and desire that she have the Loundsville tract in Linn of the Land mentioned in the above Codicil to be enjoyed by her during the term of her natural life or widowhood as is specified in the above Codicil to my last will and testament on the same conditions as is in the above Codicil, more particularly mentioned. I do hereby authorize my Executors to remove her property to the Loundsville Tract of Land, and pay the expenses of the same out of my Estate, Given under my hand & seal this 29th April A. D. 1845

Signed sealed & declared & published
by James Huey as a part of the above
Codicil to my last Will & testament in
the presence of

Thos. J. Mahony
Jane C. Gray
Andrew Gillespie Junr

James Huey

James Huey

In the Matter of James Huey's "Will"

James Huey's will having been presented for probate and being satisfied the foregoing is the true Last Will of the said James Huey decd. - It is ordered that it be admitted to probate in common form

The foregoing Will, Codicil and Postscript, therewith attached, was this day admitted to Probate in Common form, by the oath of Thos. J. Mahony and James H. Markup to the will, the oath of John L. Boyd and said James H. Markup to the Codicil, and the oath of Thomas J. Mahony to the Postscript attached - and A. S. Clukscales was duly qualified Executor to Execute the same, the widow having relinquished her right in writing -

David Lesly C. A. J.

Examined, compared &
certified by D. Lesly J. J.

Last Will & Testament of Thomas W. Morton dec'd.

South Carolina } In the Name of God Amen I Thomas W.
Abbeville District } Morton being weak in Body but in sound mind
and memory But knowing that it is appointed for all men once
to die and being desirous of settling my worldly Estate and Concerns
where with it has pleased God to bless me with do make and ordain
this my last Will and Testament in the following form and manner
(to wit) 1st of all I Recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty
God who gave it and my Body to the Earth to be Buried in a decent
manner. 2nd after my death I do will and ordain that all my just
debts be paid out of my Estate. 3rd I give and bequeath to my wife
Lucinda Morton all the land I possess in Abbeville District being
twenty five hundred and fifty acres more or less, also the following
negroes Moses Betty, Lora Tom Matilda and their children James
Rachel and child Peter Hanah and child yellow Jess Lucy and
family of children Lila and her children Amy Abrahm making six
Ben Mary and child. Sarah Peg Antony, Jake Harriet, Bob Jackson
big Jim Mily and four children all to be kept during her natural
life and to dispose of at her death as she thinks best and my Carriage
and horse Mules and stock of every description that is on the plantation
where I now live together with all the household and kitchen furniture
all to be hers to dispose of as she thinks proper.

4th I give and bequeath to my son Augustus W. Morton all the Land
I own in Edgefield District fifteen hundred and sixty nine acres
be the same more or less also the following Negroes, Chap Hulda and
six children, Lewis Caroline, and four children Edmund May and
one child, Isaac Lid and child Simon and Franky Charles Abner
Rufus Harry Lewis Wina Betty America Janey Jerry Black
Jess Dick Nelson John Big Bill Louisa Shed Solomon Ezra Frank
Pink Lock and Fereby also horse Mules and the stock of every
description where he now lives together with the household and kitchen
furniture to be his during his life and to dispose of at death as he
thinks proper. 5th and lastly I ordain and appoint my wife
Lucinda Morton Exatrix and my son Augustus W. Morton Executor
to this my last Will and Testament in testimony I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this fourth day of March one thousand eight
hundred and forty five

signed and sealed in }

the presence of

John Kellar

John Davis

James Carson

Thomas W. Morton 

South Carolina } In the Matter of Tho^s. W. Morton's Will
Abbeville District } It appearing on examination of two of the witnesses
that the foregoing is the true last Will and Testament of Tho^s. W. Morton dec'd.
it is ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common form Dec^r 4th 1845

The foregoing will of Tho^s M^r Morton was this day duly admitted to probate in Common form by the oath of James Garrison and John Kellan two of the subscribing witnesses thereto - and Lucinda Morton and Augustus M^r Morton duly qualified Executors and Executor of the same (23rd May 1845)

David Ledy A.D.

Last Will and Testament of Robert E. Buchanan dec^d.

The State of South Carolina } In the name of God Amen!
Abbeville District } I Robert E. Buchanan of the State and District aforesaid being of sound and disposing mind & memory but weak and indisposed in body and calling to mind the mortality of man and uncertainty of life, and being desirous to dispose of such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to bless me with Do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in the following manner viz.

- 1st It is my will and desire that all my Just debts be paid
- 2nd It is my will and desire that all my Real Estate be sold and the proceeds be applied to my debts
- 3 It is my will and desire to sell my Negro woman Huldah and her two children by Mary and Wenny, with such other perishable property as my Executor may think she can conveniently dispose of without destroying the convenience and comfort of herself and Family -
- 4th It is my will and desire that my Executor purchase a suitable and small tract of land with such improvements as she may deem necessary for the comfort and convenience of herself and children, the same to have and to hold during the natural life of my wife Elisabeth jointly and severally to the intent that it is to not only to be a home for my wife and children but that they are to cultivate receive and enjoy the products emoluments and profits of said plantation or Tract of land during the term above specified.
- 5th It is my will and desire that the residue and remainder of my Estate both Real and Personal shall remain in the hands of my Executor free of interest hire or charge whatsoever for the support and maintenance of my said wife & children during her natural life or until my children arrive at the age of Twenty one then to be equally divided between my wife Elisabeth and the legal heirs of my Body share and share alike
- 6th It is my will and desire in the event there should be posthumous Issues that the said posthumous Issues shall be entitled to and receive a distributive share of my Estate
- 7th It is my will and desire that if my wife at any time during her widowhood should marry that my Estate shall be immediately divided between her and the legal heirs of my Body as may be living at the time of such marriage to share and share alike provided nevertheless that in the event that my wife should marry that she is required immediately to repair to the Ordinarys Office and give Bond and security for the full amt. of the distributive share or share that may be due the legal heirs of my body.
- 8th It is my will and desire to constitute nominate and appoint my Dear beloved wife Elisabeth the sole Guardian of the legal heirs of my body.
- 9th It is my will and desire and I particularly enjoin it on my Executor to

select some judicious and practical person and from time to time to Council and advise to how proceed with and manage my Estate to the best advantage
 10th I do hereby appoint constitute and nominate my Dear beloved wife Elizabeth Buchanan my sole Executrix of this my last will and testament by me heretofore made Intestamentary where of I have here unto set my hand and affixed my seal this the fourth day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and forty four And in the sixty eight year of the Independence of the United States of America

Signed sealed published and declared as and for the last will and Testament of the above named Robert E Buchanan in the presents of us

L B Cobb
 William Buchanan
 Francis A Buchanan

Robert E Buchanan

South Carolina } In Ordinary 3 Sept 1845
 Abbeville District } In the matter of R E Buchanan's will
 Francis A Buchanan one of the subscribing witnesses being examined & testifying to the regularity & Legality of the Execution of the will
 Ord that it be admitted to probate in Common form

D Seely C.S.D.

