


Last Will and Testament of Joseph Brown dec'd (Can<sup>o</sup>)

or Widowhood and after her decease or intermarriage I give the same to my several children herein after named "Viz" <sup>John Brown</sup> Wiah Brown <sup>Marklin</sup> Brown and Joyce Brown afterwards Joyce Corley men decease leaving three children which are my Grand Children namely Clumman Corley James A Corley Esckiah Corley I desire the three named Grand Children of mine, receive one fourth of <sup>the whole of</sup> my Estate to be equally divided between the three I give the same to them their heirs forever I give to my Grand Daughter Beattie Deason Daughter of my dear Daughter Dininda Deason the wife of Joseph Deason the sum of one Dollar also one dollar to Joseph Deason my son in law I give to my son in law Henry Bailey and his two children Lerana and Elizabeth the children of my dear Daughter Delila Bailey one dollar each to be by Executors paid to them or their heirs if demanded. I also give to my son in law Adkin Corley the sum of one dollar I give to my son John Brown one Negro Woman named Fanny to him and his heirs for ever extra of a equal division. and I do hereby constitute and appoint my son John Brown and my friend William. Spirit Executors of this my last will and Testament and lastly I hereby revoke all former wills or parts of wills in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the Seventy Eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty.

Signed in the presence  
of William Harmon  
Berry Deason  
Esckiah F Smith

Joseph <sup>his</sup> Brown <sup>mark</sup> 

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

Personally came William Harmon one of the subscribing witnesses to the within paper and being sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God make oath that he was personally present and did see Joseph Brown 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 Berry Deason and Esckiah F Smith 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 20th  
of October A.D. 1853  
Matthew M'Donald  
C. A. D. ex officio

William Harmon

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

Having examined William Harmon one of the subscribing witnesses to the attached paper and being satisfied that it is true last will and Testament of Joseph Brown dec'd. Ordered that it be admitted to probate in common form 6 October 1853

Matthew M'Donald  
C. A. D. ex officio

## Last Will and Testament of Joseph Brown Decd (Cont'd)

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } . Personally came John Brown & William Trewit  
 named in the Will and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God  
 upon oath say that the within paper is the true last will of Joseph Brown 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 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 6<sup>th</sup> October 1833 }  
 Matthew M. Donald }  
 C. C. O. ex officio }  
 John Brown  
 William Trewit

## Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Hughes Decd.

In the name of God Amen! I Elizabeth Hughes of the State of South  
 Carolina and District of Abbeville, being of sound and disposing mind and  
 memory but weak in body, and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and  
 being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless  
 me with, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner follow-  
 -ing "viz".

1<sup>st</sup> "I will my body to the ground from whence it came and my soul to God who  
 gave it"

2<sup>nd</sup> "I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid."

3<sup>rd</sup> "I devise give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Ann Hughes Three hun-  
 -dred dollars in sealed notes of hand with the Interest thereon which I hold  
 in Nathaniel and Heskiah Hughes also one Leather Bed, 1 Bedstead and  
 furniture also one Roman Chair one Wax Wheel together with all my household  
 furniture & whatever else I may be possessed of at my decease except the hereinafter  
 bequests."

4<sup>th</sup> "I devise give and bequeath to my son Edward I Hughes One hundred  
 Dollars also one gray mare which he has received that is the mare;

5<sup>th</sup> "I devise give and bequeath to my son Heskiah Hughes Two Dollars

6<sup>th</sup> "I devise give and bequeath to my son James Hughes Two Dollars."

Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Hughes Decd (Continued)

- 7<sup>th</sup> "I devise give and bequeath to my son Geo. F. Hughes Two Dollars.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> "I devise give and bequeath to my son Nathaniel Hughes Two Dollars.
  - 9<sup>th</sup> "I devise give and bequeath to my son Alex. C. Hughes Two Dollars.
  - 10<sup>th</sup> "I devise give and bequeath to my Daughter Nancy Newe Two Dollars.
  - 11<sup>th</sup> "I devise give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Polly Malory Hughes and  
Leather Bed, Bedstead & furniture & one Spinning Wheel.
  - 12<sup>th</sup> And lastly I do constitute and appoint My son Nathaniel Hughes Executor to this  
my last will & Testament. Given under my hand & seal this Twelfth day of  
September "A.D." Eighteen hundred and forty nine.
- Signed sealed in presence  
of J. V. Martin Elizabeth <sup>her</sup> X Hughes <sup>mark</sup>  
Mahala Martin  
W. F. Martin

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Personally came W. F. Martin 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 Elizabeth  
Hughes sign seal publish and declare the attached 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 J. V. Martin and Mahala Martin 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 18 Oct 1853 } W. F. Martin  
Before Matthew McDonald  
C. P. O. ex officio }

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Having examined W. F. Martin one of the subscribing  
witnesses to the annexed paper and being satisfied that it is the true last  
will and Testament of Elizabeth Hughes: Ordered that it be admitted  
to probate in common form  
18 Oct 1853 }

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Personally came Nathaniel G. Kreeger named in  
the will and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God upon  
oath that the within paper is the true last will of the said Elizabeth Hughes  
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 and  
chattels will extend and the law charge 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

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Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Hughes Decd (Contd)

within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn to be for me

11 Sept 1837

William Hill.

o, a, D

A. G. Hughes

Last Will & Testament of Jane Hairston Decd

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

In the name of God. Amen

I Jane Hairston of the State and District aforesaid being frail in body but of sound and disposing mind and being admonished by my present bodily affliction that my life is short and also being desirous to make some disposition of my worldly effects do make & declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

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

Item 3<sup>rd</sup>

I give and bequeath to my beloved Nephew James Wesley Johnston son of Robert & Jane Johnston all my Slaves "viz", Rebecca, Jane S. George W. John T. Mary Ann, Rhody S. and Edney Francis with all their future increase and none of them to be sold or parted from each other.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup>

"It is my will and desire that my real Estate with my stock household and kitchen furniture plantation tools and all my <sup>effects</sup> (with the exception of my Slaves) be sold by my Executor and out of the proceeds my just debt to be paid and my grave to be well furnished as my Executor may deem proper.

Item 4<sup>th</sup>


It is my will and desire that the balance or what may remain on hand be divided share and share alike between Edwin Johnston Thos Johnston Rachael Martin William Grayson son of John Gray decd. William Gray son of Jas Gray decd Mary Ann Thompson and Sarah Jane Tomax daughter of John & Elizabeth Somax

Item 5<sup>th</sup>

It is my will and desire that my friend David Tillar Esq should act as the Executor of this my last will and Testament signed sealed published & declared and acknowledged to be my last Will and Testament this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifty three

In the

presence of - John W Somax  
Earlington Owens  
Elizabeth B Somax

Jane X Hairston   
mark

Last Will and Testament of Jane Hariston Deed (Cont'd)

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Personally came John W. Lomax one of the subscri-  
 -bing witnesses to the annexed paper and being sworn on the Holy Evan-  
 -gelist of Almighty God makes oath that he was personally present and  
 did see Jane Hariston sign seal publish pronounce and declare the annex-  
 -ed paper to be her last will and Testament and that the Testatrix  
 was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to  
 the best of his knowledge and belief that Garlington Snow and  
 Elizabeth B. Lomax together with himself and in the presence of the  
 Testatrix and in the presence of each other did sign their names  
 as witnesses to the due execution thereof

Sworn before me this  
 25<sup>th</sup> October 1853  
 Matthew McDonald  
 C. A. D. ex officio

John W. Lomax.

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Having examined John W. Lomax one of the  
 subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper and being satisfied that  
 it is the true last will and Testament of Jane Hariston - Ordain  
 that it be admitted to probate in common form.

25 Oct. 1853 }

Matthew McDonald  
 C. A. D. ex officio

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Personally came David Keller Esq named in  
 the annexed 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 Jane Hariston and that he will well and truly execute the same  
 by paying first the debt 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 25 October 1853  
 Matthew McDonald  
 C. A. D. ex officio

David Keller

Last Will & Testament of John Zimmerman Deceased,

In the name of God Amen!

I John Zimmerman of Abbeville District in the State of South Carolina being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding but old and infirm in body and calling to mind that I must soon die, do make and ordain this my last will & Testament "to wit"

1<sup>st</sup> - I will that all my just debts be paid, and to this end, I authorize my Executors herein after appointed to sell so much of my personal Estate as may be necessary for that purpose.

2<sup>nd</sup> - After the payment of all my debts I will and bequeath to my son Peter Zimmerman one Third of my whole Estate both real & personal said Legacy to be apportioned by <sup>any</sup> three or five freeholders who my Executor may select to appraise and divide my Estate. And to the end that my son Peter may enjoy the full benefit of this Legacy I do hereby appoint my Executor, Trustee of said portion to control and manage the same. It is my will that said bequest be always under the direction and management of the Trustee (for the use and benefit of my son) and at notice to be given up to the donor, or made liable for any debts which may have been contracted without the knowledge and consent of the Trustee and in the event my son Peter should die leaving no children it is my will that one half of this portion be given to his surviving widow and the other half remaining to be given to the surviving children of my deceased son Phillip Zimmerman.

3<sup>rd</sup> - I give and bequeath to Jackson Roundtree for his sole use and benefit one sixth (1/6) of my whole Estate that being one half of the portion which my daughter Mary Roundtree (now Deceased) would have inherited sharing equally with my other children said portion to be appraised and allotted as provided for in my son Peter's bequest. The other half of this my daughter Mary's portion I give to my son Peter Zimmerman and the surviving children of my deceased son Phillip Zimmerman and in the event of the death of either the said Jackson Roundtree or of my son Peter Zimmerman leaving no children it is my will then that the surviving children of my son Phillip Zimmerman inherit all the share of this my daughter Mary's portion.

