

in my estimation Item, To my son Moses Oliver McBaslan I have given
 in land and other property in my estimation to the amount of Six hundred
 & forty seven Dollars. Item, To my son Alexander Lessly McBaslan
 I have given in land and other property to the amount in my estimation
 of six hundred and sixty three Dollars. Item To my daughter Polly
 McBlane a negro girl and other property in my estimation worth six
 hundred and ninety Dollars. Item I will and bequeath to my son
 Patrick Calhoun McBaslan a Plantation called Berry's Place
 containing One hundred & seventy four acres worth seven hundred
 dollars, I also give to him his horse Bridle & saddle a cow & calf a bed
 and furniture and his rifle Gun, over and above and equal division
 with my other children as he has lived with me the longest—
 Item. I will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Ann McBaslan
 a negro boy named Aaron. a horse saddle & bridle worth sixty
 or seventy dollars, a bed & furniture. I also empower my Executors
 herein after mentioned to buy her a negro Girl worth four hundred
 of four hundred and sixty Dollars if not bought before my decease
 I also will that my wife Margaret McBaslan buy for her such
 things to commence keeping house with and give to my daughter
 Polly McBlane and the cost of which to be paid out of my Estate
 not above disposed of. I also will that with the consent of my Exe-
 cutors herein after mentioned my wife Margaret McBaslan may
 sell any stock or other property about the plantation or house that
 may be considered useless or going to waste. I also will that my
 blacksmith tools be transferred to the hands of my son Moses Oliver
 McBaslan and there to remain for the use of all my children that
 may choose to go there to use them in doing their blacksmith work
 I also will that as I consider that I have left my two children
 Patrick Calhoun McBaslan and Elizabeth Ann McBaslan the
 amount of seven hundred dollars a piece, and as my five children
 James McBaslan, William McBaslan Moses Oliver McBaslan
 Alexander Lessly McBaslan and Polly McBlane is still lacking
 something of that amount that they be made equal to my two
 children Patrick Calhoun McBaslan and Elizabeth Ann
 McBaslan out of my estate at the death of my wife Margaret Mc-
 Baslan I also will that at the death of my wife Margaret
 McBaslan that all the property here above willed to her be sold
 and after all my children are made equal as above directed
 in this will that the balance be equally divided between them
 or their legal heirs. And lastly I nominate constitute and
 appoint my three sons James McBaslan William McBaslan
 & Moses Oliver McBaslan Executors of this my last will and test-
 ament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
 seal this 6th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand
 eight hundred & forty, and in the sixty fifth year of the indepen-
 dence of the United States of America
 Signed sealed and published by the above named Robert McBaslan as his
 last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and

in his presence and in the presence of each other
have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

W W Belcher

William Harris

J B Willard

Robert ^{his} McCalan (L.S.)
mark

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Having examined W W Belcher one of the subscri-
bing witnesses to the foregoing paper and being satisfied it is the true last
will of Robert McCalan Decd. - Ordered it be admitted to probate in com-
mon form
(D Lely C.H.D)

Abbeville. Personally came in open Court W W Belcher one of the subscri-
witnesses to the foregoing instrument and made oath that it is the true last
will & testament of Robert McCalan Decd. - that he was personally present
and did see Robert McCalan sign, seal publish pronounce and declare
the same to be his last will, and that testator was of sound and disposing
mind & memory and understanding to the best of his belief - that he together
with William Harris and J B Willard in the presence of each other and in the
presence of the testator and at his request; did sign our names to the due
execution thereof
W W Belcher

Sworn to before me 3^d Decr 1889

(D Lely C.H.D)

Abbeville District

I do swear the above is the true last will of Robt McCalan
Decd so far as I know or believe, and that I will well and truly execute
the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies contained in
the said will as far as the goods and chattels will extend and the law
charge me and return a true inventory and appraisement of the Estate as
the law directs

Sworn to before me 3^d Decr 1889

(D Lely
C.H.D)

Last Will and Testament of Mary Steifle Decd

South Carolina

Abbeville District } In the name of God amen. I Mary Steifle
of the District and State aforesaid being in a declining state
of health, but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make
and ordain this my last Will and Testament Viz

First I give and bequeath unto my eldest son Philip H Steifle
during his natural life and to his heirs after him, two negroes namely
Peter aged about twenty six years, and Kitty, aged about thirteen
years; I also give unto my son Philip my silver tea spoons & two pie tin
basins. Secondly, To my second daughter Mary F Steifle I leave
and bequeath my Bureau and all my wearing apparel

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my son William M Stiefle during his natural life and to his heirs after him one negro woman Dinah about twenty years of age and two of her children Stephen and Adaline If however he should die without heirs, then and in that case it is my will and desire that the aforesaid negroes with their increase be equally divided among the rest of my children and their heirs.

I also leave to my son William M two pewter basins Fourthly I leave and bequeath unto my son George F Stiefle the tract of Land which I purchased from Henry Yarbrough containing three hundred acres more or less situate in Abbeville on Long Cane Creek also one negro girl Betsey nearly two years old, during the term of his natural life and to his heirs after him, but in the event of his dying without heirs, then it is my will and desire that the aforesaid tract of land, the Girl Betsey and her increase if any, return to and be divided among my other children and their heirs equally. I also leave to my said son George F my silver table spoons, my cooking utensils, and all my crockery, and glass ware

Fifthly I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Mary M Foster and her heirs after her a negro girl Mandaline, if however my said grand daughter Mary M should die leaving no heirs it is my will that Mandaline and her issue return to and be divided among my other children and their heirs equally I also leave to my said grand daughter Mary M my Bedstead bed and furniture and my spinning wheel

Sixthly All the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal not herein before mentioned of what kind or nature soever, my will and desire is that it shall be sold by my Executor and the money arising from the sale thereof be applyed to pay my debts, the balance after the payment of all my just debts I wish divided among my three sons share and share alike

Eleventhly and Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my brother Andrew Maultz the sole and only Executor of this my last will and Testament. And I do hereby disannull and utterly revoke and make void any, any, and every other will by me heretofore made; ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the thirtieth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven and 2nd of American Independence Signed Sealed and acknowledged in presence of Andrew W Thillits

Wm Reynolds
Bookler Hammond

Mary Stiefle JS

South Carolina }
Abbeville District & In the matter of Mary Stiefle's Will
Having examined Andrew Thillits one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing & being satisfied it is the true last Will of the said Mary Stiefle Dec^d It is Ordered that it be admitted to probate in common form 24th Dec^r 1847
D Seely, C. M. C.

South Carolina
 Abbeville District & Personally came in open Court Andrew Shillito
 one of the subscribing witnesses to the within instrument of writing
 and being duly sworn saith that he was personally present and did
 see Mary Steifle sign seal publish pronounce & declare the same
 to be her last will & Testament. That Testatrix was at the time of
 signing of sound & disposing mind memory & understanding to the
 best of his knowledge & belief. And that William Reynolds and
 Bookster Hammond were both personally present together with the
 Deponent and did sign their names in presence of the Testatrix
 and at her request each & all of our names as witnesses thereto
 Swore to before me
 24th December 1878

David Lesly, C. H. D.

Last Will and Testament of Nancy Gilmer dead

South Carolina
 Abbeville District In the name of God Amen.
 I Nancy Gilmer of the state and district
 aforesaid being of sound and disposing mind and memory,
 but 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
 Item 1st. It is my will that my daughter Ann Jane Cary receive
 thirty dollars to make here equal with my other children in
 what I have given to them heretofore. Item 2^d. It is my will that my
 son James S. Gilmer shall have my family Bible. Item 3^d. It is my will
 that all my just debts be paid out of my estate after my decease.
 Item 4th. It is my will after Ann S. Cary receives thirty dollars and my
 son James S. Gilmer receives my family bible, that the balance of
 my goods and chattels, be it more or less be totted in lots, made equal
 and to be drawn by, or for each distributee and all to share and
 share equal of my estate (viz) all my lawful heirs that are
 entitled to a share of my estate. And lastly I do constitute
 and appoint my friends David Keller Esq. & David Robeson
 Executors of this my last will and testament by me heretofore
 made In testimony whereof I set my hand and affixed my seal
 this 10th day of Nov. in the year of our Lord One thousand eight
 hundred and forty nine. signed sealed and acknowledged in
 the presence of
 David Keller
 David Robeson
 George W. Robeson

Nancy ^{her} Gilmer
 mark

Commencement of the administration of
J. W. Sellick, ordinary of Abbeville District

Last Will & Testament of Mrs Semina Lipscomb
State of South Carolina

In the name of God, Amen!!!

I, Semina Lipscomb of the District of Abbeville in the State aforesaid being of sound mind memory and understanding but calling to mind that I must die and being desirous of disposing of all my property, do make and ordain, this to be my last Will and Testament; and do hereby revoke and annul all former Wills by me heretofore made:—

Section 1st I will and desire that all my just debts be paid

Sec 2nd I give and bequeath unto my Grand daughter Ann Semina Harris during her natural life the following Slaves and property— to wit: shiny and Old Children Chancy and Banister, Harry and his wife Milly and her Children Sim, Tom, Fido, Lido, Harry, Mary, Isaac and Emeline and Johnson, and Sarah and her Children Elmo, Sudo, Peter and Lina;— with all the increase of said Slaves, One Bureau Bedstead and bed, and Bed Clothing and furniture— One Wardrobe and One thousand and Seventy five Dollars in Money to be paid to her out of any Money on hand at my death or assets not otherwise specifically disposed of; and at her death, I will and bequeath all the property above given to her for life as aforesaid to her Children which she may have living at the time of her death and the Child or Children then living of any Child or Children that may be dead, if any such, the Child or Children of any deceased Child to represent the parent, and take the share that the parent would have taken if living; and in case the said Ann, J. Harris should die leaving no Child or Children living at the time of her death— nor Child or Children of any deceased Child or Children then living:— then I will

all the Slaves and the property above given to the said Ann J. Harris for life as aforesaid— to the Children of Rebecca Addison wife of George Addison— all of the Children of the said Rebecca Addison which may be living at the time of the death of the said Ann J. Harris dying without Children as aforesaid and the Child of any deceased Child or Children if any such, to take equally share and share alike— the Child or Children of any deceased Child to represent the parent and take the share which the parent if living would have taken And in case the said Ann, J. Harris should die leaving a Child or Children living at the time of her death, and all her Children should die before she or they attain the age of twenty one Years, without leaving a Child or Children living at the time of his, her, or their death— then and in that case the whole property above given to Ann J. Harris with the increase of give and bequeath unto the Child or Children of the said Rebecca Addison as is provided for in the other case.