Qualified Elizabeth Buchanan, etc of the foregoing will 3rd Sept 1845
 D Seely C.S.D.

Last Will and Testament of Robert Child decd.

State of South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } In the Name of God Amen!
 I Robert Child of the state and District aforesaid, do make, ordain and constitute this my last Will and Testament. Item first. I desire that my Funeral expenses, and all the last debts that I may be owing at my death (which is but few) be paid.
 Item second. I give and confirm to my son William A Child, a Negro Boy Slave, named Mays, to him and his heirs forever. Item third I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Child the Plant forever. Item fourth all the rest or the residuum of my property, both personal and real, is to be sold and the proceeds to be equally divided between my son William & Sarah Child my wife, including in the division, all money, or moneys, that may be in my possession at my death, and all other claims or proceeds of claims, that I may be entitled to at the time of my death, and each of them to share and share alike in the division, and to be held by them and their heirs forever. Item Fifth. It is my wish and desire that my beloved wife should keep the home tract of Land on which I now reside, including the Dogan tract, for a home and residence, and take it at valuation, together, with what Slaves she may choose, out of my Slave property, and to take them at valuation also, and to be accountable in the division, or distribution of my estate, to

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my son William of both lands and slaves, that she may take at valuation
 Item Sixth. The whole amount of my son Williams funds is to be invested
 in Bank stock, and is to remain in Bank stock and is to remain in
 Bank stock, untill he is either Married or of age, at which either period
 he is at liberty to do what he pleases with the whole amount Except \$1000
 One thousand dollars which is not to be invested in Bank stock - but
 kept purposely for his education, and should not this one thousand dollars
 be a sufficiency for him, for a liberal education, and all expenses apper-
 taining, or what is necessary to his comfort, then - and not till then - a
 part of the dividends arising from the Bank stock, may be collected to
 defray his expenses. Item Seventh. And Should he (my son Williams) die
 in infancy, or before he is of age, then whole of his Estate is to go to the
 Children of my Brother James Lesly Child, to be equally divided among
 them, and each of them, to share and share alike, and to hold it by
 them forever. Item Eighth. and in conclusion I appoint James W
 Child, and John McLenan my Executors to this my last Will and
 Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto and affixed my hand
 and seal this the - 3rd - day of January Anno Domini Eighteen Hun-
 dred and Forty six

signed Sealed }
 In our presence }
 J. W. Carville
 J. R. Tarrant
 Abr. P. Pool

Robert Child (L)

Furthermore

Item. I give to my Wife Sarah Child my Portrait.
 Item I give my Nephew Robert Alexander Child my Watch
 Witness my hand & seal

J. R. Tarrant
 J. W. Carville
 Abr. P. Pool

Robert Child (L)

South Carolina }
 Abbeville Dist } In the matter of Robert Child's last Will Testament
 — Having Examined J. W. Carville, one of the subscribing
 witnesses to the foregoing Instrument of writing, & being
 satisfied, that it is the last will of Robert Child dec'd. Ordered that it be admitted
 to probate in common form

25 Feb 1846

David Lesly C. J.

The foregoing Will was duly admitted to probate, by the oath of J. W. Carville
 and James W Child qualified as Executor of the said - this day 25 Feb 1846
 David Lesly
 C. J.

Last Will and Testament of Robert Cozby dec^d.

In the Name of God Amen

I Robert Cozby of Abbeville District and State of South Carolina being of sound 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 hath pleased God to bless me with do make and ordain this my last Will. in manner and form following that is to say.

First I desire that all my Just debts be paid by my Executors as soon as he can procure sufficient funds for that purpose

2^d I devise and bequeath to my wife Temperance Cozby (provided she survives me) One third part 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 children that is to say Prudence A. Carlile W^m C. Cozby, Jane F. Carlile, Sarah B. Christopher, Margaret B. Carlile, Esther S. Porter, and Martha A. Cozby to be equally divided amongst them, to them and their heirs forever.

3^d I give and bequeath to my son John R. Cozby twenty five Dollars to him and his heirs forever.

4th I give devise and bequeath to my deceased daughter Elizabeth's husband namely, Robert P. Oliver One Dollar.


5th I give and bequeath to the child of my deceased daughter Elizabeth Oliver, namely Mary Elizabeth (now married but the name of her husband not recollected) fifty dollars to her and her heirs forever.

6th I give and bequeath to the little son of my late deceased son Rev^d James C. Cozby namely James Smith Cozby fifty Dollars to him and his heirs forever.

7th All the rest of my Estate both real and personal of what nature or quality soever it may be, not herein before particularly disposed of I devise may be equally divided amongst my following named children that is to say Prudence A. Carlile W^m C. Cozby, Jane F. Carlile, Sarah B. Christopher, Margaret B. Carlile, Esther S. Porter, and Martha A. Cozby share and share alike, and I give the same to them, their heirs executors, administrators, and assigns forever.