4<sup>th</sup> - I will devise and bequeath the whole balance of my property of every description both real & personal to Mary Carolina and Phillip La Fayette the surviving children of my deceased son Phillip Zimmerman to them <sup>and</sup> their heirs forever share alike to be equally divided between them by three or five freeholders or by sale and division of the proceeds as my Executor shall think proper for the best interest of the children. And in the event of the death of either of my grand children Mary

Last Will and Testament of John Zimmerman "Dec<sup>d</sup>: (Cont<sup>d</sup>)

Mary Carolina or Philip La Fayette before arriving at the age of Twenty one years and leaving no heirs it is my will that the surviving children inherit one half of the portion of said deceased child and that the other half be given to the widow of my deceased son Philip Zimmerman "to wit" Frances Elizabeth Zimmerman and in the event of the death of both of my Grandchildren leaving no heirs it is my will that the said Frances Elizabeth Zimmerman inherit the portion of each of my Grandchildren respectively

5<sup>th</sup>

"I do hereby appoint my Executor Trustee of the Legacy therein bequeathed to my Grandchildren to manage and direct the same for their benefit until they arrive at the age of Twenty one years, or my Grand Daughter Mary Carolina shall marry.

6<sup>th</sup>

"It is my will and desire that the family Grave Yard be kept always neatly paved in and my Executor is hereby authorized to retain from my Estate before distribution a sum sufficient for this purpose,

7<sup>th</sup>

"I do hereby revoke and annul all former wills.

8<sup>th</sup>

"I do hereby appoint J. H. Hearst Executor of this my last will and Testament

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(interlined before signed,  
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal affixed my seal this the second day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three (1853)

Signed sealed and acknowledged  
as and for his last Will &  
Testament in our presence  
John Cothran  
Samuel Ferrin  
David Walker

John Zimmerman (Seal)

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

Personally came John Cothran one of the subscribing witnesses to the attached paper and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God makes oath that he was personally present and did see John Zimmerman sign seal publish pronounce and declare the attached 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 Ferrin and David Walker together with himself and in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Sworn before me this thirty first day of October A.D. 1853  
Before Matthew M. Donald,  
C. C. J., et. Offic.

John Cothran

## Last Will and Testament of John Zimmerman (Contd.)

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Having examined John Cathran one of  
 the subscribing Witnesses to the attached paper and being satisfied  
 that it is the true last will and Testament of John Zimmerman  
 Ordered that it be admitted to probate in common form.  
 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 1853 Matthew McDonald  
 C. A. D. ex. off.

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Personally came John W Hearst named  
 in the last 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 Zimmerman 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  
 Appraisalment of the Estate of the said deceased within the time  
 prescribed by law  
 Sworn to before me 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 1853 J. W. Hearst  
 Before Matthew McDonald  
 C. A. D. ex. off.

## Last Will and Testament of Margaret Kichey Deceased.

South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } In the name of God Amen  
 I Margaret Kichey of the District and State aforesaid being of sound  
 and disposing mind memory and understanding do constitute and  
 ordain this to be my last will and Testament.  
 I will bequeath & devise unto my Niece Margaret R Dunn the plan-  
 tation whereon I now live also my old place while she lives at her  
 decease to be sold & divided between my Brothers and Sisters also two  
 Negro boys Harry and Aaron while she lives at her decease Harry  
 to go to my Nephew William Dunn & Aaron to my Nephew Robert  
 Dunn, I also bequeath to Margaret R Dunn two Negro Girls Mary &



Last Will and Testament of Margaret Kichey deceased (Continued)

Hannah also her choice of one horse & year two sets of plows the Clock & Cupboard with one half of the contents also one half of the Household & Kitchen furniture the Dairy and contents my Books Loom & apparatus one large Spinning Wheel Syke and cradle the waggon and Harness also two cows & calves one sow and Pigs three Sheep all the Foultry as many of the Boxes & Bams as she may need also my saddle to her & her heirs forever also provisions for one year.

Item 3<sup>d</sup>. I will bequeath and devise unto Jane W Dunn daughter of my Nephew James Dums Needy one Negro Girl Lucy Ann also one half of the Household and Kitchen furniture also one cow & calf three Sheep also one half of my Books to her & her heirs forever.

Item 4<sup>th</sup>. I will and bequeath that all the balance and residum of my effects be sold and equally divided between my Brother & Sisters (viz) the heirs of Joseph Kichey Dec'd Alley Dunn James Kichey the heirs of John Kichey Dec'd the heirs of Robert Kichey Dec'd Nancy Hagon Ann Sharp & Mary Hawthorn

Item 5<sup>th</sup>. I do hereby constitute and appoint Robert & Andrew Dunn Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty three.

signed sealed & pronounced in the presence of Joseph Dickson  
T. G. Martin  
Isaac C. Kichey

Margaret Kichey  
her mark

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Personally came Joseph Dickson one of the subscribing witnesses to the attached paper and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God makes oath that he was personally present and did see Margaret Kichey sign seal publish pronounce and declare the attached paper to be her last will and Testament and that the Testatrix was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief that T. G. Martin & Isaac C. Kichey together with himself and in the presence of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof sworn before me 1<sup>st</sup> November 1853

Matthew McDonald  
C. A. D. ex officio  
Joseph Dickson

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Having examined Joseph Dickson one of the subscribing witnesses to the attached paper and being satisfied that it is the true last will and Testament of Margaret Kichey: Certified that it be admitted to probate in common form.

1 Nov 1853  
Matthew McDonald  
C. A. D. ex officio

Last Will and Testament of Margaret Kichey (Continued)

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Formally sworn Robert Dunn & Andrew Dunn  
 named in the last will and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of  
 Almighty God upon oath say that the within paper is the true last  
 Will of the said Margaret Kichey and that they will well and truly  
 execute the same by paying first the Debt 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> November 1853 }  
 Matthew McDonald }  
 C. C. P. ex. off. } Robert Dunn  
 Andrew Dunn

Last will and Testament of Sophia Smith (Deceased)

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } In the name of God Amen!  
 I Sophia Smith being in a feeble State of health but of a sound  
 and disposing mind and knowing that it is appointed once for  
 all men to die do make this my last Will and testament in the  
 following manner (Viz)  
 First I resign my body to the dust from whence it came and my  
 spirit to God who gave it.  
 I will and bequeath to my Daughter Rebecca and my daughter  
 Sophia and my son Daniel the tract of Land on which I now  
 live and also my Stock of Cattle and Hogs and the balance  
 of my property.  
 In witness whereof I have set my hand & seal this 31<sup>st</sup> October  
 the 31<sup>st</sup> day in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
 and fifty three and in the seventy eighth year of the independ-  
 -ence of the United State of America  
 Witness  
 Joshua Ashley }  
 John F. Hudson }  
 David Russell }  
 Sophia<sup>her</sup> & Smith<sup>mark</sup> Seal

Last Will and Testament of Sophia Smith (Continued)

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Formally came David Russell one of the sub-  
 scribing witnesses to the annexed paper and being sworn on the Holy Evan-  
 gelist of Almighty God makes oath that he was personally present and  
 did see Sophia Smith sign seal publish pronounce and declare the  
 annexed paper to be her last will and Testament and that the  
 Testatrix was of sound and disposing mind memory and under-  
 standing to the best of his knowledge and belief that Josiah  
 Ashley and John V Haddon together with himself and in the  
 presence of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other did  
 sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof  
 Sworn before me this 16<sup>th</sup> Novr 1853 }  
 Matthew McDonald }  
 C. A. D. ex offe }

David Russell.

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Having examined David Russell one of  
 the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper and being satisfied  
 that it is the true last will and Testament of Sophia Smith  
 Ordered that it be admitted to probate in common form  
 16 Novr 1853 }  
 Matthew McDonald }  
 C. A. D. ex. offe }

Last Will and Testament of David Sedards Deceased

The last Will and Testament of David Sedards of Abbeville Dist So Car  
 I David Sedards considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and  
 being and being of sound mind and memory do make and publish  
 this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following.

- First " I give & bequeath unto my beloved Wife all my Estate both real & personal  
 during her natural life & that one of my beloved Sons either Felix or Wiley will  
 remain with her as long as she should live the eldest has preference & in  
 case of refusal the second which is Wiley will take control of her mothers  
 business.
- Secondly After the death of my wife Sarah then my Estate both personal & real be sold  
 on 12 months time then equally divided between my three Sons Felix Wiley and

## Last Will and Testament of David Sedard Deco (Continued)

Freeman Sedard.

3rdly

All my just debts to be paid as soon after my decease as they can be at least out of the proceeds of the first crop if not on hand.

I hereby appoint my sons Felix & Wiley Sedards my Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills made by me. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty three.

Signed in presence  
of Thomas Ross  
Willis, B. Casen  
Thomas Mabry Kopp.

David Sedard  
mark

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Personally came Thomas Mabry Ross one  
of the subscribing witnesses to the within paper and being sworn on  
the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God make oath that he was person-  
ally present and did see David Sedard sign seal publish and declare  
the within paper to be his last will and Testament and that the  
Testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and under-  
standing to the best of his knowledge and belief - that Thomas Ross  
and Willis, B. Casen 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 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 1853.

Matthew M. Donald  
C. A. D. ex off.

Thomas Mabry Ross

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Having examined Thomas Mabry Ross one  
of the subscribing witnesses to the within paper and being satisfied that  
it is the true last will and Testament of David Sedard Ordered that  
it be admitted to probate in common form.

1<sup>st</sup> Nov 1853

Matthew M. Donald  
C. A. D. ex off.

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Personally came Felix Sedard 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 David Sedard 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 said District a true  
Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said

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deceased within the time prescribed by law.

Sum to Before me this 1<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1853

Matthew M<sup>d</sup> Donald

Q. C. Q. ex. off<sup>o</sup>

Felix Sedars.