Sec 3rd I give and bequeath unto my Grand daughter Rebecca Addison wife of George Addison for and during her natural life the following

Slaves and other property To wit: Edy, Eliza, Amanda, Frances, Emma, Jane, Sarah, Edmund & Dock, and Caroline and her Children Louis, Sarah, Filly, Johnson, Josephine and Elizabeth with all their increase - One Bedstead, Bed and furniture and Eight Hundred & seventy five Dollars to be paid to her out of any Monies on hand at the time of my death or assets not otherwise specifically disposed of; and at her death I give and bequeath all the property given to her as aforesaid to her Children to be equally divided between them, all the Children which she may have living at the time of her death, and the Child or Children of any deceased Child or Children to take a share, the Child or Children of any deceased Child or Children to represent the parent and to take the share which the parent would have taken if living to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Sec 4th I give and bequeath unto my Great grand-Daughter Mary, Elizabeth - Frazier, daughter of Marshall Frazier for and during her natural life the use or interest of the sum of Three Hundred and fifty Dollars, to be paid to her out of any Monies which may be on hand at the time of my death or other assets not otherwise specifically disposed of. And at the death of the said Mary, E. Frazier I give and bequeath the said sum of Three Hundred and fifty Dollars unto her Children, the Child or Children of any deceased Child or Children to represent the parent and take the share which the parent would have taken if living and in case the said Mary, E. Frazier should die without leaving a Child or Children - or grand Child or grand Children living at the time of her death or should leave living a Child or Children at the time of her death and such Child or Children should die before attaining the age of Twenty One Years and without leaving a Child or Children at living at the time of their death - then I give and bequeath the said sum of Money to the Child or Children of the said Rebecca Addison in the same proportions and under the same limitations and restrictions and in the same manner as is provided for in the second section of this Will.

Sec 5th I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Harris the following Slaves - To wit: Rachael and her Children, Allen, Filda, Mary, Susy and Lisha and Jack and Naby, Sude and Senor to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Section 6th I give, devise and bequeath unto my Grand Daughters Ann & Maria and Rebecca Addison for and during their natural lives in equal shares all my bed clothing and all the rest and residue of my Estate both Real and Personal and at their deaths or the death of either of them her share to go to the Child or Children, in the same manner in the same proportions and under the same limitations as are provided as to the other property given to them respectively.

And Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my Daughter Elizabeth Harris Executor, and George, A. Addison Executor of this my Last Will and Testament In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal, this Seventeenth day of April in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and forty Nine Signed, sealed, acknowledged and published as and for her last will and Testament in the presence of

Emma Leyscomb

William Hall
James M. Pyron
Thos. C. Pyron

South Carolina

Abbeville District

I certify the within to be a full true and correct copy of the last Will and Testament of Semina Lipscomb deceased, from the Original, which is on file in my office, Given under my hand & seal this Twenty first day February 1859,

F. W. Selleck C. J. D. (25)

Abbeville District

South Carolina

Personally came James M. Perrin one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of almighty God, makes oath that he was personally present and did see Semina Lipscomb sign, seal, publish, pronounce & declare the within paper to be the last will and Testament & that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind, Memory & understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief — that William Hill & Thomas, Jr. Perrin together with himself, in the presence of the Testator & in the presence of each other did sign their names as Witnesses to the due execution thereof,

Sworn to before me this sixteenth day of February 1859

F. W. Selleck. C. J. D.

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

Having examined James M. Perrin, one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last Will and Testament of Semina Lipscomb, Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in common form, 16th February 1859,

F. W. Selleck C. J. D.

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally came Elizabeth Harris Executor, and George A. Addison Esq named in the within Will and being sworn, do each for Himself and Himself on their oaths say — That the within paper is the true last Will and Testament of the said Semina Lipscomb deceased, and that they will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts, and then the legacies therein contained so far as the goods & chattels will extend and the law charge them, That they will make and return into the office of the Ordinary of the said District, a true Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased, within the time prescribed by law. Elizabeth Harris, Geo. A. Addison

Sworn to before me this sixteenth February 1859,

F. W. Selleck. C. J. D.

Last Will & Testament
of Andrew Weed Dec^r
South Carolina
Abbeville District

I Andrew Weed being weak in body but sound in mind and memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life do make and enact this my last Will, in the following manner To Wit 1st I resign my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust from whence it came to be buried in a Christian like manner 2^d As touching my ~~worldly~~ property I give and bequest unto my Wife Mary Weed all my property both personally and real estate for her support except fifty dollars to be paid out of my Estate by my Executors to my Daughter Anna Mitchell as soon as she my Executors can conveniently do so, I now nominate and appoint my dear Wife, William H. Simpson and Alex Houston my Executors ~~to execute~~ that my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 26 day of January in the year of our Lord 1850.

in presence of
W. H. Simpson
Susan Simpson
& Houston

Andrew Weed

South Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally came Alexander Houston one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally present and did see Andrew Weed sign, seal, publish, pronounce & declare, the within paper to be his last Will and Testament & that the Testator was of sound & disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief - That Susan Simpson & Henry Simpson together with himself and in the presence of each other did give their names as Witnesses to the due execution thereof

I sworn to before me
this 4th day of March 1850
F. M. Selleck C. A. D.

A. Houston

South Carolina

Abbeville District

Having examined Alex Houston Esq, one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last Will & Testament of Andrew Weed, Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common form,

F. M. Selleck C. A. D.

South Carolina

Abbeville Dist

I certify the above to be a full true and correct copy of the last Will & Testament of Andrew Weed Dec^r, from the Original which is on file in my Office, given under my hand & seal this 4th day of March 1850,

F. M. Selleck C. A. D.

South Carolina

Abbeville District } I, Samuel C. and M. H. Simpson one of the Executors named in the within Will and being sworn, says that the within paper is the true last Will & Testament of Andr. Weldon deceased, & that he will well & truly execute the same by paying first the debts, and then the legacies therein contained so far as the goods & chattels will extend & the law charge him, that he will make & return into the office of the Ordinary of the said District a true Inventory & Appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased, within the time prescribed by law

W. H. Simpson

Sworn to before me
the 4th March 1858,

J. M. Lusk C. J.

Last Will & Testament of Isaac Moragne

State of South Carolina } In the name of God Amen,
Abbeville District } I Isaac Moragne of the
State and District aforesaid being of sound mind,
memory and understanding do make and Publish this
my last will and Testament

And first I will that at my death if I should owe any debts or there should be any due me I wish them punctually settled on both sides

I will to my beloved wife Margaret B Moragne all my property except my Land & Negroes which she is to take possession of without rendering an inventory of the same to the Ordinary. I will that all my Land and Negroes to remain unsold until all my children receive a common education or until there is money provided for that purpose

I will that after all my children received an education as above stated then if it is the wish of my wife Margaret B Moragne and my children all my Land and Negroes may be divided among them, My wife Margaret B Moragne receiving three shares and my children all receive share and share alike but as my son William B Moragne has received twelve hundred dollars, while at college and my son John B Moragne has received two hundred and fifty while at college the amount received by each as above stated to be deducted out of each ones share on division, provided nevertheless that if my son William B Moragne pay certain contracts that he has made here lately, for which I am responsible then that amount to be deducted out of the amount of twelve hundred above stated leaving only seven hundred to be deducted

out his share on division
 I will that if any of my children should want any
 money for the farther completion of their education
 that my executors hereinafter mentioned sell property
 to raise it for that purpose and the same to be
 taken out of their share on division, except what
 is expended on my daughter that is not to be charged
 at all I appoint my son John B. Moragne my
 attorney to conclude a settlement that is now pending
 between myself and Dr. Nathaniel Harris also to make
 a settlement, ^{with John Salvador Moragne} and to pay Catharine Moragne wife of John
 Moragne ⁱⁿ one hundred dollars provided she re-
 linqishes her dower in a certain tract of land on Savannah
 River containing one hundred acres held now by Benj
 Davis

I will that if my wife Margaret B. Moragne should
 wish to remove from this state that she have power
 to dispose of my whole estate but not without the
 consent of two of my children hereinafter appointed
 executors of this will

I hereby appoint My Wife Margaret B. Moragne
 & My Daughter Mary E. Moragne Executrices and my
 sons William S. Moragne & John B. Moragne Executors
 of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking
 all former will or wills by me heretofore made declaring
 this and no other as and for my last will and Testament

Witness my hand and seal this 13th day of
 September in year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred
 and Forty one

Signed sealed published Isaac Moragne *IS*
 by the Testator as and for his
 last will and Testament in our
 presents who in his presents and
 in the presents of each other subscribe
 our names thereto as witnesses
 interlined in forty fifth line on the other side with the words
 John Salvador Moragne I, Me;

Test J. B. Moragne
 J. F. Moragne
 J. F. Allen

South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } Personally came Peter B. Moragne
 one of the subscribing witnesses to the within paper
 and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty
 God, makes oath that he was personally present and
 did see Isaac Moragne sign, seal, publish, pronounce
 declare the within paper to be his last will & Testament
 and that the Testator was of sound mind memory and

understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief
that P. F. Moragne & S. F. Allen — together with
himself and in the presence of each other and of
the Testator, did sing their names as witnesses to the
due execution thereof

Sworn to before me

P. F. Moragne

this 19th March 1850

J. M. Selleck

South Carolina }
Abbeville District }

Having examined Peter B. Moragne
one of the subscribing witnesses to the within paper
and being satisfied that it is the last Will & Testament
of Isaac Moragne Decd;

Ordered that it be admitted to probate in common
form

J. M. Selleck C. A. D.

State of South Carolina }

Abbeville District } Personally came before me
William G. Moragne one of the Executors named in
the within will, and being sworn on the Holy
Evangelists of Almighty God on oath says that
the within paper is the last true will & Testament
of the said Isaac Moragne Decd; and that he will
well & truly execute the same by paying first
the debts; and then the legacies therein contained
so far as the goods and chattels will extend and
the law charge them, that he will make and return
into the office of the Ordinary of said District
a true inventory and appraisement of the Estate
of the said Decedent, within the time prescribed
by Law

Sworn before me

W. G. Moragne

19th March 1850

J. M. Selleck

C. A. D.

South Carolina }

Abbeville District } I certify the above to be a
true, full, and correct copy of the last Will and
Testament of Isaac Moragne Decedent from the
original which is on file in my office
Given under my hand and Seal of Office this
the 19th of March 1850

J. M. Selleck C. A. D.

Last Will & Testament of Joseph Lyon 26th

South Carolina, The last Will and Testament
Atteville District of Joseph Lyon of the State
and District aforesaid I, Joseph Lyon considering
the uncertainty of mortal life and being of sound
mind and memory do make and publish this
my last will & testament in manner & form following
That is to say

First, It is my will and expressed
Avisie that ~~each one~~ of my sons on his coming of age
or twenty one years ~~shall~~ shall have one thousand
dollars of cash in hand and if either one of them
from any cause whatever should not receive the
aforesaid amount of one thousand dollars at the time

he comes of age Then it is my will that he shall
have lawfull interest on the aforesaid sum from
the time he comes of age till the said sum of one
thousand ~~is paid~~ to him principal and interest

Second, As I have advanced some of my sons
Money at various times It is my will and expressed
Avisie that any sum or sums that I may have
so advanced shall be received as a part of the
aforesaid one thousand dollars and shall be ac-
counted for him or them to my estate