And lastly I do hereby appoint my friend J. M. Baskin Executor of this my last will and testament, this 3^d September 1842

signed, sealed, published and declared as and for the last will and testament of the above R. C. in the presence

Robert Cozby 

of us

Matthew Young
John S. Caldwell
John A. Meekins

Whereas I Robert Cozby have some time since made and duly executed my last will and Testament, I do now at this time confirm the same with the following addition and alteration -

1st Whereas my daughter Isabella T Cozby on her death had verbally bequeathed to her sister Martha A Cozby the following goods and chattels viz. One feather Bed, two Bedsteads, two bolsters, and two pair pillows, two Mattresses, two under beds, two Coverlets, two Comforts, five quilts, five Counterpanes, two furniture Calico spreads, three pair Blankets, two stand curtains, four do under curtains two trunks, one band box, three tables, one spinning wheel, one pair glass lamps, one pair tall brass candlesticks, two looking glasses, with Books and some other articles which belonged to the said Isabella T Cozby.

Now I hereby confirm and bequeath the above bequests to my daughter Martha A Cozby to her and her heirs forever. And further I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha A. one feather bed, Mattress, bolster and pair pillows, and all the bed clothes having Martha A Cozby's name marked upon them, one large walnut chest with drawers, one large rocking chair, bamboo, a good side saddle, washstand bowl and pitcher, Book case with the drawers underneath, Scots Commentary, The Evangelical family library with the exception of the number one and seven, and thirteen other Books, with Martha A Cozby's name written in them of date 1844 to her and her heirs forever.

Lastly it is my will that this Codicil be and constitute a part of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th October 1844

Signed, sealed and declared as the last will & Testament in presence of us

Robert Cozby 

- John S Caldwell
- Archibald Shaulden
- R. M. Harris

The foregoing will, and Codicil was duly admitted to probate in common form by the oath of John S Caldwell - one of the subscribing witnesses, and James A Bashin was duly qualified Executor.

22nd January 1846

D. S. D.

The Last Will and Testament of Jane Findley


In the Name of God Amen: I Jane Findley being sick and weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, thanks be to God for his mercies, do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following to wit.

Item 1st It is my Will that the following named Negroes to wit, Jude dent, Caroline & her children, say Dick, Thomas, Martha, Jude & Mary & Rose & her child Lewis be Equally divided betwixt my sister Mary Mackey and her children to whom I give and bequeath the same equally and share and share alike to them severally their heirs & assigns for Ever.

Item 2nd To my dearly beloved grand nephew Thomas Findley Mitchell I Give and bequeath the following negroes say William, Kelley, & her two children Bob and Dinah & also Thomas & Fockey, & my old negro Woman Finda (I charge him to take especial care of the old Woman Finda & treat her well so long as she may live) to him his heirs & assigns for Ever.

Item 3rd All the balance and residue of my estate I will to be sold and after the payment of my debts & Funeral Expenses & other expenses (if any) I Give the Money arising from the sale thereof to my Nephew Thomas F Mitchell above named his heirs & assigns for Ever.

Lastly. I do hereby appoint Alexander Hunter Executor of this my last Will and Testament - revoking all former Wills by me made, ratifying and confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
26th day of November In the year of our Lord One thousand
Eight Hundred & forty five
Jane ^{her} Findley, 
mark

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared by the said Jane Findley as her last Will and Testament. In our presence, who in her presence & the presence of each other Witnessed the due Execution by subscribing our names thereto the day above.

Witness

H. H. Townes

W. Gilbert

Elizabeth Clay

South Carolina
Att. Gen.

In the Court of Ordinary 2 Dec 1845

The foregoing Will of Jane Findley was this day admitted to Probate in Common Form by the oath of Washington Gilbert, one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, and Alexander Hunter was duly qualified Executor.

D. Leary, A. T. D.


The Last Will and Testament of Robert Ffoske

State of South Carolina

I Robert Ffoske of Abbeville District, in the State aforesaid do make this my last will and testament, To wit,

1. It is my will that all my just debts be paid, and all the debts owing to me be collected by my Executor.
- 2^d. I will and desire my two negro men Simon & Neal, my stock of Horses & mules, stock of Cattle & hogs, Household & Kitchen furniture Farming utensils, Wagon & Lead of every description to be sold at publick outcry.
- 3^d. it is my will & desire that my just be paid out of the moneys arising from the sale of the above named property
- 4^d. It is my will and desire that the ballance of the money arising from the sale of the property devised to be sold to be divided between John W. Joel & Charles W. Ffoske and Louisa Logan, share & share alike.
5. I Give and devise unto my sister Martha Jane Davis for and during her natural life all of my real Estate bounded at present by Griffins Building, to W Ffoske, Joel Ffoske, Andrew Logan & Wilsons Creek and at the death of my sister Martha Jane Davis I give and devise the said land to her lawfully begotten children. I also give & bequeath unto my said sister Martha Jane Davis the following named slaves viz Elly Abroad & Rachel with their future increase for and during the term of her natural life, and at her death to her lawfully begotten children
- 6^d. I do appoint my uncle Charles W Ffoske Executor of this my last will and testament. I do hereby revoke and annul all former Wills made by me at any time here to fore, In witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the Twenty first day of Decr. in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and forty five

Signed, executed & acknowledged before us who subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the testator

Robt Ffoske 

A McQuants
J W Cooper
R S Golding

Thirty first Lind witnessed with the Wad. Executor, before signed. in the presence of the above witnesses,

Last Will and Testament of Jordan Moseley

South-Carolina On the Name of God Amen
 Abbeville District I Jordan Moseley Being of sound and disposing
 mind and memory but weak in Body and calling to mind the uncertainty
 of life and being desirous of disposing of all such worldly estate as it
 hath pleas'd God to bless me with do make and ordain this my last will
 and Testament in manner following (viz)

1st I Will my Body to the Ground from whence it came, and my soul to
 God who gave it.

2nd I will that all my last debts and funeral expenses be paid,

3rd I Write and Bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Moseley, all that plan-
 tation or Tract of Land Lying on the south side of Turkey creek, in
 Abbeville District containing one Hundred and fifty acres more or less
 including the dwelling House and plantations where I now live, during
 her natural life, and at her death the same to be the right and prop-
 erty of Wesley C. Moseley my youngest son

4th I Will and bequeath to my Beloved wife Sarah one negro Girl named
 Army to dispose of as she thinks proper.

5th I will and bequeath to my son Ire L Moseley all that plantation
 or Tract of Land Lying on the north side of Turkey Creek, containing
 Fifty acres more or less also one negro Girl named Martha

6th I Write and Bequeath to my Daughter Dorothy Moseley Two Hundred
 Dollars in Cash one and a half an equal share in my hereinafter named
 property, all of which I give in Trust to the following trustees (to wit)
 William W. James W. and Benj^r F. Moseley for her use and benefit.