Last Will and Testament of C. A. Smith (Deceased)

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District } I Charles A. Smith of the District and State aforesaid being of sound mind but weak in body and feeling that my end is near at hand do ordain and make this my last will and Testament.

1<sup>st</sup> It is my will and desire that my executor hereinafter named do sell all my real and personal Estate for the purpose of paying off all my just Debt.

2<sup>nd</sup> It is my will and desire that the said executor In case I should die before my present crop is made and gathered should take charge of my plantation Negroes and all other personalty and cultivate and attend to my <sup>said</sup> crop gather the same and sell the same in such a manner as he may deem proper and apply the same to the payment of my just debt.

3<sup>rd</sup> It is my will and desire that my said executor is hereby empowered to work such contracts in relation to my said farm and he is hereby authorized to pay himself out of the proceeds of said crop for all expenses he may incur and for his trouble in about the same.


4<sup>th</sup> It is my will and desire that the residue of my estate be given to my wife Mary during the term of her natural life for the support of herself and children and at her death to go to my children share and share alike.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my Brother Peter Smith Executor of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1853

Signed sealed and executed in the presence of us and we in the presence of the Testator.

William H. Smith  
his  
Ezekiel X. Sebel  
mark  
James Allen

Charles A. Smith 

## Last Will and Testament of C A Smith (Contd)

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Personally came William H Smith one of the  
 subscribing witnesses to the paper and being sworn on the Holy Evan-  
 -gelists of Almighty God makes oath that he was personally present  
 and did see Charles A Smith sign seal publish pronounce and  
 declare the annexed 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  
 Ezekiel Sebel & Samuel W Allen 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 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 1853 }

Matthew M Donald  
 C. A. D., ex. off.

William H. Smith

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Having examined William H Smith  
 one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper and being  
 satisfied that it is the true last will and Testament of Charles  
 A Smith ordered that it be admitted to probate in common form  
 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 1853

Matthew M Donald  
 C. A. D., ex. off.

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Personally came Peter Smith 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 Charles A Smith 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 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 1853 }  
 Matthew M Donald  
 C. A. D., ex. off.

Peter Smith

Last Will and Testament of Thomas M Duncan "deced"

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

In the name of God Amen!

I Thomas M Duncan 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 as it has 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 sister Nancy <sup>Ann</sup> Himminger all my lands comprised in two Tracts one called the Dellashaw Tract containing one hundred and ten Acres more or less and the other called the Gibert Tract the tract on which I now live containing One hundred Acres more or less and my three Negroes namely Harry Becky and her Child Eliza with their increase all the above named land and Negroes to be hers during her natural life but after her death I will all the above named two tracts of land and the three above named Negroes with their increase to the Children of my Niece Eleanor Janette Duncan McGrath

Second "I will that my executor hereinafter mentioned sell as much of my stock of Horses Cattle and Hogs as will pay my debts and after my debts are paid I will and bequeath unto my sister Nancy <sup>Ann</sup> Himminger all the remainder of my Estate not here above disposed of.

Lastly I do hereby ordain and appoint my two friends Jacob B Britt and James C Willard executors of this my last will and Testament revoking and disallowing all former wills and Testaments 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 seventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

Signed Published and declared by the said Thomas M Duncan 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

James H Britt }  
John M Davis }  
Mary A Hays }

Thos. M. Duncan 

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

Truly and lawfully sworn James H Britt one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid paper and being sworn

Last Will and Testament of Thomas M. Duncan (Contd)

as the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God make oath that he was personally present and did see Thomas M. Duncan sign read publish and pronounce and declare the annexed 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 M. Davis and Mary A. Hays 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Decr 1853

J. H. Britt

Matthew M. Donald

O. A. O. ex. off.

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

Having examined James H. Britt one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper and being satisfied that it is the true last will and Testament of Tho<sup>s</sup> M. Duncan (decd) - Ordered that it be admitted to probate in common form, This 3<sup>rd</sup> Decr 1853

Matthew M. Donald

O. A. O. ex. off.

Matthew M. Donald

O. A. O. ex. off.

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally came Jacob B. Britt one Exor named in the said 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 Tho<sup>s</sup> M. Duncan 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Decr 1853

Matthew M. Donald

O. A. O. ex. off.

J. B. Britt



Last Will, and Testament of Jane Donald dec'd

In the name of God Amen.

I Jane Donald (widow) of the District of Abbeville and State of South Carolina, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, but some what advanced in age, and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and being desirous to dispose of such worldly property as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following.

- 1<sup>st</sup> I will and bequeath all my Just Debts to be paid.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> I will and bequeath my negro man Antony and his wife Cicely to have the priviledge of Choosing whom they desire to live with and serve, and that they may be appraised by three men Chosen by my Executors and their value to be divided among the following of my heirs, that is Rachel Seague, deceased Heirs of her Body the heirs of James Atkins, deceased John Adams Abram Liles David Atkins Francis Atkins Joseph Atkins Thomas Atkins and Teresa Lifford And the Remainder of my property I allow it to be sold except the Household Furniture I will and bequeath to my two Daughters Jane Liles and Teresa Lifford the Remainder after my deceased to be sold as soon as consent and after all my just debts and Funeral Expenss are paid I allow it to be equally divided among the aforesaid heirs share and share alike I leave my son Joseph Atkins my Executor. Signed, Sealed and Declared for the last will and Testament of the within named Jane Donald in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty Three this 14<sup>th</sup> of September 1853

Singed in the presance of us  
Lewis Smith  
Bart<sup>l</sup> Jordan  
Thomas Jordan

her  
Jane X Donald (Lil)  
mark

South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Personally came Bart<sup>l</sup> Jordan 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 Mrs Jane Donald sign, seal, publish, pronounced and declare the within paper to be her last will and Testament and that the Testatrix was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief - that Lewis Smith and Thomas Jordan, together with himself, and in the presence of the Testatrix, and in the presence of each other, did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Sworn before us  
24<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1854  
W. Hill Clerk

Renunciation  
of  
ExecutorHenry County Georgia December 22<sup>d</sup> 1853.  
Wm Hill Esqr. Ordinary of Abbeville District.


Dear Sir.

Having understood that by the will of my late mother Mrs Jane Donald I am appointed her executor - Now Sir, as I live so remote, and it being so inconvenient for me to act in the premises, I would be glad to be relieved of the trust, and humbly relinquish, and quit claim the appointment of Executor, and authorize you as Ordinary to appoint any person agreeable to the parties in interest to administer said Estate with the will annexed

Given under my hand & seal this twenty second day of December 1853

Signed & sealed in  
the presence of

James Adams, J.P.

Joseph Atkins 

South Carolina } Personally came Francis Atkins, admr. l'fill  
Abbeville District } anny. of the within will and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God says that he believes the within paper is the true last will of the said Mrs Jane Donald, and that he will will 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 Ordinarys Office of the said District, a true and Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed by law, and also a Sale bill of said Estate.

sworn to before me

24 January 1854

Francis Atkins.

## Last Will & Testament of David Lesly

The state of South Carolina

I David Lesly of the village of Abbeville in the District of Abbeville State aforesaid being low and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding do make and ordain this my last will and testament

- 1 I will that all my just debts be paid
- 2 I give and bequeath to my sister in law Mrs Margaret McWhorter five hundred dollars
- 3 I give and bequeath unto Louisa Jane McWhorter daughter of W<sup>m</sup> McWhorter two thousand dollars (\$2000) and one of my two little negro girls Lucy or Nancy, my wife to determine which of the two girls she is to take
- 4 I give and bequeath unto my sister-in-law Eliza Kyle one thousand dollars and Little Rachael a negro girl about 9 years old

- 5 I give & bequeath to my niece Anna Louisa Norris wife of J. M. Norris five hundred dollars
- 6 I give & bequeath unto my niece Virginia Lesly five hundred dollars
- 7 I give & bequeath unto my two nephews John W. Lesly & Thomas Lesly each five hundred Dollars to be divided equally between them
- 8 I give devise and bequeath unto my wife Louisa all the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal of every nature and kind whatsoever to dispose of as she pleases, to her and her heirs and assigns for ever, any portion thereof to be sold by my executors to pay debts or legacies.
- 9 I appoint my wife Louisa, and my friends William M. Wharton & John W. Lesly executors of this my will and hereby revoke all former wills be one made and do publish and declare this to be my last will and testament this 3<sup>rd</sup> Febry 1854. signed sealed & published in our presence who have signed our names as witnesses hereto in presence of the testator & in presence of each other and at the request of D. Lesly this 3<sup>rd</sup> Febry 1854

William M. Hadden  
 James S. Cothran  
 Thos C. Perin

David Lesly *DS*

South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Personally Came William M. Hadden one of the subscribing witnesses to the <sup>within</sup> paper and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God makes oath that he was personally present and did see David Lesly sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare, the <sup>within</sup> paper to be <sup>his last</sup> the 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 James S. Cothran and Thomas C. Perin, 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 11<sup>th</sup> Febry 1854  
 William Hill *OTD*

W. M. Hadden

South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Having Examined William M. Hadden one of the subscribing witnesses to the <sup>within</sup> paper and being satisfied that it is the true last will and testament of David Lesly dec'd; Ordered, that it be admitted to Probate in common form.

William Hill. *OTD*

South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Personally Came John W. Lesly one of the <sup>named</sup> in the annexed will and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, upon oath say that the within paper is the true

last Will of the said David Lilly 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 <sup>the</sup> said District, a true Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of said deceased within the time prescribed by law

Sworn to before me 11<sup>th</sup> July 1854

William Hill

C49

John W Lesly

## Last Will & Testament of Thomas Riley dec<sup>d</sup>

The state of South Carolina Abbeville District

In the name of God, Amen!!!