Third I have already advanced to my son James
A Lyon one thousand dollars which is the amount
I intended to give him on his coming of age

Fourth, My son John S. Lyon has been of age some
time and I have as yet given him nothing except
a horse It is my will that he shall one thousand
dollars with interest on the same from the time
he came of age till the time he may receive
the aforesaid legacy out of any money that may
belong to my estate

Fifth, I will and bequeath to my son William Lyon
one thousand dollars when he comes of age
also a good horse

Sixth, I will and bequeath to my son Henry S. Lyon
one thousand dollars when he comes of age also
a good horse

Seventh, It is my will and Avisie that if my
daughterinlaw Mary Ann Lyon should have a
child by her marriage with my son Samuel
Lyon such child to have all the money and
effects which he was possessed of at the time of
his death to be put at interest by the lawfull
guardian of said child till it comes of age

Eighth, I give and Avisie to my Wife Elizabeth Lyon
all my lands, tenements, stock of horses, cows, hogs,

Eight negroes household and kitchen furniture to have and to hold forever, But in the event that she and a majority of my after named executors should think it to the interest of the estate to sell my lands and other property then it is my will and desire that they should do so at such time as they think proper to promote the interest of the estate
 Fifth, I hereby appoint James A Lyon John T Lyon and Benjamin P Waynes executors of this my last will and testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 20th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty

Joseph Lyon *J.S.*

Signed sealed and declared
 in the presence of
 Wm Barr
 Thomas W Sney
 A L Gillispie

South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } Personally came Thomas W B Sney one of the subscribing witnesses to the within paper and being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God make oath that he is personally present and did see Joseph Lyon Decd, sign, seal, publish pronounce & declare the within paper to be his last will and testament & that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief - that A L Gillispie & William Barr together with himself and in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other, did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof

Sworn to before me
 this 27th March 1850

F. M. Sellick, C. S. D.

Thomas W B Sney

South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } Having examined Thomas W B Sney one of the subscribing witnesses to the within paper and being satisfied that it is the true last will & testament of Joseph Lyon Decd, Ordain that it be admitted to probate in common form

F. M. Sellick, C. S. D.

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State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Personally came John F Lyon
& Jas A Lyon Executors named in the within will
and being sworn on their oaths says the within
paper is the true last will & Testament of the said
Joseph Lyon Decd and that will well and truly
execute the same by paying first the debts and
then the legacies therein contained so far as the
goods & chattels will extend and the law charge
them that they will make and return into the
office of the Ordinary of said District a true
inventory & appraisement of the Estate of said
Decedent within the time prescribed by Law
Sworn to before me
the 27th March 1850
John F Lyon
James A Lyon

J M Selleck
O. A. D.

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Personally came B F Hughes
one of the Executors named in the within will,
and being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty
God says the within paper is the true last will
& Testament of Joseph Lyon Decd and that he
will well and truly execute the same by paying
first the debts and then the legacies therein contained
so far as the goods & chattels will extend and the
Law charge him - that he will make and return
into the office of the Ordinary of the said District
a true inventory and appraisement of the effects
of the Estate of said Decedent
Within the time prescribed by Law
B F Hughes

Sworn to before me this day
April 1850

J M Selleck
O. A. D.

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } I certify the above to be a
true, full, and correct copy of the last will
and Testament of Joseph Lyon Decedent
from the original which is on file in my
office
Given under my hand and seal of
office this
J M Selleck O. A. D.

Last Will & Testament of Sydney Harper

The State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

In the name of God
I Sydney Harper of the
District and State aforesaid do make and ordain
this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking
and annulling all former wills by me made
1st I will and direct that my Executors do pay
all my Just debts

2nd I will and devise unto my beloved wife for and
during her natural life or widowhood the
plantation or tract of land upon which I
now live up to Roper's Creek and the fresh fields
above the said creek and timber above the said
creek to keep up and repair the fence round said
field, and at the death or marriage of my
said wife I will and devise said tract of
Land up to Roper's Creek to my children William
M. Harper, Martha & Oliver (widow) Ezekiel
M. Harper, James & Harper Sydney H. Harper
Mary, M. B. Harper and to the children now
or hereafter born of my son John & M. Harper
and Mrs Sarah & McKee equally to be divided
amongst them, to them and their heirs and assigns
forever, the children of John & M. Harper to take
one share or one eight part of said Land and
the children of Mrs McKee to take one eighth thereof.
I reserve from the above devise one acre of Land
around the Grave Yard, which I will and bequeath
my Executors for a family burying ground, I
also reserve from the said devise three fourths of an
acre of Land around the the Grave Yard at the
Kidge Meeting House and the way to the Spring
as long as it remains a place of Publick worship
by the Methodist or any other Christian sect, or Den-
omination,

3rd If my son James G. Harper desires I will devise
unto him in part of his Share of my Estate all
the Land above Roper's Creek, not before given to
my wife in the foregoing clause to be taken by him
and accounted for at seven dollars per acre, and
in the event of his not taking on these terms then
I direct the same to be sold at the same time
as the same tract this being a part of the tract
usually known as the Wookridge tract, and at the
death of my wife or before if she consents the field
bequeathed aforesaid to her for life or widowhood above

Said creek goes to James G. Harper on the same terms,

4th All the rest residue and remainder of my Land Houses & Lots or other real estate where so ever situated I will and direct and authorize my Executors hereinafter named to sell and dispose of and the proceeds thereof to be divided equally among my said children William M. Harper, Martha G. Oliver (Widow), Ezekiel W. Harper, James G. Harper, Synasay R. A. Harper, Henry M. G. Harper and the children of John A. M. Harper and Mrs. Sarah G. McGhee and my wife Jane Harper, share and share alike to them their heirs and assigns forever, the children of John A. M. Harper and Mrs. McGhee as a class to receive respectively one share or one ninth part thereof

5th All my negroes stock and other personal estate of what kind or nature so ever I will and direct my Executors to sell and the proceeds of such sale together with all the money on hand Bonds single bills Mortgages notes Chasis in action and debts due to me, which I may own and possess to be equally divided between my wife and children and Grand children as provided for and directed in foregoing clause,

6th The shares or amounts bequeathed and coming to the children of John A. M. Harper and to the children of Mrs. Sarah G. McGhee, I will and direct my Executors to invest in negroes and said negroes to convey and deliver to John A. M. Harper and Dr. James A. McGhee (both of the State of Georgia) in trust respectively for the children of the said John A. M. Harper and said Sarah G. McGhee to their heirs and assigns forever,

7th I will direct and require that each one of my children be charged with and to account for and receive as a part or parcel of his or her share or legacy under this will, the money or property which they have heretofore received of me, and the children of John A. M. Harper, and Mrs. McGhee to be charged with account for and receive as part or parcel of their respective shares or legacies the money or property received by their parents or themselves from me, and an account of said receipts and charges will be found in a Book kept by me for such purpose,

8th I will and direct that my Executors charge and

be allowed only one half the legal and usual commissions for receiving and paying out money but that ^{they} be allowed for all travelling expenses incurred in the management of the Estate

9th All the net residue and remainder of my estate If any there be I will and bequeath to my wife and Children & Grand children as aforesaid to be divided equally between them to them their heirs and assigns for ever

10th I do hereby appoint nominate and constitute my wife Executrix and my sons James G. Warner and Henry W. B. Warner Executors of this my last will and Testament

In witness whereof I do hereunto sign my name and affix my seal this Eight day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine (1849) signed and sealed in our presence who in the presence of Syndey Warner  Dictator have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto
Wm Caldwell Sr
Robert Hutchinson
Peter S. Burton

Codicil to the foregoing will of Syndey Warner
Provided Wm. Martha G. Oliver should marry
It is my will and desire that my Grandson Syndey W. Oliver do receive and take one half the legacies and estate given to his mother Martha G. Oliver and the said moiety I do bequeath and devise to my said Grandson to him his heirs and assigns forever

Witness my hand and seal this twelfth day of November Eighteen hundred and forty nine (1849)

Syndey Warner 

Executed in our presence who in the presence of Dictator have subscribed our names
Witnesses hereunto
William W. Caldwell
Robert Hutchinson
Peter S. Burton

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Personally came Peter S. Burton
one of the subscribing witnesses to the paper

and being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally present, and did see, Lindsay Harper sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare the within paper to be his last will and Testament, and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief. That William W. Caldwell, Robert Hutchinson together with himself did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof sworn to before me
 Peter S. Burton
 this twenty second
 day of April 1850
 F. W. Seluck
 O. A. D.

South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } Having examined Peter S. Burton one of the subscribing witnesses to the within paper and being satisfied that it is the true last will and Testament of Lindsay Harper, Ordered that it be admitted to probate in common form
 F. W. Seluck, O. A. D.

South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } Personally came Jas. G. Harper & Henry W. B. Harper Exors, named in the within will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, on their oaths say that the within paper is the true last will of the said Lindsay Harper, and that they will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the Legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will extend and allow charge thereon that they will make and return into the office of the ordinary, of the said District a true inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed by law sworn to before me this
 James G. Harper
 Henry W. B. Harper
 the twenty second day of
 April 1850 F. W. Seluck O. A. D.

South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } I certify the above to be a true full and correct copy of the last will & Testament of Lindsay Harper deceased from the original which is on file in my office - Given under my hand and seal office this
 F. W. Seluck O. A. D.

Last Will & Testament of John Blake

In the name of God Amen, I John Blake of the District of Abbeville and State of South Carolina being in perfect health of Body, and of perfect mind and memory for a person of my advanced years, thanks be unto God, calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die I do make and ordain this my Last will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of the Almighty God that give it, and my Body I recommend to the Earth, to be buried in Decent Christian burial at the Discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall Receive it again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly Estates wherewith it has pleased God to Bless me in this Life I give, devise, and dispose, of the same in the form and Manner following, and do hereby make ordain and appoint my well beloved Sons William B. and Caleb A. Blake whole and sole Executors, of this my Last will and Testament, My well beloved Children Kennedy W, William B, Adam B, John M, James M, Jane H Davis Deca, Mary Ann Kennedy and Sarah Watson having Recd an equal proportion of what to give to each of them when married or arrived to years of Maturity, My beloved Son Caleb A is yet Lacking thirty Dollars which must be paid off the Estate as soon as convenient to make his part Equal with the rest of my Children also my beloved Daughter Esther G, who has yet received nothing to her I Bequeath a Horse Saddle and bridle a cow and calf, a Bed and furniture and thirty Dollars and two ninths of a tract of Land in Anderson District of Eight hundred and eighty nine acres which has already been nominated to eight of my dear Children, I holding one ninth part which I Bequeath to my beloved Daughter Esther G, which will make two ninths to her share, for the care she took of her dear Mother while Living then all will have their respective shares, and it is also my will that if my beloved Son Caleb A remains with me until my Death, and take care of, and manage the affairs of the plantation and tract of Land where now I live he shall have Plot, right and title of said Plantation to him and his heirs forever Provided he relinquish his ninth part of the Land in Anderson District which will then belong to my Estate, it is also my will that my well beloved Esther G;