7th I Will and Bequeath to my son Wesley C. Moseley, one negro Boy
 named Jack

8th I will that the Balance of my property which I have not disposed of
 consisting of Eight negroes and my stock of Horses, cattle Hogs and
 sheep, waggons plantation Tools, Household and Fitched Furniture, and
 every other species of property that I am possessed of be sold, and after my
 last debts and funeral expenses is paid: and Two Hundred dollars to
 my Daughter Dorothy, then the Balance of my Estate to be equally divided
 Between my wife Sarah Moseley, Mr. W. Moseley, Fatina Pichey, Dorothy
 Moseley, Jas. W. Moseley, Elmira Pichey, Benj^r F. Moseley, Ire L Moseley
 Wesley C. Moseley, and the heirs of my son Burnel W. Moseley deceased

9th I will that portions that may fall to the Heirs of my son Burnel W.
 Moseley Deceased in Trust for their Education and raising, and other Benefits
 and the same to remain in the hand of my Hereinafter named Executors who
 will act as their Trustees

10th and lastly I do constitute and appoint my three Sons (to wit) William
 W. James W. and Benjamin F. Moseley my Executors to Execute this my
 last will and Testament by me here to and made and ordained, in Testimony
 whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Second day of April
 A D 1845

Jordan Moseley Seal

signed sealed and declared as the last will and Testament of the above named
 Jordan Moseley, in presence of Robert Wood, Arch R. News, Wm P. Martin,

In the Matter of the foregoing Last Will of Jordan Mosely decd. being satisfied that it is the true Last Will & Testament, it is Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form. D. Levy Oct. 1845

Said Will of Jordan Mosely was this day 26 Nov 1845 duly admitted to Probate by the oath of Robert Woods & Noah R. Reevs - two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and Mrs. L. B. F. Mosely were duly qualified as Executors thereof. D. Levy Oct. 1845

Last Will and Testament of Amelia Simmons decd.

South Carolina I Amelia Simmons of the state and district Abbeville District aforesaid do by these presents make the following declaration of my last will in relation to a certain sum of money, to wit, the some of Five Hundred Dollars (500⁰⁰) left to me by my late sister Ann Ward late of said state and District of Charleston -

I am now in the full possession of my mental faculties - I recognize the uncertainty of life, I feel that my days can not be prolonged many years and that at my age, death may at any moment summons me from this life, in view therefore of these solemn truths, I deem it proper to declare, by these presents that it is my last will that my beloved daughter Mrs Sarah J. A. Wheaton shall at my death have sole use and benefit and behoof of the said sum of Five Hundred Dollars (500⁰⁰) left to me by my said sister Ann Ward late of the state aforesaid and District of Charleston - It is my further will that Dr. F. G. Thomas of the state and District aforesaid should carry out my will herein declared and that he should be my executor in the premises -

In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this the first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and forty three.

In the presence of
Jas. W. Wightman
John F. Arnold
William E. Arthur




Amelia Simmons

The above will of Amelia Simmons was duly admitted to Probate on this day (15th Nov. 1845) on the oath of Jas. W. Wightman one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and Dr. F. G. Thomas was duly qualified Executor before, D. Levy Oct. 1845

Last Will of Nancy Tait.

In the Name of God Amē - I Nancy Tait of the County of DeSoto and State of Mississippi do make and leave this my last Will and Testament revoking all others - 1st I wish all of my just debts to be faithfully paid. 2^d I wish as much of my property sold as will bring one thousand Dollars without breaking families of negroes, and that amount given to my husband James M Tait, 3^d It is my will that at my death my house servant Jane and her son Elijah belong to my husband James M Tait, and at his death to belong to Samuel Banks or his heirs and by them to be taken good care of. 4th I give and bequeath to Ann Branow the following negroes, Renner, a man, and Harrieth, a woman, and they not to be brought from S Carolina, but to be sold for her benefit if she remains in this state, also one bed and furniture, horse and saddle - 5th I give and bequeath to my niece Henrietta Baker daughter of Joseph Baker of Abbeville Dist S C) a negro woman Yabella, and her four children. 6th To my faithful servants, Anthony, and Jude, I give their freedom leaving it with them to choose their owner or those with whom they may wish to live, at the same time hoping those they may choose to live with will try to carry out as fair as they can this my will respecting said servants - Also my servant Mary I wish her to choose whom she will live with and they to let her enjoy, all the freedom that the laws will permit. 7th My horses and Carriage I give to my Brother Joseph Baker, with a request that he treat them with great humanity, also I give him my two servants William and Dick 8th I will that Taylor and Turner be sold and that the proceeds go to my Brother William Baker. 9th To my sister Mary Bent I give Margaret and her child. 10th To Francis Soimes my niece and Martha Meawather my niece I give Betty and her five youngest children, and they to be equally divided between them. 11th I give and bequeath to my nephew Thomas Baker, and his heirs, or if he dies without heirs to his Brother my servant Elbert, also Five hundred Dollars. 12th It is my wish that Lewis and Shabett his daughter be permitted to choose their own masters, and for them to be sold to such persons at Valuation 13th I will that my Brother Samuel Baker receive one thousand Dollars from my Estate 14th It is my wish that two hundred Dollars of my Estate be appropriated to having a suitable tomb stone placed over my grave 15th I will that all of my property both real & personal not mentioned in this instrument, to be sold and five hundred dollars be given to my sister Elizabeth Griffin, and after all of my bequests have been complied with the balance of my estate to be equally divided between the Southern publication Society and the Birmanid Mission - And I hereby appoint and leave Andrew Giles esq. of Abbeville Dist S C) and James M Tait of Merits Co Mississippi to carry into effect this my last Will and Testament. this the 20th September 1845
intentioned before signed Witness My hand and seal

James A Freeman
John Rich
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Nancy Tait 

A Codicil to this my last Will and Testament, changing the bequest made to my Brother Joseph Baker and my sister Mary Bent so far as it relates to the Slaves given. It is my will that William & Dick

belong to my sister Mary Burt instead of Joseph Baker and that
Margaret & child belong to my brother Joseph Baker instead of Mary
Burt, as bequeathed in the seventh and ninth clauses of this my Will
Witness my hand and seal September the 21st 1845

James H. Freeman

Nancy Tait



James S. Oliver

John Rich

The State of Mississippi
DeSoto County

Probate Court October Term 1845

This day the Last Will and Testament
of Mrs Nancy Tait Dec^d. was presented in open Court for probate by
James H. Tait one of the Executors therein named, and being proved in
due form was probated and ordered to be recorded as the law directs
Given under my hand and seal this October 6th 1845

John T. Mosley

Judge of Probate



Probate Court October Term 1845

This day the last will and Testament of Mrs Nancy Tait Dec^d. was
presented in open Court for probate and being duly proved was ordered
to be recorded.