I Thomas Riley, of the District and State aforesaid, being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding;

but calling to mind the uncertainty of life and being desirous of making disposition of my Estate and Property, do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore made

1 I direct the settlement and distribution of my Estate real and personal as follows. Immediately after my death I direct that my Funeral Expenses and just debts be paid out of the moneys that shall come first into the hands of my Executors from my Estate real and personal

2 To my wife Elizabeth I give and bequeath the Tract of Land upon which I now live and Three Slaves to wit Girl Dorky boy Bob and Joe to be hers my wife during her natural life and then to be distributed together with their future increase to my children their heirs and assigns forever

3 To My Son Henry. I give and bequeath one negro girl Kalda and her increase to be his, his heirs and assigns forever

4 I give and bequeath to my son Bert Riley One Negro girl Dianna to be his, his heirs and assigns forever

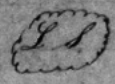
5<sup>th</sup> To my son Thomas Riley I give and bequeath a Note on Bert Riley for Two hundred Dollars

6<sup>th</sup> To My Daughter Maryann Riley I give and bequeath Girl Nance and her children John and Elya together with her future increase to be hers ~~hers~~ ~~hers~~ heirs and assigns forever also my young Gray Mare Two Cows and calves

7<sup>th</sup> Furthermore I desire that my wife keep all my stock of Cattle Cows and Hogs also Two horses also what provision may be on hand at my decease

8 I do hereby nominate and appoint my Sons Henry Riley, Thomas Riley and Bert Riley executors of this my last will and Testament

Witness my hand and seal this 1 of May 1853  
signed sealed  
acknowledged & published  
in the presence of  
Thomas Jones  
Robert Jones  
Mary Jones

Thos Riley 

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Personally came Robert Jones one of the sub-  
scribing Witnesses to the paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of  
Almighty God makes oath, that he was personally present, and did see Thos  
Riley 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  
Thomas Jones and Mary Jones 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  
11<sup>th</sup> February 1854  
William Hill  
C.D. )

Robert Jones

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Having examined Robert Jones one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within  
paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last Will and Testament of  
Thos Riley  
Ordered, that it be admitted to probate in common  
form

William Hill C.D.

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Personally came Henry Riley & Bert Riley, who is named in the ams<sup>d</sup> 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 Thomas Riley  
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 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  
13<sup>th</sup> February 1854  
William Hill  
C.D. )

Henry Riley  
Bert Riley

## Last Will & Testament of Ellen McCord

South Carolina } I, Ellen McCord of the State & District aforesaid, do  
 Abbeville District } make and Ordain this my last will and testament  
 First, I will and bequeath to John W. McCree and to Margaret C. McCree,  
 each one a bed and furniture to them and their heirs forever  
 Second, I Will and bequeath to my nephew James H. McCree one fourth  
 part of the remainder of my estate  
 Third, The remaining three fourths of my estate I will and bequeath to my  
 nephew John W. McCree and to my niece Margaret C. McCree to be  
 equally divided between them share and share alike, and if either the  
 said John W. McCree or Margaret C. McCree should die without  
 bodily heirs I will that the part of the one who should so die should in  
 that event go to the one surviving

I do hereby revoke all former wills made by me and ordain this my  
 last will and testament

I constitute and appoint James Carson Esqr and my nephew John W. McCree  
 executors of this my will

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
 March 1854

Signed sealed and acknowledged  
 in the presence of

D. S. Benson  
 J. A. Allen  
 W. J. Smith

Ellen <sup>her</sup> McCord  
 mark

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District }

Personally came D. S. Benson one of the subscribing Witnesses to the ann-  
 -id paper and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God  
 makes oath that he was personally present, and did see Ellen McCord  
 sign seal, publish, pronounce, and declare the annid 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 I, J. A. Allen & W. J. Smith 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

3 April 1854

William Hill

(A)

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

Having examined J S Benson one of the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last Will and Testament of Ellen McCord; Ordains that it be admitted to Probate in common form.

W. Hill. CJD

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

Personally came John W. McCord one of the execs named in the last 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 Ellen McCord 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

John W. McCree

3 Apr 1854

W Hill

CJD

Last Will & Testament of Samuel Irwin

In the name of God Amen!!!

I Samuel Irwin being now of sound mind, memory and understanding, calling to mind that I am mortal and in the usual course of nature cannot live long, and being desirous of disposing of my worldly estate, do make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore made

1. I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth my negro woman Niza and her two children Tilda & Mary Ann Elizabeth with their future increase, one horse of her own choice of those I own at the time of my death, & two cows & calves to be here absolutely; and I do farther give to her for and during her natural life, my man servant Newman and my tract of land known as the Hill tract, to be a home for her to live on and cultivate such portion thereof as she pleases, but no part thereof to be rented; and at the death of my wife I direct the said slave Newman & Hill tract of land to be sold and the proceeds to be divided between my son James & my daughter Jane, wife of William N. Pandy, so that my son James shall have one third thereof and my daughter Jane the other two thirds: - the share that Jane receives to be subject to the same restriction and limitations as are herein after provided as to her: this provision for my wife to be in lieu & bar of her dower

2 I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Eliza Jane Spillan

## (Will of Saml Swin Contd)

my negro girl Laura, child of Little Bet  
 4 I Give to my daughter Jane wife of William A Purdy for and during her life on subject to the following qualifications for her sole and separate use not subject to the Contracts debts or engagements of William A. Purdy her present husband, or any future husband my Slave Little Bet with all her increase except Laura, to wit Jane, Charlotte Anna, Henry & Margaret ~~and~~ all her future increase and also Alvey a child of Polly - and as her children come of age respectively, that is to say the children of my daughter Jane I give to them as follows to wit to James H Purdy the girl Alvey, to Elizabeth A Purdy the girl Margaret, to Samuel A. Purdy the boy Henry, to Margaret A Purdy the girl Anna, to Sarah S Purdy the girl Charlotte and to William A Purdy the girl Jane, the increase to go with their Mothers respectively. And in case my daughter Jane should die before my grandchildren aforesaid should arrive of age then I give to my grandchildren aforesaid the property above given to them respectively as though they were of age. And at the death of my daughter Jane I direct that Little Bet with all her future increase be sold and the proceeds, together with the portion that she may receive from the sale of the Hill tract of land and Newman, be equally Divided between all the children of the said Jane, the issue of any deceased child to represent the parent and take the share that the child if living would have taken

4. I give to my Grand son Samuel son of James, my girl Louisa child of Polly

5 I give to my grand son Robert son of James my girl Fanny - usually called Doo, a child of Polly

6 It is my will that my sister Bella Cowan should live with my son James, and be decently supported by him

7 I give the bequeath & devise unto my son James, my house tract of land on which I now reside and my slaves Polly and her child Israel together with all her future increase, and all the balance or rest and residue of my estate, both real and personal of whatsoever nature or kind the same may be, out of which I direct all my just debts funeral expenses & all other expenses of my estate to be paid, to be his absolutely & forever

8 I do hereby appoint my son James Executor of this will

I do hereby acknowledge and publish this to be my last will and testament


In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of September 1852

Signed sealed & published in presence of us  
 who have signed our

names in presence of testator

& at his request

this provision for my wife to be in lieu of

his  
 Samuel T Swin   
 mark



(Will of Saml Irwin Contd)

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Thos C Perrin

William H Parker

Thos Thomson

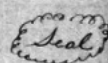
Codicil to the foregoing Will of Saml Irwin

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

Whereas I Samuel Irwin of the state and District aforesaid have made my last will and Testament in writing bearing date the \_\_\_\_\_ day of September eighteen hundred and fifty two; and in, and by which - in the second clause, I have given and bequeathed to Ellenor J. Spillers a certain negro Girl of the name of Laura.

Now therefore I do by this my writing, which, I hereby declare to be a Codicil to my said last Will and Testament direct and ordain and require my executor to see to it that the said Negro Girl Laura and her increase go to the sole and separate use, behoof and interest of the said Ellenor my grand daughter, and not be subjected to the payment of debts, contracts or control of the present husband of my said granddaughter, or any future husband that she may have. And on the death of my said Grand daughter my will is and I direct that the said negr Laura and increase (if any) be publicly sold, and the proceeds of said sale be equally divided amongst her children - that is to say the children of my said granddaughter - the child or children of a deceased child representing the parent

In testimony I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty ninth day of March A D 1854

Samuel <sup>his</sup> Irwin   
X <sub>mark</sub>

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Saml Irwin as a codicil to his last will and testament in presence of us who at the request of the said Samuel, and in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribed our names as witnesses

David Keller  
Andrew Robinson  
Richard Thompson

State of South Carolina  
Abbeville District

Having examined Richard Thomson one of the subscribing witnesses to the within Codicil to the Last will & Testament of Saml Irwin dec<sup>d</sup> and being satisfied that it is a true codicil to the said will Ordained that it be admitted to probate in common form

William Hall, C. J.

(Will of Saml Iruin contd)  
 Ordinary office  
 Abbeville District  
 9 May 1854

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Personally came Richard Thompson one of the  
 subscribing witnesses to the within Codicil to the last will & Testam-  
 ent of Saml Iruin decd and made oath that he was present and did  
 see Saml Iruin, sign, seal publish pronounce & declare the same  
 to be a Codicil to his last will & Testament: that the Testator, was  
 then of sound and disposing mind and memory to the best of his  
 knowledge and belief that David Keller, and Andrew Robertson  
 together with himself and in the presence of the testator and in  
 the presence of each other signed their names as witnesses to the  
 due Execution thereof  
 Sworn before me  
 9 May 1854  
 William Hill  
 C. J. D.

Richard Thompson

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Personally came William H. Parker  
 one of the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed paper, and being sw-  
 orn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God makes oath that  
 he was personally present: and did see Samuel Iruin sign,  
 seal publish, pronounce and declare, the annexed 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: C. Iruin and Thomas Th-  
 ompson 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  
 9 May 1854  
 William Hill C. J. D.