Shall enjoy the same privilege she now has while she remains
 on the plantation unmarried, and it is my will that
 after my death the whole of my property excepting
 the Land where I now live, be valued, and after all
 just debts are paid let it be equally divided among
 all my Dear Children in the following manner
 viz The Executors shall call in one or more Disinterested
 persons if necessary, and the person or persons thus
 chosen shall in concert with the Executors value and
 divide the property into Equal Portions, which Portions
 shall then be distributed by lot - and let the children
 of my Daughter Jane K Davis not have their Mother's
 part when the Estate is divided as aforesaid or when
 come of age, also it is my will that the part part
 belonging to my Daughter Sarah Watson be given
 to her children as they come to years of maturity other-
 wise, if her part of my Estate be all property let her
 have the use of it during her life and then and then
 divided among her children also being Desirous
 to deal justly between my children it is my will that
 my son Kennedy M. Dool being justly indebted to James
 M., and myself by note should have that amount
 taken off his portion of the Estate and now my Dear
 sons and Daughters when you come into the possession of
 any of my poor servants see to it that you do not
 throw the scourge around their naked body or stain
 your hands with their blood ^{any} for you have a
 Master in heaven who sees all your actions and the
 great criterion is do unto them as you would they should
 do unto you, if you were their servants but if any
 of them should prove stubborn and wicked so as you
 cannot live in peace give them a fair chance and put
 them not into the hands of cruel Tyrants, and now
 my Dear Children I pray God to take you all into
 the arms of his Everlasting love and be your Counselor
 to guide and direct you this dreary wilderness and at
 last receive you all into his kingdom of glory and now it
 is my will you and the will of your heavenly Father too
 that you should love, fear, serve, and obey him supremely
 and exclusively without reserve, O my Dear Children observe
 this counsel when I lie buried deep in the dust, may God
 give you all understanding to do his will in all things
 that will be to his glory, and to the good of your precious
 immortal souls for Jesus sake Amen, and I do hereby Disavow
 revoke and rescind all and every other form, testament, wills,
 legacies, bequests, and Executors by me in any wise before named
 wills bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this to be my
 last will and testament and no others In witness

whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
 this twenty ninth day of September in the year of
 our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty
 eight signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared
 by the said John Blake as his last will and Testament
 in the presence of us, who in his presence and in the
 presence of each other have unto subscribed our names

John Logan
 Jno McLees
 A. M. Blake

J. Blake ESB

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came John McLees one
 of the subscribing witnesses to the within paper and
 being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God
 makes oath that he was personally present, and did
 see John Blake Dec^d sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and
 declare, the within paper to be his last will and Testament
 and that the Testator, was of sound and disposing mind
 memory and understanding, to the best of his knowledge
 and belief - that John Logan and A. M. Blake together
 with himself, and in the presence of the Testator and
 in the presence of each other did sign their names as
 witnesses to the due execution thereof
 Sworn to before me

this 10th day May 1850

F. W. Belletch C. A. D.

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District } Having examined John McLees
 one of the subscribing witnesses to the within paper
 and being satisfied that it is the true last will and
 Testament of John Blake Dec^d; Ordered that it be
 admitted to probate in common form

F. W. Belletch
 C. A. D.

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came William R
 & Caleb, A. Blake Exors named in the within will
 and being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty
 God upon oath says that the within paper is the
 true last will of the said John Blake Dec^d
 and that they will well and truly execute the
 same by paying first the debts and then the
 Legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and
 Chattels will extend, and the law charge them that
 they will make and return into the Office of the

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Ordinary of this said District, a true inventory
and appraisement of the Estate of the said Deceased
within the time prescribed by Law.

Sworn to before me
this 10th day of May 1850

J. W. Selleck
O. A. D.

W. S. Blake
Clerk A. Blake

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } I certify the foregoing to be a
true, full, and correct copy of the Last Will and
Testament of John Blake Deceased, from the
original which is on file in my office.
Given under
my hand and seal of Office this the 10th day of May
1850 J. W. Selleck O. A. D.

Last Will & Testament of Andrew S. Logan

Abbeville District }
South Carolina }

1st

This my Last Will & Testament is
that Frederick W. Logan be my Executor, that all
my lands surplus stock & provisions be sold as
soon as the present crop is gathered with the
exception of my Negroes, they remaining unsold
for the maintenance and support of my wife &
Children ^{2nd} that my Executor purchase a small
farm for the use of my wife and children
as a home until the youngest child becomes of
age, At which time, I wish all my property Land
and Negroes stock & every other species of prop-
erty ~~Left~~, and divided among my wife and
children as follows - One third to wife Louisa &
the Balance equally among my children. Further
my will is that all property which may hereafter
fall to my Estate from my Father or any other
Source, shall be managed by my Executor for the
benefit of my children, among whom it shall
be equally divided when the youngest child becomes
of age my wife receiving no part thereof.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence
the undersigned witnesses

John Logan
J. S. Marshall
John M. Lee

A. S. Logan

State of South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } Personally Came Dr John Logan
 one of the subscribing witnesses to the paper, and being
 sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God
 makes oath that he was personally present, and
 did see, Andrew S. Logan sign, seal, publish, pronounce
 and declare the within paper to be his last and
 Testament - and that the Testator was of sound
 and disposing mind, memory, and understanding, to
 the best of his knowledge and belief - that J. S.
 Marshall and John McLeod together with himself
 and in the presence of the Testator and in the
 presence of each other did sign their names as
 witnesses to the due execution thereof
 Sworn to before me this
 16th May 1850, Before me
 J. W. Sellick O. S. D. John Logan

State of South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } Having examined Dr John
 Logan one of the subscribing witnesses to the within
 paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last
 will and Testament of Andrew S. Logan Decd;
 Ordered that it be admitted to probate in common
 form
 J. W. Sellick
 O. S. D.

State of South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } Personally Came Frederick Logan
 Executor named in the within will and being sworn on
 the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, upon oath says
 that the within paper is the true last will of
 the said Andrew S. Logan Decd; and that he
 will well and truly execute the same, by paying
 first Debts and then the Legacies therein contained
 so far as the goods and chattels will extend and the
 law charge him that he will make and return
 into the office of the Ordinary of the said District
 a true Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate
 of the said deceased within the time prescribed by Law
 Sworn to before me this
 25th day of May 1850
 J. W. Sellick O. S. D. F. B. Logan

South Carolina } I certify the above to be a true full and
 Abbeville District } correct copy of the last will & Testament
 of Andrew S. Logan Decd; from the original, which is on
 file in my office, Given under my hand & Seal of Office
 this 25th day of May 1850
 J. W. Sellick O. S. D.

Last Will & Testament of Downs Calhoun

State of South Carolina,

I Downs Calhoun of Abbeville District, in the state aforesaid, being at this time in good health and of sound mind, memory and understanding, and knowing the uncertainty of life, and being desirous of disposing my worldly estate according to my wishes, do hereby dispose of my real and personal estate in the manner and form following viz.

First—It is my will and desire, that I be decently buried, and the expences of my burial, to be paid out of my estate, and that all just debts against me, be also paid out of my estate. Second—I give and devise to my wife Susan Calhoun, a tract of land containing three hundred and seventy five acres, being the tract of land, to which I acquired a title by virtue of my marital right and intermarriage, with my wife Susan Calhoun whom I desire, shall have, hold, possess and enjoy the said tract of land during her natural life and no longer, and that after her death, it is my will and desire, and I do hereby direct that the said tract of land shall vest in, and be given to the heirs and issue of the body of my wife Susan begotten by me, and living at her death, but in the event of no such issue living at the death of my wife, then I give and devise the said tract of land to Sarah Sample Meliza Sample and John Sample children and issue (of the body of my wife Susan by a former marriage) and to their heirs forever in fee simple. I also give and bequeath, to my wife Susan Calhoun during her natural life and no longer, the following named negroes and property to wit Henry, Wiley, Charles, Mary, Edy and her two children named Jim and Robert the two benefit work and labor of the said seven negroes, and also of the future issue and increase of the said female negroes Mary and Edy, I give and bequeath to my wife Susan Calhoun during her natural life and no longer, and after her death I give and devise the said above named seven negroes, together with the future issue and increase of the said female negroes Mary & Edy to my issue, begotten of the body of my wife Susan Calhoun and in failure of such issue living at the death of my wife Susan, then I give devise and bequeath, the above named seven negroes viz Henry, Wiley, Charles, Mary, Edy and her two children Jim and Robert together with the future issue and increase of the said female negroes Mary and Edy, to my four children Lavinda Calhoun Willis Board Calhoun, William Downs Calhoun and Lavinia Calhoun and to their heirs forever. I further give devise and bequeath to my wife Susan Calhoun two beds and bedding to hold use and enjoy the same during her natural life, and no longer.

and after the death of my wife Susan Calhoun then I give the said beds and bedding to the issue of the body of my wife Susan begotten by me, and in failure of such issue I give the said beds and bedding to Lavinda Calhoun, Willis Boyd Calhoun, William Downs Calhoun, and Lavinia Calhoun and to their heirs forever.

Third - I give and bequeath to my daughter Lavinda Calhoun, during her natural life and no longer, one negro woman named Lucy, and her child named Elizabeth together with the future issue and increase of the said negro Lucy. Her child Elizabeth and at the death, of my daughter Lavinda Calhoun I give and bequeath the said negro Lucy and her child Elizabeth, together with the future increase and issue of the said negro Lucy and her child Elizabeth to the issue of my said daughter Lavinda lawfully begotten of her body, and to such issue forever: but in failure of such lawful issue, I give and bequeath the said said negro Lucy and her child Elizabeth and the future issue and increase of the said negro Lucy and her child Elizabeth to the surviving brothers and sister of my daughter Lavinda Calhoun of the whole blood living at her death. I also give to my daughter Lavinda Calhoun one bed and bedding during her natural life & no longer, and then to the legitimate issue of her body, & in failure of such issue, then to her surviving brothers and sisters of the whole blood living at her death forever.

Fourth - I give and bequeath to my daughter Lavinia Calhoun one bed and bedding to hold use occupy and possess during her natural life and no longer, and after her death, to the legitimate issue of her body living at her death, but in failure of such issue then to the surviving brothers & sisters of the whole blood living at her death forever. Fifth - I give and bequeath to my son Willis Boyd Calhoun during his natural life and no longer one negro fellow named Jack (known as Anderson Jack), and at the death of my said son Willis Boyd Calhoun, I give and devise or bequeath the said negro fellow Jack to the legitimate issue of my said son Willis Boyd Calhoun and to their heirs forever: But in the event and failure of such issue, I give and bequeath the said negro fellow Jack to the brothers and sisters, of the said Willis Boyd Calhoun of the whole blood living forever.