The State of Mississippi
DeSoto County

I John C. Fryer Clerk of the probate Court
for said County do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true Copy
of the original Will on file in my office -

Given under my hand & seal of said Court at office this 7th day
of October A D 1845

John C. Fryer Clerk

The State of Mississippi
DeSoto County

I John T. Mosley Judge of the Probate Court
of said County do hereby certify that John C. Fryer whose name appears to
the foregoing certificate is and was the acting clerk of said Court at the time
of signing the same, and that all his official acts as such are entitled to
full faith and credit and that his certificate is in due form of law.

Given under my hand and seal this October 7th 1845

John T. Mosley
Judge of Probate

The State of Miss^{ss} On being satisfied the foregoing is a duly authenticated
Albion West "Copy" of the Last Will of Nancy Tait, It is therefore Order
that Letters Testamentary be issued to A. Sils on said Estate

And Lett. O. A. D.

Andrew Sils one of the within named Exors of the last Will & Testa-
ment of Nancy Tait, was this day (31 Oct 1845) duly Qualified as Exor.

David Lacy O. A. D.

Last Will and Testament of Tho^s. W. Williams dec^d.

Abbeville District

S Carolina

In the name of God. Amen

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas W. Williams of the District & State aforesaid being of sound mind and persuaded of the uncertainty of life, do make this my last Will & Testament Item 1st I bequeath my body to decent burial and my soul to the mercy of the God who gave it.

Item 2. I wish my Just debts paid.

Item 3 I will and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Eliza T. Williams the one half of my entire estate both real and personal, subject to the qualifications hereinafter named.

Item 4th I will and bequeath unto my beloved nephew Mat. J. Williams the remaining half of my entire estate both real & Personal, subject to the qualifications hereinafter named.

Item 5th Being indebted to Mrs Ann M. Turpin and her children, Alfred B. and Ann Eliza Turpin between seventeen & eighteen hundred dollars principal & interest, I will and desire that the said Mrs Ann M. Turpin & her children continue to make my house her home as long as my wife may live, or she the said Mrs Turpin & children may desire without accumulation of interest on the debt aforesaid: but in case she may desire to leave my family I will that the debt aforesaid be paid out of the legacy bequeathed to my wife Mrs Eliza T. Williams.

Item 5 At the death of my wife, I will and bequeath unto the said Mrs Ann M. Turpin & her children from the portion herein given to my wife the said Mrs Eliza T. Williams, the following slaves to wit Rowen Sylvia, Williams, Jesse Lucy, James Henry, Monday, John Wesley and their increase.

Item 6th I hold James H. Baskin's bond for titles to the land on which Dr. Giles now lives in the edge of Anderson District. I will that the Titles to said Land be made to a trustee for the use of the wife & children of Dr. Robert Giles according to the terms of Trust made to me or that the said land be sold & the money appropriated to the use of the said Dr. R. Giles, wife & children by my executor & executrix after consulting the wishes of the said Dr. Robert Giles & his wife Martha & her children.

Item 7 When the debts of my estate are paid I will that from the portion herein left to my nephew Mat. J. Williams the sum of two thousand dollars in money or property be secured to my beloved niece Mrs. Francis M. Clarke & her children.

Item 8 I will and bequeath to my great nephews Albert H. & James & John & Thomas Humphreys, & my great niece Mary Ann Humphreys the sum of Two hundred dollars each to be paid from the legacy left to my Nephew Mat. J. Williams as soon as practicable after the settlement of the debts of my estate.

Item 9th I will to the rest of my relatives my love and affection.

Item 10 In the division of my Estate between my wife and nephew Mat. J. Williams, it is my will that my House and lot in Lakesbury be included in the one half my estate bequeathed to my wife, if she so desire it.

Item 11 It is my will that my executor and executrix keep my estate together

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until my debts are paid, with the power to sell property if necessary for
the payment of such debts.

Item 12th I appoint my nephew Mat J Williams and my wife Mrs Eliza J
Williams my Executors & Co-executors to carry into effect the foregoing will.

Given under my hand and seal this the 13th day of

January 1846

Thomas W Williams (S)

Witness

Mary Ann Martin

A. B. Arnold

Jr. C. Martin

The foregoing will was (on the oath of A. B. Arnold,
one of the subscribing witnesses thereto) this day (5 Feb. 1846) duly admitted
to probate, and that J. Williams the within named Ex^r or was duly
as Executor - Mrs Williams having in writing relinquished her right as
Executing

D. S. G. A. S. D.

Last Will and Testament of John Cowdy dec'd

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

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In the name of God, Amen.

I John Cowdy of the State and district
aforesaid being weak & frail in body but of sound and disposing
mind & being admonished by my present bodily affliction that my
life is short & also being desirous to make some disposition of my worldly
effects do make and ordain this to be my last will & testament.
And 1st I consign my body to the dust from whence it came & my
spirit to God who gave it.

Item 2nd It is my desire that my family, to wit, my beloved wife, my
son Robert M. Cowdy, & my daughters Eliza & Jane should remain
together during the life of my wife.

Item 3rd It is my will & desire that my property both real & person-
al should remain together during the life of my beloved wife, unless
she desires it to be sold sooner & if so, she is at liberty to have a part
or the whole of it disposed of at any time she thinks proper.