William H. Parker

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Having examined William H. Pa-  
 rker one of the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed papers, and  
 being satisfied that it is the true last will and Testament of  
 Samuel Iruin ; Ordered, that it be admitted to Probate  
 in Common form  
 William Hill C. J. D.

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Personally came James Iruin  
 Executor named in the annexed Will and being sworn on the  
 Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, upon oath says that the

within paper is the true last Will and Codicil of the said Samuel Irwin 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.

Shewn to before me

7th May 1854.

William Hill

O.A.D.

James Irwin

Last Will & Testament of Thomas Brough decd


Abbeville District } I Thomas Brough son of District and state South Carolina aforesaid, Farmer, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made: And first, I direct that my body be decently interred, and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate and situation in life; and as to such worldly estate as it has pleased God to entrust me with I dispose of the same as follows First I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my executors. I will and bequeath that my slave Wat (Carpenter) and Carpenters tools be sold either at private sale or publick outcry (as my executors herein after appointed may deem best) and the moneys accruing therefrom to be applied to the full payment of all my just debts if so much be necessary — I will and direct that all the lands which I have now in possession be divided into three equal portions — that the portion including the Homestead and out buildings being one third of said lands I will and bequeath to my wife Eveline during her natural life or widowhood and after her death or after expiration of her widowhood I will and bequeath said portion or third of land to my youngest son William Henry. The second portion of land including the settlement (now temporarily occupied by my son in law Albert A Humphries I will and bequeath to my oldest son John Fleming, and the third or remaining portion including the settlement now temporarily occupied by Mrs Katherine Lands I will and bequeath to my second son Thomas Jefferson. I will and bequeath my three slaves Sooky Daphne and Jonas to be kept during natural life or widowhood of my wife Eveline on the homestead portion of lands: their services under the direction of my wife with the advice of my aforementioned executors to support and clothe said wife Eveline my two daughters Francis Ann and Louisa Eveline and my son William Henry during their minority or until they marry if they marry under age. Also to give Louisa Eveline and and William Henry one year's schooling. At the expiration of my wife's widow-

hood or after her natural death I will and bequeath that said slaves Tockey Waphne and Tomas to be sold at the discretion of said Execut<sup>ors</sup> and moneys accruing therefrom to be apportioned out as follows viz I will and bequeath to my three children William Henry, Francis Ann, and Louisa Eveline two hundred Dollars each then the remainder of said moneys accruing from the sale of the three specified negroes to be distributed share and share alike among my six children Jane Elizabeth Humphries, John Flemming, Tho<sup>s</sup> Jefferson Francis Ann Louisa Eveline and William Henry. I further more will and bequeath my slave Eugenia to my daughter Francis Ann and my slave Amanda to my daughter Louisa Eveline in addition to their distributive share of the moneys accruing from sale of negroes Tockey Waphne and Tomas as specified above - I will and bequeath I will and bequeath that my household and kitchen furniture stock of hogs sheep cattle and horses poultry plantation and farming tools gin and thrasher and perishable property such as corn wheat &c bacon and lard &c to be and to remain on Homestead for the use support and benefit of my wife Eveline and above specified minors viz Francis Ann Louisa Eveline and William Henry during natural life or widowhood of my wife Eveline at her death or expiration of widowhood then said property to be sold by specified execut<sup>ors</sup> and distributed among my six children share and share alike - viz Jane Elizabeth Humphries John Flemming Tho<sup>s</sup> Jefferson Francis Ann Louisa Eveline and William Henry - my Interest if any in Brough land now in suit one hundred and eighteen acres Shalotoc survey when sold by said Execut<sup>ors</sup> to be equally distributed among my six above named children.

I direct that should any money after my just debts are paid not otherwise bequeathed remain that the said remaining money be loaned out with approved bond and security and that the interest yearly accruing therefrom to go to the use and benefit of my wife Eveline during her widowhood or natural life, and at her death or expiration of her widowhood the principal collected and equally distributed among the six above named children including again my daughter Jane Elizabeth Humphries.

I hereby appoint and ordain my neighbour J W Jones and my son John Flemming Brough Execut<sup>ors</sup> of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I Thomas Brough do Testator here to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal this the fourteenth of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in the presence of us who have  
subscribed in the presence of each  
other

T. Brough 

J. L. Brown  
James Macelvey  
C. Waller

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District

Personally came P<sup>r</sup> A Waller one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God makes oath that he was personally present and did see Thomas Brough sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the annexed paper to be his last Will and Testament—and that Testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief—that J<sup>r</sup> L Brown & J<sup>r</sup> Macelvey 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

24 April 1854

William Hill O.A.B.

P<sup>r</sup> A Waller

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District

Having examined P<sup>r</sup> A Waller one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last Will and Testament of Tho<sup>s</sup> Brough; Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in common form

William Hill O.A.B.

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District

Personally came John F Brough Esq named in the annexed 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 Thomas Brough 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 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 7 August 1854

William Hill

O.A.B.

John F. Brough.


# Last Will & Testament of Saml. G. Cook.

In the name of God, Amen: I Saml G Cook being of sound mind and disposing memory, considering the frailty & uncertainty of this life do make ordain proclaim & establish this my last Will & Testament, as follows. After my just debts are paid, I wish & so will that my farm on which E M Whatley now lives together with all my stock & provisions be left to my dear wife Louana & my little daughter Eugenia Gemina, & my Daughter Mary Whatley & her Husband, as a home for their support and maintenance. And in case my wife & my Daughter Mary & her Husband E M Whatley wish to discontinue or brake up the Farm, then my wish & will is that they have my estate appraised & divided into three equal shares. one share to go to my wife, one share to my Daughter Eugenia Gemina, & one share to my Daughter Mary Whatley & her Husband E M Whatley. My wife I wish to act as Guardian for my daughter Eugenia Gemina. All other effects not above disposed of I wish divided equally between my wife & Two Daughters

I hereby constitute & appoint My wife Louana & my son in law E M Whatley my Executors, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. This Twenty ninth day of April in the Year of Our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred & fifty four. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of us.

J. F. Webber  
S. S. Marshall  
Samuel Maxwell

Sam<sup>l</sup>. G. Cook   
his mark

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally came J. F. Webber, 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 Saml G Cook, sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare, the within paper to be his last will and Testament— and that Testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, to the best of his knowledge and belief— that S. S. Marshall and Sam<sup>l</sup> Marshall, 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  
3<sup>d</sup> June 1854. William Hill  
C. A. D.

J. F. Webber.

State of South Carolina }

Abbeville District } Having examined J. F. Webber one of the  
 subscribing witnesses to the within paper and being satisfied that it is  
 the true last Will and Testament of Sam<sup>l</sup>. G. Cook. Ordered, that it be  
 admitted to Probate in Common form.

William Hill. C. A. D.

State of South Carolina }

Abbeville District } Personally came E. M. Whalley one of the Equis  
 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 Sam<sup>l</sup>. G. Cook, and that he will well and truly execute  
 the same, by paying first the Debts and then the Legacies therein con-  
 tained, 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

Edmond M. Whalley.

3 June 1854


William Hill

C. A. D.

State of South Carolina }

Abbeville District } In the name of God Amen.  
 I, Mezekiah C. McCalvey of the state and District above  
 mentioned, being of sound and disposing mind do make and estab-  
 lish this my last Will and testament in manner and form as follows  
 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will that all my just debts be paid, and then that the  
 remainder of my property of whatever kind, and wherever situated I  
 give to my brother George W. McCalvey of the state of Texas. to him and  
 his heirs forever.  
 2<sup>d</sup> I do hereby appoint and constitute my brother James S. McCalvey of  
 Abbeville District South Carolina, and my brother George W. McCalvey of  
 the state of Texas Executors of this my will. In witness whereof I have  
 hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the thirty first  
 day of May A. D. 1854.

In presence of us  
 James Macalvey  
 Hugh McCalvey  
 M. O. Talman

M. C. McCalvey 

State of South Carolina }

Abbeville District } Personally came M. O. Talman 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 M. C. McCalvey, 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 Hugh McCalvey and James McCalvey  
 were his

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  
28 June 1854

M. O. Salmond

William Hill, C. J.

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

Having examined M. O. Salmond one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last Will and Testament of H C McElroy;

Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form

William Hill, C. J.

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

Personally came James I McElroy one of the Exors 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 Hezekiah C McElroy, and that he will will 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 29 June 1854

William Hill, C. J.

Ja<sup>s</sup> I McElroy.

Last Will and Testament of John Oliver dec<sup>d</sup>

South Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

I make and constitute this my last Will & Testament I give and bequeath all my Cash on hands at my death Notes Bills of accounts and Evidences of moneys due within my possession or that belongs to me to my sons (ie) Elijah Oliver James Oliver and George W Oliver to have and to hold in equal shares such cash and divide between them such notes Bills and Evidences of debts having reference to their values.

I give and bequeath to them in addition to what I have advanced in Cash dues debts and accounts I give and bequeath to my son Elijah of the moneys dues debts accounts &c above stated his share of the entire amount in Cash, I give and bequeath in addition to the above mentioned to my son Elijah Oliver the Tracts of land on which I reside containing thirteen hundred and forty four acres more or less and the following named Negroes (ie) Mose, & Fin his wife, and her children and Tom, and, Bob and wife and children & Isom



Wife & children one Wagon & Four Horses of his own choice and  
Ten head of Cows of his own choice & all my plantation Tools. I give  
and bequeath to my bodily heirs that of the negroes and other perish-  
able property belonging to me at this time and at the day of my departure  
from this life for them to have and to hold in equal shares (Except the  
above mentioned property given exclusively to Elijah Oliver) Between all  
the children (ie,) Elijah James George Elizabeth Susannah and Sarah.