Sixth - I give and bequeath to my son William Downs Calhoun during his natural life and no longer two negro fellows named Phill (known as wagoner Phill) and Gary, and at the death of my said son, William Downs Calhoun, I give and bequeath the said negro Phill and

Carey to the legitimate issue of my said son William Dorous Calhoun and to their heirs forever. But in failure of such issue I give and bequeath the said negroes Phill and Carey to the brother and sister of the whole blood living at the death of my son William Dorous Calhoun. Seventh—I give and devise to my two sons Willis Boyd Calhoun, and William Dorous Calhoun during their natural lives, or the survivor of them the following tract of land containing five hundred and eighty acres more or less, which tract of land is made up of several small tracts called and known, as the Long tract of land, the Davis tract of land, the Busby tract of land, the Bartrem tract of land, the Caldwell tract of land, and the Stewart tract of land, all which several small tracts of land, make the entire tract of five hundred and eighty acres more or less as aforesaid. I give to my said two sons Willis Boyd Calhoun, and William Dorous Calhoun during their natural lives and no longer, and to their survivor during his life and no longer, and after the death of my said sons, or either of them, then to their legitimate issue or to the legitimate issue of the son having such issue whether the said son be living or deceased. On the failure of such legitimate issue, of my said sons, or either of them then I give the said tract of land of five hundred and eighty of land more or less to the surviving brother and sister of the whole blood in fee simple forever.

Eighth—I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Loranie Elizabeth Beazley during her natural life and no longer, one negro girl named Cate, which negro girl Cate together with her future issue and increase shall remain in the possession of my sons Willis Boyd Calhoun and William Dorous Calhoun or either of them until my grand daughter arrives at the age of twenty one years, or marries, and then to deliver possession of the said negro girl Cate together with the future issue and increase of the said negro Cate to my said grand daughter Loranie Elizabeth Beazley, and then to pay to my said grand daughter the sum of three hundred dollars for the possession, use, hire and service of the said negro girl Cate & the future issue and increase of the said negro girl Cate, until my grand daughter Loranie E. Beazley marries, or attains to the age of twenty one years as aforesaid and at the death of my said grand daughter Loranie Elizabeth Beazley I give and bequeath the said negro girl Cate and the future issue and increase of the said negro girl Cate, to the legitimate issue of the body of my grand daughter Loranie E. Beazley, and to their heirs forever. But in failure of such legitimate issue, I give and bequeath the said negro girl Cate & her future issue and increase to my four children Savina Calhoun, Savinia Calhoun, Willis Boyd Calhoun, and William

Dorcas Calhoun and to their heirs forever.

Eighth—I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my brother Nathan Calhoun sole executor of this my last will and testament, and do hereby constitute nominate and appoint my said brother Nathan Calhoun testamentary guardian of the persons and estates of my four children namely Lavinia Calhoun (who I believe is now of age) Lavinia Calhoun, Willis Boyd Calhoun and William Dorcas Calhoun, until they respectively attain to the age of twenty one years or marry, and it is expressly my will and desire that the personal estate of my two sons, Willis Boyd Calhoun and William Dorcas Calhoun, whether the said personal estate be devised from me by deed of gift or under & by virtue of this will, be placed upon the land I have herein devised to my said two sons, to work, till and cultivate the said land for the mutual benefit and interest of my said two sons Willis Boyd Calhoun and William Dorcas Calhoun and the yearly produce of the said land from their negroes and other personal property be equally divided between my said sons, share and share alike and equal to all intents and purposes. All this I desire and will to be done, to avoid the hiring of the negroes (which I have given to my said sons by deed of gift) and the abuse of the said negroes by hire and I do hereby empower my executor and brother Nathan Calhoun sole judge of the provisions, provender, plantation tools, stock of cattle and hogs necessary to carry on, and conduct the farming interest of my said two sons, and that the sum of money necessary to furnish the said provisions provender plantation tools stock of cattle and hogs, be taken from the rest and residue of my personal estate or proceeds of the sale of the same, not herein before specifically devised or bequeathed.

Tenth—It is further my will and desire that all my real and personal estate not herein specifically devised and bequeathed, or all the rest and residue of my real & personal estate, be sold by my executor and brother Nathan Calhoun, on the most advantageous terms, he may think best, and proper for the benefit of the estate, and that the proceeds arising from such sale be applied to the payment of my just debts, and the balance be equally divided between my four children, Lavinia Calhoun, Willis Boyd Calhoun, Lavinia Calhoun, and William Dorcas Calhoun, subject however to the charge and restriction in the ninth item for settling and carrying on the farm of my said two sons Willis Boyd Calhoun and

William Downs Calhoun as aforesaid in the ninth item aforesaid stated. Eleventh— And it is ~~for~~ ^{further} my will and desire that should there be a deficiency in the proceeds arising from the sale of the Residue of my real and personal estate for the full and entire payment of all my just debts, I then charge the estate of my two sons Willis Boyd Calhoun and William Downs Calhoun, herein devised to them, with the payment of all my just debts, or such balance of my debts, which may remain unpaid, after exhausting the residue of my real and personal estate herein set apart, for that ~~and~~ ^{other} purposes herein expressed.

In testimony whereof I have herunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this Eighteenth day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

Downs Calhoun
L.S.

Signed Sealed and executed
by the testator in our presence
who at his request subscribed
our names, as witnesses in the
presence of each other, and in
the presence of the testator to
this his last will & testament
consisting of seven pages
John Saffart
Jno. St. Livingston
Addison St. Poser
Johnson Ramer

State of South Carolina
Abbeville District

Personally came John St. Livingston, one of the subscribing witnesses to the within paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally present, and did see Downs Calhoun sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare, the within paper to be his ~~last~~ will and testament— and that the testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, to the best of his knowledge and belief— that John Saffart, Addison St. Poser, Johnson Ramer together with himself, and in the presence of the testator, and in the presence of each other, did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Sworn before me, this
8th day of July 1850
D. M. Selleck
O. A. D.

Jno. St. Livingston

State of South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } Having examined
 John F. Livingston one of
 the subscribing witnesses to the within paper, and
 being satisfied that it is the true last will and
 testament of Downs Calhoun Ordered, that it
 be admitted to probate in common form:
 H. M. Pelleck
 C. J. D.

State of South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } Personally called
 Nathan Calhoun executor
 named in the within will and being sworn on the
 Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, upon oath says
 that the within paper is the true last will of the
 said Downs Calhoun dec^d, and that he will well and
 truly execute the same, by paying first the debts
 and then the legacies therein contained, so far as
 the goods and chattles will extend, and the law
 charge him that he will make and return into
 the Office of the Ordinary, of the district, a true
 Inventory and appraisement of the estate of
 the said deceased, within the time prescribed by law.
 Sworn to before me,
 8th day of July 1830
 H. M. Pelleck
 C. J. D.
 Nathan Calhoun

State of South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } I certify that the foregoing
 six pages, contain a full true and correct copy of the
 Last Will & Testament of Downs Calhoun, received from
 the original, which is on file in my office,
 H. M. Pelleck
 C. J. D.

Last Will & Testament of Joseph Lesley, Deceased,

In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Lesley being, aged and infirm do make this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following to wit,

Item 1st To my dearly beloved wife Mary I Give and bequeath all my Estate real and personal of every description for and during the term of her natural life,

Item 2nd after the decease of my wife Mary I Give and bequeath to my three nieces Betsey, Mary and Abby Lepley, six hundred dollars that is to say the sum of two hundred dollars each, to be paid out of my Estate these legacies may be paid in case my wife gives her apent before her decease, and if either of my nieces die before receiving their legacy herein given, the sum so left to them to go to, & I give the same to the survivor or survivors of them,

Item 3^d I Give and bequeath to Joseph McCallister (son of James McCallister dec'd) the sum of One Hundred dollars, which may be paid on same terms as mentioned in respect to the legacies given my nieces above,

Item 4. The Land on which I reside, say Two hundred & five acres and Stock of every kind (if not before done) to be sold after my wife deceases nevertheless my wife Mary if she thinks proper dispose of the land or any other of the property left to be sold before her decease, and if she should do so, I leave the disposal of the same the money arising from the sales thereof to her own disposal in whatever manner she may think proper,

Item 5th I Give all my negroes eleven in number to the Children of Mrs Margaret Moore & the children of Mrs Betsey Gordon (of Georgia) wife of Alexander Gordon, the former has five children & the latter six children & I give said negroes to the Eleven Children Equally & share and share alike, and it is my will that the negroes be divided without sale of them, by appraisement, and the differences in value be adjusted between the parties interested with money so as to do Justice & make all and each Equal shares, and if any s^d Children die before arriving to legal age, their share or shares to go to the survivor or survivors,

Item 6th all the balance or residue of my Estate I Give to my wife (if any then be) to be at her disposal, and if any thing or any part of my Estate should remain that is herein given to her should by her be left undisposed of in that case I give the same to the children Eleven in number mentioned in the 5th Clause above and as therein stated Equally & share & share alike — And lastly I do herein appoint Mary John Power, Alexander McCallister & Alexr Hunter Executors of this my last Will & Testament revoking all former Wills by me made, In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23^d day of April 1850 fifty. Signed Seal & Published & declared by Joseph Lesley as his last will & Testament in our presence,

Joseph Lepley

Who in his presence subscribed our names as Witnesses to same,
 Tho^d Hodge
 William ^{his} Campbell
 En^d Power.

State of South Carolina } Personally came William Campbell
 Abbeville District } one of the subscribing Witnesses to the
 within paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty
 God, makes oath that he was personally present, and did see Joseph
 Lesley sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare, the within paper to
 be his last Will and Testament - and that the Testator was of sound
 and disposing mind, memory and understanding, to the best of his
 knowledge and belief - that Tho^d Hodge & John Power together with
 himself, and in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of
 each other, did sign their names as Witnesses to the due execution thereof,
 Sworn before me, this 5th August 1850.

Witness, Gabbet Blah,

William ^{his} Campbell
 mark

State of South Carolina } Having examined William Campbell
 Abbeville District } one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within
 paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last Will and Testament
 of Joseph Lesley, Ordered, that it be admitted to Probate in common
 form,

F. W. Selleck C. J.

State of South Carolina } Personally came Alexander Hunter named
 Abbeville District } in the within Will and being sworn on the
 Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, upon oath says that the within
 paper is the ^{true} last Will of the said Joseph Lesley and that ~~he~~ will well
 and truly execute the same, by paying first the Debts and then the
 Legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will extend,
 and the law charge him that he will make and return into the
 office of the Ordinary, of the said District, a true Inventory and
 Appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased, within the time prescribed
 by law.

Sworn to before me, this 5th August 1850,

A. Hunter

F. W. Selleck C. J.

State of South Carolina } I certify that the foregoing two pages contain a
 Abbeville District } full, true, and correct, Copy of the Last Will & Testament
 of Joseph Lesley Deceased, from the Original which is on file in my office,
 F. W. Selleck C. J.

Last Will & Testament of John Devlin Deceased.