Item 4th Whenever my property is disposed of whether before or after the
death of my wife, it is my will, that each of my children should share &
share alike with the exception of my daughters Eliza & Jane who are to
receive each one hundred dollars more than an equal distributive
share of my estate - the children of my deceased daughter Nancy who
was the wife of James Cunningham are to receive the share that would
be coming to their mother if she was alive.

Item 5th It is my will & desire that my friend Grand Kellan Esq^r
and my beloved son Robert M. Cowdy should act as the Executors of
this my last will & testament.

Signed, sealed, published, & declared & acknowledged to be
my last will & testament this twenty seventh day of April, One thousand
eight

eight hundred & forty dec. ³
 In the presence of ³
 G. W. Gosmer
 James Irwin
 Isaac Brauch

John X. Cowdy ²

South Carolina ³
 Abbeville District ³

In the matter of John Cowdy's Last Will.

It appearing on the Examination, that the paper foregoing, is the true last will & Testament of John Cowdy dec.:

Ordains that it be admitted to probate in Common Form.

D. Lacy, J. C. D.

The foregoing Will of John Cowdy was duly admitted to probate this day (30. Apr. 1846) on the oath of Isaac Brauch one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, and Rand Kellan & Robert M. Cowdy were duly qualified to act as Executors thereof.

D. Lacy, J. C. D.

Last Will of Nancy Young dec.:

South Carolina ³
 Anderson District ³

In the name of God amen, I Nancy Young, Widdow of the late Francis Young dec. being sick and weak in bodily health, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, calling to mind the uncertainty of life, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say.

To my daughter Mary I give two good beds and furniture, complete and also the usual household and kitchen furniture with as much stock of the different kinds as any of my other children have received, and one hundred dollars to purchase a horse. I also allow my daughter Mary to take my Negro boy George at a valuation which valuation is to be accounted for on a settlement amongst my children, the above named property I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Mary and her heirs forever.

From the sale of my personal property, except such as is otherwise disposed of and also of all such estates both real and personal as I am entitled to from my late husbands Estate, I allow an equal distribution to be made amongst all my children share and share alike with this exception that to my son Matthew Young I give four hundred dollars more than an equal distributive share, and to my daughter Jane Turnbull the wife of Elijah Turnbull, I give four hundred dollars less than a like distributive share.

It is my wish that my two negroes Sweeny and Sam be allowed to choose amongst my children which ever they may prefer for an owner, and whom they may choose to take them at a valuation. And I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Francis Young Executor of this my last Will and Testament, and allow and direct him to dispose of all my interest and estate, both real and personal (except such as is herein already disposed

of) on such terms and conditions as he may think most for the interest and benefit of my children.

Signed, sealed, and declared by the above named Nancy Young, as and for her last will & testament in the presence of us who at her request have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto this 29th day of November A.D. 1842

Nancy X Young
her mark

Test
Jno W Conner
William St Fant
W B Shackelford

South Carolina
Abbeville District
30 July 1845
In the matter of Nancy Youngs Will
Having examined William St Fant, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will & being satisfied that it is the true last will and testament of Nancy Young decd.
Ordain that it be admitted to Probate in Common form
David Selby, C.A.D.

The foregoing Will of Nancy Young decd. was this day (30 July 1845) duly admitted to probate in common form, on the oath of William St Fant, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and Frances A Young was duly qualified Executor thereof.
David Selby, C.A.D.

Last Will and Testament of Tho^s Stallworths decd

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Stallworths of the District of Edgefield and state of South Carolina being in an infirm state of health but in perfect mind and memory do make ordain and establish this my last will and testament in the following manner First my Negro Man Nelson, shall be sold on a credit of twelve months, secondly To James Leonard Sales four hundred Dollars with interest from my death but should he die before he arrives at the age of twenty and My Executors shall take care of the money and apply it in the manner laid down below Thirdly the balance that I have in possession at my death after the four hundred dollars above mentioned and all my debts are paid is to be applied as follows My Executors shall buy for Martha Elizabeth Sales and her bodily heirs a young negro woman and such other property as they think best for the family. Fourthly should James Leonard Sales die before he arrives at the age of twenty and the above mentioned four hundred Dollars with interest shall be used in a manner that my executors may think best for the benefit of Martha Elizabeth Sales and her bodily heirs Fifthly should Martha Elizabeth Sales die and leave no bodily heirs Benjamin Sales husband of Martha Elizabeth Sales shall have one half of my estate Amos Stallworth or his bodily heirs shall have one third of the balance and Ann Holloway Thomas

Henderson, Nathaniel Henderson Elizabeth Talbot Eleanor Lake or their bodily heirs an equal share of the balance.


Lastly I do hereby nominate ordain and appoint my brother Amos Stallworth and Nathaniel Henderson Executors of this my last will and testament, signed sealed proclaimed and declared by said testator as his last will and testament in the presence of in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this the twenty first day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty six

Witness

James Eathridge

Thos + Ramsey

Russel Vaughan

Thos Stallworth 

South Carolina In Ordinary 23rd June 1846

Abbeville District In the matter of Thomas Stallworth's Will, &c.

Having examined James Eathridge one of the subscribing witnesses to said Will, and being satisfied that it is the true last Will of said decd. and that Testator was of sound mind at the time of its execution, it is Ordained that it be admitted to probate in "Common form"

The above will of Thomas Stallworth was this day (23rd June 1846) duly admitted to probate in "Common form" on the oath of Jas Eathridge one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and Benjamin W Dale was duly qualified to administer with the will annexed - those persons whom the Testator had appointed in his will, his executors, having relinquished their right, and recommended the said Benjamin W Dale, as a proper person to administer with the Will annexed

David Lesly J.C.D.

Last Will and Testament of William Wepie

In the name of God amen -

I William Wepie planter in the State of South Carolina, Abbeville district being weak of body but of sound mind and memory do make and constitute this as my last will and testament as follows -


First I desire that all my just debts and contracts may be discharged
Secondly I leave and bequeath to my loving sister Anne Smith the tract of land whereon she now lives, containing one hundred and twenty acres more or less during her natural life time, or during the time she may wish to reside thereon allowing her the privilege to sell or dispose of the said at her decease or removal as she may think proper -

Secondly I leave and bequeath to my loving wife Sarah Wepie the tract of land whereon I now live also a small tract of land adjoining, known as a purchase made from my brother Robert, also the entire stock of hoes, cows hogs and sheep also the entire household and kitchen furniture, also my waggon and plantations tools, also the balance of

whatever property I may be seized or possessed of at my decease.