In as much as the above stated in my will and testament I do hereby  
Constitute make and appoint my friend's James M Latimer & James  
Robuson Executors of this will Witness my hand and seal this the  
in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty -  
seven

John Oliver

William M Bell

Peter Gibert

Jas L Beck



State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally came William M Bell one of the  
subscribing Witnesses to the annexed paper and being sworn on the Holy  
Evangelists of Almighty God makes oath that he was personally present,  
and did see John Oliver sign, seal, pronounce, and declare, the annexed  
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 Peter Gibert & Jas L Beck, 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  
9th day of May 1854

William Hill O. A. D.

W. M. Bell

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

Having examined William M Bell one of  
the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed paper,  
and being satisfied that it is the true last Will and Testament of John Oliver  
Ordained, that it be admitted to Probate in Common form

William Hill O. A. D.

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally came James M Latimer Esq, named in the annexed  
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 Oliver, and that he will with and truly  
execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the Legacies therein contained, so far as the  
good 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 9th day of May 1854

William Hill O. A. D.

Jas M Latimer.

# Last Will & Testament of John E Allen dec<sup>d</sup>

The State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District

In the name of God - Amen.

I, Edward Allen being feeble in health but of sound and disposing mind and memory make and declare this to be my last will and testament -

Item 1<sup>st</sup> - I wish all my just debts paid

Item 2<sup>d</sup> After payment of my debts I will and direct and hereby bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah all my estate and property of every kind whatsoever during and for the term of her natural life.

Item 3<sup>d</sup> After the death of my wife Sarah I will and direct that she my wife Sarah shall have power to dispose by deed or will one half of the estate and property given to her for life, and should she not dispose of the same by deed or will then the one half is to go to her next of kin

Item 4<sup>th</sup> The other half of my estate and property of every kind whatsoever I will and bequeath after the death of my wife Sarah to be distributed among my next of kin according to the act of distributions of this state.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I desire my moneys and choses in action shall go and be held in the same way as the property already given and bequeathed - namely to my wife Sarah for life and then to be divided as above directed after her death.

Item 6<sup>th</sup> I appoint Thomas Thomson the Executor of this my last will and testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this second day of April Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

John E Allen 

signed sealed acknowledged and declared by Edward Allen to be his last will and testament in our presence who signed in his presence and in the presence of each other as witnesses thereto.

John F Livingston  
Benjamin F Hughes  
H Sells.

The State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District

I, John E Allen of said State and District being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding make declare and publish this as a Codicil to my last will and testament aforesaid dated

2<sup>d</sup> April A. D. 1853.

1<sup>st</sup> Item

From my monies choses in action or other property, if any part, but first from my moneys and choses in action I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved mother Jane L Allen the sum of Two Hundred Dollars.

2<sup>d</sup> Item

From my monies choses in action or other property in same manner as mentioned in the first item of this Codicil I give and bequeath to Eugene Allen the son of my brother Charles H Allen the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, to be expended in his education.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of June Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

John E Allen *(seal)*

Signed sealed declared and acknowledged and published by John E Allen as a Codicil to his last will and testament, he having requested us to attest as witnesses and he having signed sealed & in our presence and we in his presence and the presence of each other.

Wesley C Storwood  
Martin L Bullock  
J. Fraser Livingston.

South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Personally came B. P. Hughes 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 John E Allen sign seal, publish, pronounce, and declare, the within paper to be his last Will and testament of the said John E Allen, and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief that John F Livingston and C. H. Bullock, 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,

B. P. Hughes

Sworn before us this 23<sup>d</sup> August 1854  
William Hill, O. A. D.

South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Having examined B. P. Hughes, one of the subscribing Witness to the within paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last Will and Testament of John E Allen; Ordered, that it be admitted to probate in common form

William Hill, O. A. D.

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Having examined J. Fraser Livingston, one of the subscribing witnesses to the within Codicil to the last will and Testament of John E Allen did, and being satisfied that it is a true Codicil to the said last Will - Ordered that it be admitted to probate in common form

William Hill, O. A. D.

State of S. C. Abbeville Dist. Personally came J. Fraser Livingston one of the subscribing witnesses to the within Codicil, and made oath that he was *(present)*

present & did see John E. Allen, sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the same to be a Codicil to his last Will & Testament - that the said John E. Allen was then of sound and disposing mind and memory to the best of his knowledge & belief - that Wesley C. Stouwood and Martin Bullock together with himself, in the presence of the said John E., and in the presence of each other signed as witnesses to the due Execution thereof

J. Fraser Livingston

Sworn to before me 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup>. 1854  
William Hill O. A. D.

South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } In the Court of Ordinary.  
In the matter of John E. Allen, Will.

I Thomas Thomson having been appointed sole Executor by John E. Allen now dec<sup>d</sup>. of his last Will and Testament, renounced said right of Executorship and decline said trust.

Thos Thomson.

Aug<sup>r</sup>. 6. 1854

Last Will and Testament of S. J. C. P. Jones dec<sup>d</sup>

The state of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District. }

In the name of God Amen: -

I, S. J. C. P. Jones of Mount Pleasant, Abbeville District South Carolina, do make and publish this my last Will & Testament, as follows: -

- 1 I will & direct that all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid.
- 2 I will & direct that my Executors hereinafter named, do make sale of all my estate, both real & personal, & from the proceeds, or rather from the interest of the proceeds, if the interest be sufficient, if not sufficient, from the principal of the proceeds of such sale, pay to my wife Kellena Three hundred Dollars annually for her support & maintenance, if not sufficient for such purpose, he pay her an additional sum not exceeding One hundred dollars more.
- 3 I will & bequeath, after the death of my wife, out of said proceeds Fifteen Hundred Dollars to my niece Mary Elizabeth Jones, daughter of H. A. Jones Esq. to her & the heirs of her body, forever; with this injunction to my Executor - to have said sum so settled that it shall be in trust for the sole & separate use of my said niece not subject to the control, management, contracts, liabilities or indebtedness of any husband she may have: -

4. I will & bequeath a similar sum to wit, Fifteen hundred Dollars to my niece Sarah Pickling Jones the second daughter of my brother H. A. Jones to her & the heirs of her body forever. Subject to like trusts & restrictions, after the death of my said wife, out of said proceeds: -
5. Should my said wife marry again, the provision I have made for her in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Clause of my will, I will & direct that my Executor, restrict & limit to Two Hundred Dollars, to be paid her for her sole & separate use, not to be subject to the management, control or liabilities of her husband, annually instead of the sum of Three hundred Dollars: -
6. I will & bequeath to my two nieces Eugenia Barmoe & Frances Barmoe, daughters of Enoch Barmoe Esq., out of the proceeds of my Estate, sold as contemplated, each Three hundred & fifty dollars to be paid by my Executor, after the death of my said wife, subject to like trusts & limitations to the bequests to my nieces just above named
7. I will & direct that my Executor pay to my niece Mary Townes Jones, and Calhoun Jones, children of Dr. A. S. Jones, of Wetumpka Ala - each Five Hundred Dollars, out of the proceeds of my Estate as aforesaid to be paid them by my Executor, after the death of my said wife - which I will, & bequeath to them & their heirs forever.
8. Should either of my said nieces die without leaving children living at their death, my will & desire is that the portion above given to them, be given & vested in the surviving sister of such deceased, subject to the same trusts as above: and the portion to my nephew, should he die not leaving children, be vested in his surviving sister. -
9. My nephew D. F. Jones is now indebted to me by notes in the sum of about Seven hundred & forty dollars: should this not be paid during my life, I will that the indebtedness be cancelled & his notes as now existing be delivered up to him by my Executor: -

At present my estate consists altogether in notes, moneys, & choses in actions - I having sold my land & negroes to my brother H. A. Jones, but should I own land & negroes at my death, I will & desire that the same be subject to the dispositions of this my last will & testament as effectually as if I were now seized & possessed of the same.


10. All the residue of my estate after the death of my said beloved wife I will & bequeath to my two nieces first above named, to wit Mary Elizabeth & Sallie Pickling Jones, subject to like trusts & limitations as the portions first given to them, & in case of the death of either without leaving children living, the part of that one, to be vested in the survivor - This residue to be divided share & share alike

11. Except the old clock, family Bible, chest & folding table, which articles I here give to my niece Sallie F. Jones, & Library of Books which I give to my nephew R. F. Jones. I will the rest of my Household furniture to my said wife, - except one set of China I now have which I will to Eugenia Barmoe.
12. I will & bequeath Three hundred & fifty Dollars out of the proceeds of my estate after the death of my said wife, to my niece Sarah Williamson, Three hundred & fifty Dollars subject to like trusts as the abe bequests. & in case of her death not leaving children, to Mary Fraynhaw, & her heirs forever -

I constitute & appoint my brother A. A. Jones, Executor of this my last will & testament - hereby empowering him to sell & convey any real Estate I may die seized of, for the purpose of carrying out this will -

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal, this sixteenth day of January A. D. One thousand eight hundred & fifty four.

Signed, sealed, published & declared  
in the presence of us who have signed  
the same in presence of the testator & of  
each other.

S. J. C. P. Jones 

Isaac Branch }  
W. C. Davis }  
J. H. Wilson }

South Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

Personally came John M. Wilson 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 S. J. C. P. Jones, sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the said paper to be the last will and Testament of himself, and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding, to the best of his knowledge and belief - that Isaac Branch & William C. Davis, 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

J. M. Wilson.

29 August 1854

William Hill O, A, D

South Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

Personally came A. A. Jones Executor, named in the within Will and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God on oath says that the within

paper is the true last Will of the said S. J. C. P. Jones, 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.