In the Name of God Amen, I John Devlin of the District of Abbeville and State of South Carolina being far advanced in life as I am now in the seventy ninth year of my age, But of sound mind memory, and understanding, thanks be unto God for the same But knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following—

First I recommend my Precious and Immortal Soul into the hand of Almighty God who gave it me, and my Body I recommend to the earth to be decently Buried at the direction of my friends, Not doubting but at the General resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God For I know in whom I have believed and I am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day, and that he will be with me in the great change I have shortly to pass through and give me the victory over death and the grave and crown me with eternal life in his kingdom of Glory— and as for such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me in this life I will and bequeath in manner and form following— First I will and bequeath all my just debts to be punctually paid and for this end and purpose, I will and bequeath all my personal estate which consists of Negroes horses Cows Hogs and sheep Household and Kitchen furniture Plantation Tools and what ever else it may consist of (except my wearing apparel and Books) to be sold by my executors on a sufficient Credit to make it bring its full value and after all my said Just Debts are honestly and punctually paid and my funeral expences paid, then I give unto my wife one half of the balance, Secondly I also will and bequeath the Plantation or tract of Land whereon I now dwell containing three hundred and sixty seven acres which I allow to be removed and a discriptive Plat made of the whole tract in one and I will and bequeath the same to be sold by my executors on a sufficient Credit either at private or public sale which ever may be thought most advisable and Little to be made to the same by my executors and then I give unto my wife one third part of the price of the whole of my Land, and I also allow my wife to take any property at the appraisement she may wish, and then I give unto my son Robert one hundred dollar, I also give him my Big Bible and walking Staff— and then I give unto my daughter Peggy Ann two hundred dollars, and then I give unto my Grand daughter Mary Bradley one hundred dollars, and then I give unto my daughter Martha one hundred dollars and then I give unto my son James one hundred dollar, and then I give unto my daughter Mary two hundred dollars, and then I give unto my daughter Betsy two hundred dollars— and then I give unto Ershim Seminary fifty dollars to be appropriated to what ever way the Faculty of Ershim College may think proper, and then I Give

as much as is necessary to put a grave stone to my first wifes grave with Inscription engraved upon it which I have wrote in my large Bible, and I give unto my Grand son John E. Presely four hundred dollars, and then I allow the balance of my Estate to be equally divided among my four daughters and as for any thing which I may have given to my Children when the left me I dont allow any account thereof to be taken in the settlement of my Estate —

I now constitute and appoint my son Robert Devlin and my son James Devlin Executors of this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I put my hand and seal this first day of July 1850,

Barth Jordan

John Devlin (L.D.)

Leroy Purdy
A. Kennedy

State of South Carolina Personally came Leroy Purdy one of the Abbeville District } subscribing Witnesses to the within paper and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God makes oath that he was personally present, and did see John Devlin sign seal, publish, pronounce; and declare, the within paper to be his last Will and Testament — and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, to the best of his knowledge and belief that Bartholomer Jordan & A. Kennedy — together with himself, and in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other, did sign their names as Witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Sworn before me this 18th day of 3
September 1850, F. W. Sellsch W.D.

Leroy Purdy

State of South Carolina Having examined Leroy Purdy one of the subson's Abbeville District } being Witnesses to the within paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last Will and Testament of John Devlin, Dec^r, Ordered, that it be admitted to Probate in common form,

F. W. Sellsch W.D.

State of South Carolina Personally came Robert Devlin Executor named Abbeville District } in the within Will and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, upon oath says that the within paper is the true last Will of the said John Devlin Dec^r and that He will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the Legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will extend, and the law charge Him that He will make and return into the office of the Ordinary, of the said District, a true Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased, within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn to before me, 18 day of Sept 1850
F. W. Sellsch,

Robt Devlin

State of South Carolina I certify that the foregoing two pages contain a
 Abbeville District 3 full true, and correct copy of the Last Will &
 Testament of John Devlin deceased from the Original which is on file in
 J. W. Gillett D. C. &
 my office.

Last Will & Testament of David Matthews

South Carolina 3 In the name of God Amen I David
 Abbeville District 3 Matthews of the State and District
 aforesaid being in a languishing State of body, but of sound mind
 and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last Will
 and Testament And first I give and recommend my Soul to God
 who gave it and my body to be buried in a Christian like manner
 And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased
 God to bless me in this life, I give devise bequeath and dispose of
 the same in the following manner and form

First I give and bequeath unto my daughter Esther Ann Skelthworth
 one dollar

Second. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Moore
 one dollar

Third. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Cintha Matthews
 all my Land Comprised in Three Tracts, One tract called the Home Tract
 Containing One Hundred and Twenty four Acre more or less. One
 Tract called the Chamber Tract and said Tract containing Fifty
 Acre more or less, and One Tract called the Melahom land containing
 Twenty two Acre more or less Together with all my other Property
 after my lawful debts are paid, Consisting of my Crops of Corn, Wheat
 oats and Cotton, All my household and kitchen furniture, Plantation
 Tools, all my Stock of Horses, Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep, All the
 above property to be hers until my youngest Son Robert Pickens
 Matthews becomes Twenty one year old but should she marry
 or die before my Son Robert Pickens Matthews becomes Twenty one
 year old then immediately on such marriage or death, All the
 above named Property willed to her be sold, and Equally divided
 between her and my seven children namely Joseph Wesley Matthews
 Nancy Chappell Matthews William Matthews Thomas Stephen son
 Matthews, David Lewis Matthews, Robert Pickens Matthews
 and my daughter Mary Matthews, And also should she be living
 when my Son Robert Pickens Matthews becomes Twenty one year
 old all the above named property willed to her be sold and
 divided in the same manner as directed in case of her marriage
 and in case she should die before my Son Robert Pickens Matthews
 becomes Twenty one year old then all the above property willed
 to her be sold and divided share and share alike between my
 seven children namely Joseph Wesley Matthews Nancy Chappell Matthews

William Matthews Thomas, Mr. Theron Matthews and David Matthews
Robert Pickens Matthews and my daughter Mary Matthews
And lastly I do hereby ordain and appoint my wife Cynthia Matthews
Executrix together with my Brother John Matthews Executor of
this my last will and Testament made by me and do declare
this to be my last will and Testament In witness whereof I
have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of August in the
Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty

Signed, Published, Pronounced and declared by the said
David Matthews as his last will and Testament in the presence
of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have
hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

E. C. Martin
H. E. Middleton
James Martin.

David T. Matthews 
Mark

State of South Carolina } Personally Came James Martin
Abbeville District } One of the Subscribing Witnesses
to the within Paper and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists
of Almighty God to the oath that he was personally present
and did see David Matthews sign seal publish pronounce
and declare the within Paper to be his last will and Testament
and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind
Memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and
belief that E. C. Martin and H. E. Middleton together with
himself and in the presence of the Testator and in the presence
of each other did sign their names as witnesses to the due Execution
thereof
Sworn before me this 12th day
of October 1850

J. W. Pollock
C. A. G.

State of South Carolina } Having Examined James Martin
Abbeville District } One of the Subscribing Witnesses
to the within Paper and being satisfied that it is the true last
will and Testament of David Matthews we do ordain that
it be admitted to Probate in common form
October 12th 1850.

J. W. Pollock
C. A. G.

State of South Carolina } Personally Came Cynthia Matthews
Abbeville District } Executrix named in the within will
and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God
upon oath says that the within Paper is the true last
will of the said David Matthews and that she will well
and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and
then the legacies therein contained so far as the goods and chattels
will extend and the law charge her. That she will make and

return into the office of the Ordinary of the said District a true Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed by law
 Sworn to Before me 12th day of
 October 1850

Luella Matchwood

F. W. Selleck
 O. A. N.

State of South Carolina } I Certify that the foregoing two
 Abbeville District } pages contain a full true and correct
 copy of the last Will and Testament of Ward Matchwood deceased
 from the original which is on file in my office F. W. Selleck
 A. S. D.

Last Will & Testament of Robert C. Belcher

Abbeville District } In the name of God Amen I Robert
 South Carolina } C. Belcher of the District and State aforesaid
 being of sound mind and disposing memory and knowing the
 Certainty of death do ordain and establish this my last
 Will and Testament

Item 1st I will that all my just debts be paid

Item 2^d I Give and bequeath to my wife Rebecca Belcher
 my neg^r Girl Josephine and Boy Asa also One thousand
 Dollars to be paid her by my Executors in five annual installments
 of Two hundred Dollars each without interest This is all I give
 my wife of my Estate

Item 3^d I give and bequeath all the balance of my Estate both
 Personal and Real to my seven Children viz: Warren J. Belcher
 William W. Belcher Williamson M. Belcher John M. Belcher
 Henry Clay Belcher James N. Belcher and Mary Ann Belcher
 share and share alike

Item 4th I will that all my Estate be kept together (except
 the Legacy I have given my wife as above) for the benefit
 of my seven above named children that they be supported
 and Educated out of the Proceeds of my Estate and as each
 one comes of age that his portion be given off to him

Item 5th I will that my children be well Educated

Item 6th I hereby Constitute and appoint Williamson Norwood
 James A. Norwood and my Brothers William W. Belcher
 and James M. Belcher Executors of this my last Will
 & Testament This the 15th March 1847

Signed, Sealed and published in presence of Robert C. Belcher

L. E. Gray
 Robert McEwen
 Samuel Lowrey

State of South Carolina } Personally Came J. E. Vignow one
 Abbeville District } of the Subscribing Witnesses to the
 within Paper and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of
 Almighty God making oath he was "personally present and
 did see Robert E. Pelcher sign seal publish pronounce and
 declare the within paper to be his last will and Testament and
 that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind memory
 and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief That
 Robert McEes and Samuel Cordey together with himself and
 in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other
 did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution
 thereof
 Sworn to Before me this thirteenth
 day of November 1850

J. E. Vignow

J. W. Sellock

C. A. H.

State of South Carolina } Having Examined J. E. Vignow
 Abbeville District } One of the Subscribing Witnesses
 to the within Paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last
 Will and Testament of Robert E. Pelcher dec'd. Ordered
 that it be admitted to probate in common form

J. W. Sellock

C. A. H.

State of South Carolina } Personally Came William Mc.
 Abbeville District } Pelcher one of the Executors named
 in the within Will and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists
 of Almighty God upon oath says that the within paper
 is the true last Will of the said Robert E. Pelcher and that
 he will well and truly execute the same by paying first
 the debts and then the legacies therein contained so far as
 the Goods and chattels will extend and the law charge. And
 that will make and return into the office of the Ordinary
 of the said District a true Inventory and appraisement of
 the Estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed by
 Law

Sworn to Before me Thirteenth
 day of November 1850.

W. W. Pelcher

J. W. Sellock C. A. H.

State of South Carolina } I Certify that the foregoing
 Abbeville District } Two pages contain a full
 true and correct copy of the last Will and Testament of
 Robert E. Pelcher dec'd. from the original which is on file
 in my office

J. W. Sellock C. A. H.

Last Will and Testament of Joseph Groves

South Carolina In the name of God Amen. I Joseph
 Abbeville District Groves of said District a native of Prince
 George County in the State of Maryland & son of Solomon Groves
 & Elizabeth Nicholson Groves native of the said State of Maryland
 do hereby make & ordain this my last Will & Testament thankful
 to God for my present health of body & disposing mind

Item 1st I will that my body be decently buried

Item 2nd I will that all my just debts be paid.