I wish my executrix to sell and dispose of a tract of land my property known as the Spur creek tract containing one hundred and eighteen acres more or less. I have a discretionary power in my executrix to sell and dispose of such article or articles as she may think proper to dispense with the use of, the product of such sale or sales to be applied for her benefit and use of my children. I nominate and appoint my loving wife Sarah Weir my Executrix to execute this my last will and testament signed with my seal this 2 of June 1845

In presence of Th^o Hodge
Albert Johnson
James Weir

Wm. Weir 

South Carolina } In the Court of Ordinary 19 Nov 1845
Abbeville District } In the matter of William Weir's Will

Having examined James Weir one of the subscribing witnesses to the said will, and being satisfied that the foregoing is a correct copy of the said will, It is therefore ordered that the original be admitted to probate in common form. D. Lesly J. C. D.

The said will was this day (19 Nov 1845) duly admitted to probate, on the oath of James Weir one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and Sarah Weir the executrix appointed by the Testator, was duly qualified to act as executrix.

D. Lesly J. C. D.

Last Will and Testament of Joshua Mitchum

South Carolina }
Abbeville Dist }

In the name of God Amen! I Joshua Mitchum being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind and disposing memory, do make this my last will and testament for the distribution of my estate both real and personal in manner and form following, viz.

In the first place I wish to exempt from sale or division the following family of negroes namely, Biddy about forty years of age, Henry about twenty five years of age, Jeff about twenty seven years of age, and Liza about twenty two years of age and it is further my will and desire that my brother James Mitchum take the above named negroes under his charge and act as their guardian, and to do all things in relation to them as he may think best.

Item 2nd I will and bequeath unto my brother James Mitchum, one third of my estate both real and personal.

Item 3rd I will and bequeath unto my sister Margaret ^{some} one third of my estate both real and personal (that is an equal share with her brother) for her own separate use and benefit during her life and at her death to be equally divided between the heirs of her brother James Mitchum, and the heirs of her sister Martha Lenhard

Item 4th

Last Will & Testament of Joshua Metchum Contd

Item 4th I will and bequeath likewise one third of my estate to my sister Martha Lenhard both real and personal (that is an equal share with her brother & sister)

Item 5 It is my will and desire that my brother James Metchum shall act as my Executor to carry the foregoing will into effect, with the power to sell all or part of the property both real and personal or any part thereof, if he thinks best to do so, or if he chooses to divide the estate without sale by appointing three or five Commissioners for the purpose.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six in the presence of the witnesses

Intended in the third item with the name Jones before signing

A B Arnold

A W Lynch

S D Williams

Joshua Metchum

South Carolina
Abbeville District

In the matter of Joshua Metchum's Will

Having examined S D Williams, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing & being satisfied it is the true last will & Testament of the said Joshua Metchum decd. It is therefore ordered that the said will or paper be admitted to Probate in common form

David Lesly C. J.

The foregoing will of Joshua Metchum decd. was this day admitted to Probate in common form on the oath of S. D. Williams one of the subscribing witnesses thereof, and James Metchum was duly qualified Executor thereof

David Lesly

C. J.

19 August 1846

Last Will and Testament of James Black decd.

South Carolina
Abbeville District

I James Black of the State and District aforesaid, being in the possession of my mental faculties, mindful of the uncertainty of life and willing to make disposition of the worldly goods with which Providence has blessed me, do by these presents, make the following declaration of my Will.

Item 1 I bequeath my ^{body} to decent burial, and my spirit to the God who gave it.

Item 2 I bequeath to my oldest son David Black, my Negroe Girl Amanda and her increase

Item 3 I bequeath to the children of my deceased son William B Black, my negroe man Selas, with the understanding that the said Selas is to be hired out yearly by my Executor, and the proceeds of his hire to be used for the education and support of the four youngest children, till the youngest child is educated or marries: at which time

(or sooner if my Executor thinks proper) the said Silas is to be sold, and the amount arising from the sale of him to be equally divided among all of the children. —

Item 4 I bequeath to my son James R Black my negro Roy Henry. —

Item 5 I bequeath to my daughter Maria Black one negro Boy named Kite, and one negro Girl named Fanny or Frances and her increase. —

Item 6 To my son John Black, who is not of sound mind, and is not capable of appreciating, or taking care of property, and who is now provided with a permanent and comfortable home in the Lunatic Asylum of this State, I bequeath my love, affection and blessing, and commend him, soul and body to the mercy and protection of his Heavenly Father. —

Item 7 To the Commissioners of the poor of Abbeville District, I bequeath the sum of two hundred Dollars as a memento of my gratitude for their having taken under their care, and sent to the Lunatic Asylum of this State my unfortunate son John Black. —

Item 8 All my property real and personal, not heretofore specified and disposed of, I will to be sold; and from the proceeds arising from said sale, after the payment of all my just debts and the bequest mentioned in the seventh item of this my last Will, I bequeath to my daughter Maria Black, the sum of five hundred and thirty dollars; and I further will and desire the balance to be equally divided between my sons David Black, James R Black and the children of my deceased son William B Black. That part that may fall to the children of my deceased son William B Black, to be held and disposed of, as the negro man Silas, mentioned in the third item of this my last Will. Provided however that my executor may (if he chooses) pay over to the two oldest children their part of the residuum Legacy as they become of age, or sooner if he thinks proper to do so.

Item 9 Restoring special trust and confidence in the integrity of my worthy friend Thomas W Williams, I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint and by these presents do nominate, constitute and appoint the said Thomas W Williams my Executor to carry into effect after my decease, this my last Will and testament hereby revoking all others. —

In testimony whereof I have herewith affixed my hand and seal this the Twenty 7th December one thousand eight hundred and forty four

The word "body" on the ninth line of the first page interlined before signed

James Black (Seal)

In presence of
Arch^d Arnold
J H Deachman
Tho^d R Garey

In the Matter of James Black's Will, Hearing examined Tho^d R Garey one of the witnesses to the foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last Will & Testament of the said James Black dec^d. It is therefore Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form. — J. Esly, C. J. D.