Suom to before me 29 August 1854  
 William Hill O. A. D. H. A. Jones

South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Having Examined John H. Wilson, one of the  
 Subscribing Witnesses to the within paper, and being satisfied that  
 it is the true last Will and testament of S. J. C. P. Jones -  
 'Ordered that it be admitted to probate in common form.  
 29 Aug<sup>r</sup> 1854. W. Hill, O. A. D.

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 Last Will & Testament of Samuel Cowan dec<sup>d</sup>  
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
State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } In the name of God Amen. I, Samuel  
 Cowan of the State and District aforesaid being 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, demise bequeath, and dispose of the same in the following  
 manner and form.  
 First I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Jane Cowan, All my  
 landed Estate consisting of Two Plantations or Tracts of land, both lying  
 in the District aforesaid, One lying in the fork of Little river and Long-  
 cane creek containing about Two hundred and ninety seven Acres more  
 or less, and the other the Plantation on which I now live containing  
 about Two hundred and forty four acres more or less, and my Brough  
 and Two Hides of her own selection out of my stock of Horses, and all my  
 household and kitchen furniture except such as I may hereinafter dis-  
 pose of. Together with Ten Negroes namely Ben Sarah with her future  
 increase Wash Andrew Stephen Susan Newman Francis Green &  
 Mlick. All the above property and its proceeds to be held for her own  
 use and Comfort during her life under the especial care and manage-  
 ment and Control of my Executors hereinafter mentioned. But at her  
 death all the above named property to be sold by my Executors hereinafter  
 mentioned and the Proceeds of said sale to be equally divided between my  
 Eight children, namely Robert Simpson Cowan Shepperd Groce Cowan  
 Amanda Tolbert Wade Cowan William Nixon Cowan Edmund Cowan  
 Charles Wesley Cowan and Mary Jane Cason.

As I have already given off a certain portion of my Personal  
 Estate to my above named Eight Children I now will that all the  
 (Remainder)

remainder of my Estate be sold by my Executors hereinafter mentioned and out of the proceeds of said sale all my Just debts to be paid and the remainder if any to be equally divided between my above named Eight Children

And lastly I do hereby ~~ordain~~ and appoint my Son Edmund Cowan and James C Willard Executors of this my last Will and Testament revoking and disallowing all former Wills and Testaments heretofore 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 the fifteenth day of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Fifty one.

Signed, published, pronounced  
and declared by the said Samuel Cowan  
as his last Will and Testament in the  
presence of us who in his presence and  
in the presence of each other have here-  
unto subscribed our names.

Samuel Cowan 

A. A. Noble  
J. B. Willard  
J. S. Willard

South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Personally came A. A. Noble, one of the subscribing  
Witnesses to the within paper and being sworn on the Holy Evange-  
lists of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally present  
and did see Samuel Cowan, sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and  
declare the within paper to be the last Will and Testament of him  
the said Saml Cowan, and that the Testator was of sound and  
disposing mind, memory and understanding, to the best of his  
knowledge and belief - that J. B. Willard and J. S. Willard,  
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

A. A. Noble

4 September 1854

William Hill O. A. A.

South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Having examined A. A. Noble, one of the  
subscribing Witnesses to the within paper, and being satisfied that  
it is the true Last Will and Testament of Saml Cowan dec'd  
Ordain, that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.

William Hill. O. A. A.

South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Personally came Edmund Cowan & James  
C. Willard Executors named in the within will, and being sworn on the  
Holy Evangelists of Almighty God say that the within paper is the  
true last Will of the said Samuel Cowan, and that they will <sup>well</sup> <sub>well</sub>



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 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  
4 Sept 1854.  
William Hill, C. D. & D }

Last Will and Testament of John Gray decd.

The State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

In the name of God. Amen.

I, John Gray of the state & District aforesaid being of sound and disposing mind and memory but weak in body, and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and that it is appointed for all men once to die; do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament in & form following (viz) first I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it & my body to be decently interred in a Christian manner.

Item, It is my will & desire that all my just debts be paid out of the notes on hand which I believe will be amply sufficient & fifty dollars, to the Southern board of foreign Missions to constitute my son the Rev. Mr. A Gray a life member that money to be sent to the Rev. J. L. Merrick missionary to Persia. —

Item, It is my will & desire, that my beloved wife Elizabeth shall have a negro girl Ailey during her natural life at her death the s<sup>d</sup> Ailey with her increase if any be Equally divided by appraisement between my sons Mr. A and John H Grays also that my wife Elizabeth have all my household & kitchen furniture one horse or its equivalent in money also that each of my sons pay their mother during her life One thousand dollars each per Annum if she should require it during her life & at her death she make such a distribution of the above property as she sees proper except the Girl to be disposed of as above stated

Item, It is my will and desire that my son John H Gray have all my lands more or less my waggon, horses, plantation tools, & clock, also I give to my son John H, a negro Girl named Chany & to my son Mr. A Gray a negro boy named Bolaver the s<sup>d</sup> negroes Chany & Bolaver to be appraised & John H to pay Mr. A Gray the difference in valuation so as to make them equal.

Item, It is my will & desire that the ballance of my negroes ten in number be equally divided between my sons Mr. A Gray & John Harris Gray by appraisement in such a manner as will, most satisfactory also that my son John H. Gray take all my stock of Cattle & Hogs by appraisement & pay one half of their valuation to my son Mr. A Gray so that each one may share and share alike

Item, It is my will & desire that my present crop of cotton be sold & all expenses paid & one third of the proffitt be given to my beloved wife Elizabeth one third to my son Mr. A Gray and one third to my son

son John Harris Gray

Item. It is my will & desire that my Grandson Mr. A. G. Boyd have One Thousand Dollars out of my Estate for the purpose of giving him a good Classical education provided he be capable of taking such if otherwise to get it in Cash when he arrives at the age of Twenty one & should he the s<sup>d</sup> Mr. A. G. Boyd die without heirs that is without legitimate heirs of his own body the money to remain with my own legatees the money to be paid to Mr. A. G. Boyd by Mr. A. Gray paying five Hundred Dollars out of his distributive share & John H. Gray paying Five Hundred dollars out of his distributive share each without Int. when the s<sup>d</sup> Mr. A. G. Boyd comes to the age of Twenty one

And lastly I do hereby nominate constitute & appoint my son John Harris Gray my Executor of this my last will & Testament hereby revoking and annulling all & every other will and Testament by me heretofore made and ratifying and confirming this and no other as my last will and Testament.

Signed sealed published & declared by the said John Gray as & for his last will & Testament in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence & in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses therunto this Twenty first day of October I the year of Our Lord 1837

Wm Brooks

Henry Penny

And<sup>r</sup> Gillespie Sen

John Gray 

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

Personally came And<sup>r</sup> Gillespie Sen: one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God makes oath that he was personally present, and did see John Gray sign, seal, publish, pronounced, and declare, the annexed 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 Wm Brooks and Henry Penny 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

23 September 1854

William Hill

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And<sup>r</sup> Gillespie Sen

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

Having examined Andrew Gillespie one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and Testament of John Gray; Ordered, that it be admitted to Probate in Common form

23 Sept 1854

William Hill, O. A. D.

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

Personally came John Harris Gray Esq, named in the annexed 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 Gray, 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

John H. Gray

23 Sept 1854

William Hill O. A. D.

The Last Will and Testament of Thomas Gordon dec<sup>d</sup>.

In the name of God! Amen.

I, Thomas Gordon of Abbeville District and State of South Carolina being at this time in the possession of my mental faculties, though frail in Body, taking into consideration the uncertainty of this mortal life, and knowing that I soon must die, do, in consequence now make this as my last will and Testament.

First, I commend my soul to Almighty God, through the merits of the Great Redeemer Jesus Christ, and my body to the dust, from whence it was taken, - to be buried in a decent manner.

Secondly

I order all my just debts to be paid as soon as possible after my decease as possible, and as much of my property to be sold by my Executors, for this purpose as they may deem most proper

Thirdly.

I will and bequeath, and devise all my remaining property - both Real and personal to my beloved wife Mary, during her widowhood, but should she marry again, then and in that case, or at her death, I order and devise, Will and bequeath, a certain negro Girl about nine or ten years of age - of the name of Sally, as well as her future increase, to my daughter Nancy Elizabeth, to her and her heirs forever.

Fourthly, I devise and order in the event of my wifes mar-

age, or death that my executors sell all the balance of my estate, both real and personal to the highest bidder, and I bequeath to my said wife Mary one third of the proceeds thereof, and the remaining two thirds, I direct to be equally divided amongst my children by my said wife Mary - namely, my sons Thomas, Abraham, James, Robert, and my daughter the aforementioned Nancy Elizabeth.


Fifthly

I hereby appoint my sons William and Thomas Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby and herein revoking and annulling all former wills and Testaments by me made, and establishing this as my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this seventh day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty three, and in the seventy eighth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Signed, Sealed, Published & declared by Thos<sup>d</sup> Gordon the testator, as his last Will & Testament in the presence of us: who at his request, and in the presence of each other and in the presence of the testator, signed our names as witnesses the day and year above written.

David Keller  
Andrew Robison  
Jas Cunningham

his  
Thos<sup>d</sup> X Gordon   
mark

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

Personally came Andrew Robison 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 Thomas Gordon, 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 David Keller & Jas Cunningham 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

7th October 1854

William Hill  
D. A. D.

Andrew Robison

State of South Carolina } Having examined Andrew Robison, one of  
 Abbeville District } the subscribing witnesses to the within paper  
 and being satisfied that it is the true last Will of the said Thomas  
 Gordon; Ordain, that it be admitted to Probate in common form  
 7 Oct 1854 William Hill, O.A.D.

State of South Carolina } Personally came Thomas Gordon Esq name  
 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 Thomas Gordon 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 good 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 pre-  
 scribed by Law  
 Done to before me Thomas Gordon  
 7 October 1854  
 William Hill O.A.D.