Item 3rd I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Groves her
 Executors, Administrators, or such other person or persons as she may
 designate by will or otherwise in trust for such person or persons
 uses or trusts as my son James A. Groves may designate by deed or
 will the following town Lots in & adjoining the Town of Kossisko
 in Attala County Mississippi (viz.) Lots No. 5. 57. 58. 61. 48. 44. 92. &
 the East half of Lot No. 29 according to the original plan of said
 Town once called Greenville at another Paris & Lot No. 104 bounded
 on the West by said Lot No. 57 being one of the range of Lots sold
 by the representatives of Chas. Smith dec'd lying on the East of &
 contiguous to said Town all of said bequeathed Lots containing
 three acres of ground more or less.

Item 4th The residue of my Estate Real, personal & mixed my money
 & claims of every description, I will and bequeath to my beloved
 wife Sarah Groves to hold & enjoy the income, increase & rents
 & profits thereof during her natural life, should she not
 again marry, but should she again marry, then & in that event
 until such marriage, & at her marriage or death which ever
 should first happen then a division of my Estate mentioned in this
 item shall be made between my said wife or her legal representatives
 or representatives & my children except my said son James A. Groves
 including in said division the natural increase of the negroes but
 excluding increase of stock & all previous rents incomes hire
 & profits of my said Estate included in this item hereby willing & bequeathing
 to my said wife her heirs, assigns, devisees or legal representatives one
 half to be at her own disposal. fully absolutely & in fee simple
 my said wife or legal representatives, accounting in said division for
 any and all property previously sold by her other than said increase
 of stock & rents incomes hire & profits & what of it has not been disbursed
 in pursuance of the provisions of this will must come out of her share
 aforesaid The other half of my said Estate to be divided in pursuance
 of the provisions of this item I will to be divided equally share & share
 alike between my sons John Joseph Groves & August Nicholson Groves
 & my daughter Elizabeth Nancy Arnold, Martha Harriet Carter
 Sarah Joseph Hacker & Francis Emily Gault the portions of my
 said sons to be to them their heirs & assigns the portions of my said
 daughters to be to them their heirs & assigns free from the contracts
 & liabilities of their husbands during the natural lives of my said

daughters respectively & at their respective deaths to such persons or persons uses or trusts as they may by their last Will & Testaments respectively designate in fee Simple or full and absolute title & in fauult of such provision by will to their heirs general.

Item 5th It is my Will and desire that my said wife may at any time previous to her again marrying sell & convey any of my Estate alluded to in the 4th Item of this my Will in such manner & on such time & terms as she chooses for the purpose of Complying with the provisions of this will or to invest the same in other property to stand in lieu thereof or for such other purposes as she may choose.

Item 6th I Appoint my said wife Sarah Groves Executrix & my sons Samy A. Groves & John Joseph Groves Executors of this my last Will & Testament desiring that they may all either at the same time or at such successive periods as may suit their respective Convinces qualify & act as such.

Item 7th I give and devise all the Real Estate I may own in the States of Georgia and Mississippi at the time of my death to my son Samy A. Groves and his heirs for ever Subject to 3rd Item.

In testamny whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal.

Testy

Saml. L. Liddell

Samy M. Latimer

C. T. Latimer

Joseph Groves



Codicil to the above Will

To Wit I will that in case my daughter Elizabeth M. Arnold be left a Widow, that she live with her mother and have a comfortable Room and bedding in my mansions house her board washing and fifty dollars per annum during her widowhood of both her & my wife or if either prefer the my daughter Elizabeth prefer living Elsewhere that she shall have choice of my negroes Nelly Excepted in lieu of the above provision during the widowhood of both, after the marriage or death of either the negro shall be returned to my Estate Subject to the division named in the 4th Item of this my will.

Joseph Groves.

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District I Personally came Samy M. Latimer one of the subscribing Witnesses to the Paper and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God make oath that he was personally present and did see Joseph Groves Dec^d sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare the within Paper to be his last Will and Testament and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind Memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief that Samuel Liddell and C. T. Latimer together with himself and in the presence

of the Testator, and in the presence of Each other, did sign their
 Names as Witnesses to the due Execution thereof
 Sworn Before me this 6th day
 January 1857
 Jas. M. Latimer
 F. W. Sellick, C. A. N.

State of South Carolina } Having Examined James M. Latimer
 Abbeville District } one of the Subscribing Witnesses to
 the within Paper and being Satisfied that it is the true Last Will
 and Testament of Joseph Groves deceased
 Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common
 Form
 F. W. Sellick
 C. A. N.

State of South Carolina } Personally came Sarah Groves
 Abbeville District } Executrix named in the within Will
 and being Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God
 upon oath says that the within paper is the true Last Will of
 the said Joseph Groves, deceased, and that she will well and
 truly Execute the same, by paying first the debts and then
 the legacies therein contained, so far as the good and lawful will
 Extend, and she does charge her that she will make and return
 into the Office of the Ordinary of the said district a true
 Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased
 within the time prescribed by Law
 Sarah Groves
 Sworn to Before me this
 3^d day of December 1857
 F. W. Sellick
 C. A. N.

State of South Carolina } I Certify that the foregoing Three
 Abbeville District } Pages contain a full true and
 correct Copy of the Last Will & Testament of Joseph
 Groves deceased from the Original which is on file in
 my office
 F. W. Sellick
 C. A. N.

Last Will and Testament of H. T. Saxon deceased.

South Carolina } I, H. T. Saxon of the State &
Abbeville District } knowing the mortality of man and
believing that I may soon be removed from this world
do this day make my last Will & Testament as follows.
I give and bequeath unto my kind & affectionate wife
Elizabeth my whole Estate consisting of my plantation
one Negro woman Suckey, all of my stock in fact every
thing which I own at present or which I may own at the
time of my death to be hers during her lifetime at her
death the Negro woman Suckey is to choose herself a
Guardian and live and act in any way that she may
deem proper. at the death of my wife, I give and bequeath
to my good friend and neighbor James L. McClellan all of
my land lying on the west side of the Greenville Road
the balance of my plantation there to my wife can
dispose of in any manner she chooses

In Testimony whereof I hereunto annexed my
hand & seal this the twenty third day of March One thousand
Eight Hundred and Forty Eight H. T. Saxon
Signed in the presence of
James L. McClellan
William C. Vaughan
Hugh S. Saxon

State of South Carolina } Personally came James M. McKoy one of
Abbeville District } the subscribing Witnesses to the within Paper
and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God truthfully to
testify that he was personally present, and did see H. T. Saxon sign seal
publish, pronounce, and declare, the within Paper to be his last Will
and Testament, and that the Testator was of sound and disposing
mind memory and understanding, to the best of his knowledge and
belief, that William C. Vaughan and Hugh S. Saxon together
with himself and in the presence of the Testator, and in the
presence of each other, did sign their names as witnesses to the
last Execution thereof J. M. McKoy
Sworn before me this 15th March 1851

F. W. Sillick R. O. A. C.

State of South Carolina } Having Examined James M. McKoy
Abbeville District } one of the subscribing Witnesses to
the within Paper, and being satisfied that it is true last Will
and Testament of H. T. Saxon, order that it be admitted to
Probate in Common Form F. W. Sillick R. O. A. C.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the original Will of H. T. Saxon
which is on file in my office F. W. Sillick R. O. A. C.

Qualification of Additional Executor to the last Last Will and Testament of Charles Stark deceased.

State of South Carolina } Personally came A. Rice one of the
Abbeville District } Executors named in the foregoing Will
and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, upon
both days that the foregoing paper is the true last Will of the
said C. Stark and that he will well and truly execute the same
by paying first the debts and then the legacies therein contained,
so far as the goods and chattles will extend, and the law charges
him that he will make and return into the office of the Ordinary
of the said District, a true Inventory and appraisement of the
Estate of the said deceased, within the time prescribed by law, if
not before made by A. Fant the Co Executor
Sworn to before me this 14th December 1850. A. Rice
F. W. Sellick
C. A. H.

Last Will and Testament of Agnes McVarren dec^d

The State of South Carolina

In the Name of God Amen.
I Agnes McVarren of the Village of Abbeville and State aforesaid
do make and declare this my last Will and Testament as follows
1st Item I wish my debts paid by my Executor
2nd Item I give devise and bequeath to my son John McVarren of
Abbeville Village in said State all my Estate of what kind
or nature soever whether Realty Personally or chose in action
to my said son John McVarren and his heirs in fee simple
3rd Item I appoint John McVarren Executor of the foregoing
last Will and Testament Agnes McVarren (Seal)
Signed Sealed and Published
and Subscribed as Witness
in the Presence of said Agnes
McVarren as the last Will and
Testament by us this twentieth
day of March 1846.

Forat Anderson
Forat Anderson Jun^r
Andro W. Shillito

State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District }

Personally came Andrew W. Shillito
one of the Subscribing Witnesses to
the within Paper and being sworn

on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God matter oath
that he was personally present, and did see Agnes McCarow
sign said Public Pronounce and declare the within paper
to be her last Will and Testament - and that the Testator
was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding
to the best of his Knowledge and belief that Fraz Henderson
& Fraz Henderson Jr. together with himself and in the
Presence of the Testator and in the Presence of each other
did sign their names as witnesses to the due Executing thereof
Sworn Before me Andm. W. Shillito

this 21st January 1857

F. W. Sellick C. A. R.

State of South Carolina } Having Examined Andm. W.
Shillito District } Shillito One of the subscribing
witnesses to the within paper and being satisfied that it is the
true last Will and Testament of Agnes McCarow Orderd
that it be admitted to Probate in Common Form

Jan'y 21st 1857

F. W. Sellick C. A. R.

State of South Carolina } Personally came John McCarow
Shillito District } Exec. Named in the within will and
being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God upon
oath says that the within paper is the true last Will of the
said Agnes McCarow and that He will well and truly execute
the same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies therein
contained, so far as the goods and chattels will extend and the
law charge him that he will make and return into the office
of the Ordinary of the said District a true Inventory and
appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within the time
prescribed by Law John McCarow

Sworn to Before me this

21st January 1857

F. W. Sellick C. A. R.

State of South Carolina } I Certify that the foregoing
Shillito District } two pages contain a full
true and correct copy of the last Will and Testament of
Agnes McCarow dec'd. From the original which is on
file in my office F. W. Sellick, C. A. R.