The foregoing Will of James Black was this day (14 October 1846) duly admitted to probate on the oath of Tho^d R Garey one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto.
J. Esly, C. J. D.

Last Will and Testament of George Holloway dec'd.

South Carolina
Abbeville District

In the name of God Amen. —

I, George Holloway of the State and District aforesaid Planter being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but weak in body and mindful of the uncertainty of life and being desirous of making disposition of all the worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following, to wit:

- Item 1. I will and desire all my just debts to be paid.
- Item 2. I will and bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife Rebecca after the payment of my just debts all my estate both real and personal during her natural life.
- Item 3. I will and bequeath at the death of my dearly beloved Wife Rebecca to John Pool my nephew, the following named Slaves to wit: Bill, Melly West, Jim, Luly, and Aled, also two Horses and two Cows and calves— Provided that this bequest as before said to take place only after the death of my dear wife as aforesaid and provided further that if my nephew the said John Pool should at his death leave no living child, or children, then and in that case it is my will that the aforesaid Slaves named in this item shall revert to my estate and be subject to the distribution provided for the residuum and remainder of my estate.
- Item 4th. It is my will and desire that at the death of my dearly beloved Wife Rebecca all my estate both real and Personal not otherwise disposed of by the provisions of my will hereinbefore made, be sold in the following manner, to wit, I particularly enjoin it on my executor, to sell in families and in no other the negroes of my estate— but the balance of the property as they may think best.
- Item 5th. I will and bequeath at the death of my dearly beloved wife Rebecca all the residuum and remainder of my estate both Real and Personal unto Revth William M. Wrightman, Henry Bass, A. Talley, H. Spain, James Cannelly, W. A. C. Walker, Jr. A. Wheeler, Mat J. Williams & S. Beard and J. R. Garry Trustees of the South Carolina Conference School at Cohestury Abbeville District S. C. and their successors in office as a Fund in Trust for the following specific use or uses Viz. That the entire interest accruing from the principal fund aforesaid be appropriated annually to the education at the Cohestury school aforesaid free of all charge for Board & Tuition the sons of Methodist Preachers who may have died in the travelling ministry leaving no sufficient means for the education of their children of the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The number of such children to be determined by the Trustees of the said Cohestury school— the particular individuals to be selected by the South Carolina Conference aforesaid— And if the number of such orphan children of deceased Methodist Preachers as aforesaid should not be found then and in that case the children of living Methodist Preachers of the South Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in like manner destitute of sufficient means to educate their

children, be selected as aforesaid, Provided that if the said Conference school at Cokesbury should at any future time be dissolved, the fund herein mentioned to go to the said South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in Trust for the use and benefit herein specified.

Item 6th. It is my will and desire that none of the Books and Pamphlets constituting my library should be considered as embraced in any of the foregoing provisions of this my will - but I do bequeath the same at the death of my dearly beloved wife Rebecca to my beloved friend Rev John Carlile now a traveling member of the S. C. Annual Conference.

Item 7. I do constitute and appoint my said wife Rebecca Executrix and my friends Rev H A C Walker and Doctor Ephraim Calhoun Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the third day of August Anno Domini One thousand Eight hundred and forty six -


The words "Leaving no sufficient means for the education of their children" were interlined before signed

signed sealed published and declared
in the presence of

F. G. Thomas

Joel W Townsend

J. R. Tarnant

George Holloway 

In the Matter of George Holloways Will -

Having examined J. R. Tarnant one of the subscribing witnesses to the said Will & being satisfied that it is the true last Will and Testament of the said G. Holloway dec'd. It is therefore Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.

D. Lesly Oct. 17

The above Will of Geo Holloway dec'd was this day (16th October 1846) duly admitted to probate in Common form on the oath of J. R. Tarnant, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and Rebecca Holloway the widow of said deceased was qualified to act as Executrix.

D. Lesly Oct. 17

Last Will and Testament of Maj John Chiles dec^d

In the name of God. Amen !!!


I John Chiles of the district of Abbeville in the state of South Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, but old & weak in body & calling to mind that I must soon die, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and testament.

- 1 I will that all my just debts be paid, & for this purpose I authorize my Executor hereinafter appointed to sell such of my personal property as my wife may point out & consent to, as may be necessary for that purpose. I confirm all former Wills.
- 2 The balance of my property both real and personal I give to my wife Elizabeth for and during her natural life or widowhood, without any right on her part to sell or otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof, subject to the support maintenance and education of all my children by her, as well those now born, as such as may hereafter be born, that is to say, that my said wife shall support, maintain and educate my said children with the crops and proceeds of said property, and the balance if any to have to her own use & disposal: But if my said wife should marry again, I then give her for and during her natural life the house & land on which we now reside and eight negroes of her own choice; and the balance of the property to be managed by my executor by either hiring out my negroes & renting the land or working the negroes on my quarter plantations, until my children come of age or marry, that is to say my children by my said wife: and my will is that they have their portions or share laid off to them as they come of age or marry, as near as can then be ascertained.
- 3 At the death of my said wife I give to my son James five hundred Dollars, to my daughter Ann (now the wife of John W. Keasler) five hundred dollars; and to my stepson Mr. P. Sullivan five hundred dollars, but if either of the above named persons should die without leaving children, the said sums of money in such case to be paid back to my estate & equally divided amongst all my children, but if they should die leaving children then the said sum of money to be paid to the children respectively: — And the balance of my property of every description with the increase of the negroes, which I have given to my wife for life as aforesaid I will devise and bequeath to my children by my wife Elizabeth as well those now born, as those that may hereafter be born to them their heirs and assigns forever, share and share alike, equally to be divided by five freeholders, to be chosen by my executor, or by state & a division of the proceeds as to my executor shall seem proper, my executor being at liberty to sell as much of the said property as will raise the said sums of five hundred dollars above given off, if it should be necessary.
- 4 I do hereby appoint Thomas Chiles Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 22nd Nov

1843

signed, sealed & acknowledged as and for his last Will & testament in our presence

John Chiles 

Jos. Cochran, Thomas W. Chiles, William, & David