Last Will and Testament of Wiley Kemp decd

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } In the name of God Amen  
 I Wiley Kemp of the State & District aforesaid being  
 frail in body, but of sound & disposing mind and being admonished by  
 my present affliction that my life is short, and also being desirous to make  
 some disposition of my worldly effects, do make and ordain this my last  
 will and testament.  
 And first I Consign my body to the dust from whence it came, and my  
 spirit to God who gave it.  
 Item 2<sup>d</sup>. It is my will and desire, that after my decease, that as much of my per-  
 sonal estate be sold by my Executor as may be necessary to pay my just debts.  
 Item 3<sup>d</sup>. It is my will that after my just debts are all paid and settled by my  
 Executor, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Samina Kemp all my  
 Real and personal Estate (viz) Land and plantation Negroes with stocks of  
 various kinds such as horses, Cattle, hogs, household and kitchen furni-  
 ture, and all my Estate that may remain after my just debts are paid. This  
 property that is left to my beloved wife Samina Kemp in this my last will  
 and Testament is to her entire to do and dispose of as she may see proper.  
 Item 4<sup>th</sup>. It is my will and desire that my friend John S. Keller should act  
 as Executor of this my last will and Testament, - Signed sealed, published &  
 declared & acknowledged to be my last Will and Testament, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
 December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty three and  
 seventy ninth of American Independence  
Wiley Kemp  
 make

In the presence of  
David Keller  
Joseph M Ellis  
John E Ellis. Jur

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Personally came David Keller 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 Wiley Kemp, 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 Joseph M Ellis, and John E Ellis  
jur: 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 Execu-  
tion thereof.

Sworn before me  
20<sup>th</sup> October 1854

William Hill, J. C. D.

David Keller.

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Having examined David Keller one of the  
subscribing witnesses to the within paper, and being satisfied that it is  
the true last Will and Testament of Wiley Kemp deceased: Ordered  
that it be admitted to Probate in Common form

William Hill, J. C. D.

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Personally came John I Keller Esq 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 Wiley Kemp, 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  
20<sup>th</sup> October 1854

William Hill, J. C. D.

John I. Keller.

Last Will and Testament of David Walker dec<sup>d</sup>.

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


I, David Walker being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament. -

Item 1<sup>st</sup>. After my death when my crop is prepared sale I wish my Executor to sell all my property except my land, on a credit of twelve months with interest from the date. -

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> If my children wish to come together on my land it is my wish for them to do so but at any time they may wish to separate it is my wish for my Executor to sell my land or to have it appraised and any one or more of them can take it at the appraisement, and if they remain together until my youngest son John Fletcher comes of age then I wish it to be sold

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> At the death of my aunt Shelmut, my Executor will claim the two negro willed to me by my friend Shelmut and take possession of them, and if either of my children wish to keep them let them take them at a fair appraisement if not they must be sold to the highest bidder and when all demands against my estate is settled each of my children are to have an Equal share of my Estate.

Item 4<sup>th</sup>. I hereby appoint my friend Irvin Hutchinson my Executor of this my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal - this twelfth day of September Eighteen hundred and fifty four 1854  
Signed sealed and deliv<sup>ed</sup>

David Walker 

in presents of us

Mr Hutchinson

Edmund Walker

J. S. Chipley

State of South Carolina }

Abbeville District }

Personally saw J. S. Chipley one of the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God makes oath that he was, personally present, and did see David Walker sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare, the annexed 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 Mr Hutchinson and Edmund Walker - 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

26 October 1854

J. S. Chipley

William Hill, O. A. D.

State of South Carolina }

Abbeville District }

Having examined J. S. Chipley one of the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and testament of David Walker dec<sup>d</sup>. Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in common form - 26 October 1854

William Hill, O. A. D.

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Personally came Irvin Hutchison Esq. named  
 in the annexed 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 Walker 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 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 26 October 1854

Irvin Hutchison,

William Hill s.a.d.

### Last Will and Testament of Delila Corin decd.

In the name of God Amen.

I Delila Corin of Abbeville District and State of South Carolina, sound  
 of mind and memory thanks be to God for the same calling to mind  
 the mortality of my body I ordain this for my last will and testament  
 that is first of all I commit my soul into the hands of God who gave it  
 and my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian manner and as  
 touching my worldly Estate which it has pleased God to bless me I give  
 Bequeath and dispose in the following manner. Viz

In the first place I appoint Lewis Corin Executor to this my will  
 I give and bequeath to my granddaughte Louisa E Corin daughter of  
 Joseph Corin and her childred a negro Girl Eliza and one read spotted  
 heifer (Sprunk)

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Mc Allister the wife of Thomas  
 Mc Allister and her childred one negro woman Rose. I give and Bequeath  
 to my daughter Loucinda I Mc Allister wife Andrew Mc Allister and  
 my daughter Sarah A Corin my Interest in the land belonging to the  
 Estate of John F Corin which is one one third.


I also give to My 2 daughters Sarah A Corin and Loucinda J  
 Mc Allister all of my household and kitchen furniture and all of  
 my stock consisting of hogs and Cattle and one horse.

As respects my debts I order and request that they be paid Equally  
 between Andrew Mc Allister Thomas Mc Allister and Sarah A Corin

I Give and bequeath to my son Laymeth S Corin and James W Corin  
 David S Corin and Joseph L Corin each one dollar to be paid out  
 of my estate,

Witness my hand and seal this 28 of Sept in the year of our  
 Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

Signed Seel in the present

Delila Corin 

J. J. Guillebeau

J. W. Harmon

J. J. Guillebeau

P. B. Moragne



State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Formally came J. J. Guillebeau, one of the  
 subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and  
 being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God makes oath that he was  
 personally present, and did see Delila Cowan sign, seal, publish, pronounce  
 and declare the annexed paper to be her last Will and Testament - and  
 that the Testatrix was of sound and disposing mind, memory and under-  
 standing, to the best of his knowledge and belief - that P. L. Guillebeau  
 John Harmon & P. B. Moragne, together with himself, and in the presence  
 of the testatrix, and in the presence of each other, did sign their names as  
 witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Sworn before me this  
 24<sup>th</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 1854  
 William Hill O. A. D.

J. J. Guillebeau

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } Having examined J. J. Guillebeau one of  
 the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being satisfied that  
 it is the true last Will and Testament of Delila Cowan; Ordain, that  
 it be admitted to Probate in common form

William Hill O. A. D.

The State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District }

To William Hill Ordinary of Abbeville District.

J. Lewis Cowin, having been appointed Executor of the last Will &  
 Testament of Delila Cowan dec<sup>d</sup>. - and as it is inconvenient for me to  
 accept said appointment, I hereby notify you as Ordinary that I, now  
 and always will, refuse to qualify as Exec<sup>r</sup>. and utterly relinquish the  
 right, and authorize you to appoint any suitable person as Administrator  
 with the will annexed

24<sup>th</sup> Oct 1854.

Lewis Cowin

Last Will and Testament of John Hunter dec<sup>d</sup>

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville District } In the name of God Amen:

I, John Hunter of the state and District aforesaid, being of sound mind  
 an memory, and calling to mind the uncertainty of life, and being desirous to  
 dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, do  
 make and ordain this my last Will in manner following, that is to say,  
 1<sup>st</sup>. I will and bequeath to my wife Jane all my negroes, whose names are as follows  
 Linda, Elizabeth Quintine, Frances, Ann, Emily, Martha, and Cornelia, to be  
 hers in fee simple forever, these my negroes to be appraised by five disinterested  
 persons, four of whom are to be chosen by my Executor and Executrix, and the other  
 to be chosen by the appraisers themselves, and I desire that half the amount of  
 whatever they may be appraised at, to be divided between the other persons hereinafter  
 mentioned in this my will. I also will and bequeath unto her, half my tract of  
 land after being sold or appraised as the case may be, if appraised, this to be  
 (done)

done by the persons chosen as above. I also bequeath unto her my watch, and whatever of household goods or furniture she may choose, and also whatever provisions she might need while remaining on the premises.

2<sup>nd</sup> I will and bequeath unto William Washington Hunter, one fourth the amount of my tract of land after appraisement or sale as the case may be, to him and his bodily heirs forever. I desire also that William W Hunter receive one fourth the amount of whatever the above named negroes may be appraised at. I also will to him my rifle Gun, which is to be his.


3<sup>rd</sup> I also will and bequeath to Margaret Porterfield, John St Porterfield and Mary Porterfield one fourth the amount of my tract of land, either at the appraisement or sale as the case may be.

My desire is, that Margaret Porterfield and John St Porterfield & Mary Porterfield also receive one fourth the amount of whatever the above named negroes may be appraised at. These amounts to be divided equally between them. The whole amount to be held by William W Hunter as their trustee or Guardian to be dealt out to them at what time and in whatever way he thinks proper. He also having the power to lend it out in the most profitable manner.

4<sup>th</sup> I desire that the remainder of my personal property be sold, and whatever notes or moneys on hand to be applied to paying my just debts and funeral expenses. And the surplus to be divided as follows: one half to go to my wife Jane, one fourth of the whole amount to Wm W Hunter and the other fourth to be distributed equally between Margaret Porterfield, John St. Porterfield, and Mary Porterfield, these to be subject to the same restrictions as mentioned above.

Likewise I make constitute and appoint William W Hunter executor, and my wife Jane Executrix of this my last Will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. Giving my Executor and executrix full power to sell any property that may have to be sold whether land or other property.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, the ninth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four

John Hunter 

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said John Hunter in our presence, and acknowledged by him to each of us: and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument so subscribed to be his last Will and testament, and we, at the testator's request, and in his presence, have signed our names as witnesses hereto.

W. K. Bradley  
John Bradley  
J. F. McComb.

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

Whereas, J. John Hunter of the State and District aforesaid have made my last Will and testament in writing bearing date the ninth day of September in the year of our Lord one