Last Will & Testament of James Aleton Merced

State of South Carolina } I James Aleton being of sound
 Abbeville District } and disposing mind and knowing the
 uncertainty of life do make and appoint this my last will
 and Testament

To My beloved Wife Catharine Aleton I devise
 my dwelling House & Lot also the Stone House & Lot and all
 my lots and lands in and adjoining the village of Abbeville
 consisting of Two hundred and twenty acres more or less to have
 and to hold the same to her and her heirs forever, also all my
 House hold and Kitchen furniture Stock and Cattle on my said
 Village Land, my Carriage and Carriage Horses, I also bequeath
 to my said Wife Catharine and her heirs forever the following
 Slave and their Increase Tom, Melley, Jacob, Isaac, Sam
 Souise and her four Children, Tom the Blacksmith Alfred
 William Mary Linda and Caroline and her three children also
 all the Cash on hand and all debts due me.

To my Nephew Philip Aleton Son of my brother
 William Aleton of Columbus Georgia I bequeath the sum
 of Four thousand dollars to be paid to him by my Executors
 one third of it the first day of January Eighteen hundred
 and fifty two. One third the first of January Eighteen
 hundred and fifty three and the Balance one year thereafter.

It is my will and desire that all the rest and
 residue of my Property both real & personal including
 thirty four hundred dollars Stock in the Columbia and
 Greenville Rail Road be kept together and remain in the
 possession and under the control of my beloved Wife Catharine
 Aleton and that she have the use and be entitled to the profits
 proceeds and income thereof for and during her life.

At the death of my beloved Wife I devise and bequeath
 all my Property real and personal & Rail Road Stock
 not given above to my wife in fee. To wit, my two plantations
 one on Savannah and one on Little River and all my Slaves
 not named in the bequest to my wife in fee and their increase
 all the Stock, Cattle Horses & Mules on my said plantations
 plantation tools & fixtures To John McElwain in Trust for the
 following uses & trusts to hold the same to and for the sole and
 separate use & behoof of my beloved daughter Jane Charity Cabell
 for and during her natural life not subject to the debts and
 contracts of my said daughter or to those of her present or
 any future husband The said Trustee John McElwain to
 permit my daughter Jane Charity to have the use and receive
 and enjoy the rents & profits and income of the said Property
 real and personal. But the legal Estate in and control of
 the said Trustee for the uses & purposes herein above stated
 and the said trust is not to be executed by the Statute of will

And in case my daughter Jane should have a child or children or grand child or grand children living at her death then I devise and bequeath my said property real and personal to such child or Grand child if only one in fee simple, but if more than one then I devise the same to them share & share alike the Grand children representing the parent and to their heirs forever discharged of all trust.

But in case my daughter should die leaving no child or children or grand child or grand children living at her death then I devise the aforesaid property real and personal Rail Road Stock to my nephew Philip Henry Aletas of Columbus Georgia son of my brother William Aletas to him and his heirs forever discharged from all trust whatsoever.

In case any slave or slave herein given in Trust for my daughter Jane should become unmanageable the said Trustee John McIlwain is hereby empowered by and with the consent of my daughter Jane to sell said slave or slaves to the best advantage and to vest the proceeds of such sale in other slave or property subject to the uses and purposes of the said Trust.

It is my Earnest desire and desire that the Court of Equity will in no event whatever interfere with or contravene the provisions of this my will by ordering a sale of any of the Property herein bequeathed or otherwise however much it may seem to the advantage of the parties interested so to do.

I hereby appoint my beloved wife Catharine Aletas and John McIlwain the Executors of this my will written & published as one for my last will this 13th Novr 1850

James Aletas

In the presence of
W. M. Wap
J. R. Cunningham
Andrew McIlwain

State of South Carolina Personally Came W. M. Wap
Abbeville District One of the Subscribing Witnesses
to the written paper, and being sworn in the Holy Evangelists
of Almightly God Swore unto that he was personally and
did see James Aletas sign seal Publish Pronounced
and declare the written paper to be his last will and
Testament, and that the Testator was of sound and disposing
Mind Memory and understanding to the best of his Knowledge
and belief that J. R. Cunningham and Andrew McIlwain
together with himself and in the presence of the Testator
and in the presence of each other did sign their names
as Witnesses to the said executed will
Done before me the fourth day February 1851 F. W. Jellicott C. D. W. W. M. Wap

State of South Carolina } I Having Examined H. W. W. B. B.
 Abbeville District } One of the Subscribing Witnesses to
 the within Paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last
 Will and Testament of James Alston Esq. Ordered that
 it be admitted to Probate in Common Form
 J. W. Sellett
 C. J. C.

State of South Carolina } Personally Came Catharine Alston
 Abbeville District } Executrix named in the within Will
 and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God
 upon oath says that the within Paper is the true last Will
 of the said James Alston Esq. and that she will well and
 truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the
 Legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels
 will extend, and she saw Charge her that she will make and
 return into the office of the Ordinary of the said District a
 true Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said
 deceased, within the time prescribed by Law
 Sworn to Before me Seventh day Catharine Alston
 February 1851
 J. W. Sellett, C. J. C.

State of South Carolina } I Certify that the foregoing True
 Abbeville District } Copy of the last Will & Testament of James Alston
 Esq. from the original which is on file in my office
 J. W. Sellett, C. J. C.

Last Will & Testament of Hugh Maxwell Esq.

In the name of God Amen I Hugh Maxwell being in
 years and recollecting that it is appointed for all once
 to die and being of sound and disposing mind and memory
 thank be to God for his Mercies do make and Ordain
 this my last Will and Testament
 Item 1st To my dearly beloved daughter Ann I give and bequeath
 the sum of One Hundred fifty Dollars
 Item 2nd To my dearly beloved daughter Jane I give and bequeath
 the sum of One Hundred Dollars
 Item 3rd To my daughter Mary Boyd I give and bequeath
 the sum of Five Dollars
 Item 4th To my daughter Eliza Patterson I give and bequeath
 the sum of Five Dollars
 Item 5th To my dearly beloved Wife I give and bequeath
 all the remainder and residue of my Estate Real and Personal
 of what Nature or Kind soever or of every description whatever

For and during the term of her natural life.

Item 6 After the decease of my wife Jane, all the Estate Real and Personal of every kind & description herein given and bequeathed to her for life that may then remain at the time of her decease, I give and bequeath the same to my daughter Ann for and during the term of her natural life.

Item 7 After the decease of my daughter Ann it is my will that all the Estate herein given her for life that may remain at the time of her decease be sold at Auction on a Credit of Twelve Months and the Money divided into Four Equal Shares to the Children of my daughter Ann should she have any.

I give one of those shares to my daughter Jane if she be dead to her Children if any I give one other of those shares to the Children of my daughter Mary Boyd I give one other of those shares to the Children of Eliza Patterson should she have any I give the other share and should my daughter die one or more of them without issue the share or shares given them to go to the Survivors as directed above in Equal shares.

And lastly I do hereby appoint my wife Jane and my daughter Ann Executors of this my last Will & Testament looking all former Wills by me made, ratifying & confirming this to be my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & thirty seven Signed Sealed Published and declared

by the said Hugh Maxwell as his last Will and Testament in our presence who in his presence and the presence of each other Subscribed our names as witnesses thereto on the day above mentioned

E. B. Gibert

James L. McBride

A. Hunter

State of South Carolina Personally came James L. McBride Ablywell & correct 3 one of the Subscribing witnesses to the within paper and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God makes oath that he was personally present and did see Hugh Maxwell sign seal Publish pronounced and declare the within paper to be his last Will and Testament and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief that E. B. Gibert and A. Hunter together with himself and in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other did sign their names as witnesses to the last executed thereof Sworn Before me this 12 day March 1859

James L. McBride

F. N. Tolson & Co.

State of South Carolina } Having Examined James D McBird one
Abbeville District } of the Subscribing Witness to the within Paper
and being satisfied that it is the true last Will and Testament of
Hugh Maxwell, ordered that it be admitted to Probate in
Common Form
F W Selleck
C. S. H.

State of South Carolina } Personally came Ann Maxwell Executrix
Abbeville District } named in the within Will and being sworn
on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God upon oath says that
the within Paper is the true last Will of the said Hugh Maxwell
and that she will well and truly execute the same by paying
first the debts and then the legacies therein contained so far
as the goods and chattels will extend and the law charge. Her
that she will make and return into the office of the ordinary
of the said District a true Inventory and appraisement of the
Estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed by Law
Sworn to Before me 12th day
March 1801
Ann Her Maxwell
Mar R

F W Selleck C. S. H.

State of South Carolina } I certify that the One foregoing Page
Abbeville District } contain a full true & correct copy of
the last Will & Testament of Hugh Maxwell decd. from the
original which is in file in my office
F W Selleck
C. S. H.

Last Will & Testament of Henry Gently, deceased,

State of South Carolina } In the name of God Amen
Abbeville District } I Henry Gently of
the State and District aforesaid. Make public and
declare the writing to be and contain my last Will
and Testament I am divine & bequeath unto my wife
Mary Gently the Negro boy named Lou by Richard
the Brown mare named Dix one Colt. Two feather beds
and bedding and three Hundred dollars in cash to her
and her heirs forever to be taking out of my Estate, first,
also all the debts residue and remainder of my property
real and personal that I may die possessed of I allow
to be sold and after all my just debts are paid I allow
it to be equal divided between my Two Children Martha
Ann & William Henry. Forthwith I constitute and appoint
my neighbour W. S. Martin Executor of the my last
Will and Testament signed sealed published and declared
by the said Testator in our presence who in the presence
and in the presence of each other and at his request
(Continued)

Last Will & Testament of Henry Bently McCaslan

Have signed our names as Witnesses hereto this March the twenty ninth Eighteen Hundred and fifty one in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and fifty one and in the beginning of the twenty six Year of American Independence

Witnesses
J. C. McCaslan
J. F. Sancer
Harris McClain

Henry Bently McCaslan

State of South Carolina } Personally came J. C. McCaslan
Abbeville District } one of the subscribing Witnesses
to the within paper, and being sworn on the Holy
Evangelists of Almighty God. Makes oath that he
was personally present, and did see Henry Bently
sign seal publish pronounced, and declare, the within
paper to be his last Will and Testament and that the
Testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and
understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief
that J. F. Sancer and Harris McClain together with
himself and in the presence of the Testator and in the
presence of each other did sign their names as Witnesses
to the due Execution thereof
Sworn before me this twenty
day April 1851

J. C. McCaslan
F. W. Selleck
C. A. H.

State of South Carolina } Having Examined J. C.
Abbeville District } McCaslan one of the subscribing
Witnesses to the within paper and being satisfied that
it is the true last Will and Testament of Henry
Bently,
Ordered that it be admitted to probate
in Common form

F. W. Selleck
C. A. H.

State of South Carolina } Personally came R. A. Martin
Abbeville District } Exor.^r named in the within
Will and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God upon
oath Says that the within paper is the true last Will of
the said Henry Bently and that he will well and truly
execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies
therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will extend
and the law charge him. That he will make and return unto the
officer of the ordinary of the said District a true inventory and appraisement
of the Estate of the said deceased, within the time prescribed by Law
Sworn to before me this 4th April 1851. F. W. Selleck
C. A. H.

R. A. Martin
Exor. & Comp. F. W. Selleck
C. A. H.