

admitted to probate in common form,
13 Augt - 1855.

William Hill
C. J.

State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District

Personally came Marcus A. Cross Esq named
in the within will and being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God
upon oath says that the within paper is the true last will of the said
W. S. Ross 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
13 Augt 1855
William Hill
C. J.

M. A. Cross
Esq

Last Will and Testament of Elijah Oliver decd,

State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District

In the name of God Amen. I Elijah Oliver -
being sound and disposing mind and memory but weak in body and
calling to mind the uncertainty of life and being desirous to 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.st I give to my Brother James Oliver Fifty dollars.
- 2.^d I give to my Sister Elizabeth Robinson Fifty dollars
- 3.^d I give to my Sister Susan Linchcomb Fifty dollars
4. I give to my Sister Sarah A Terrel Fifty dollars

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

all my Estate coming to me under the will of my Father
consisting of Land Negroes money and all other Property whatever
nature or kind it may be I desire to be disposed of by my Executors
as above stated and all the proceeds there off after paying my
just debts and funeral expenses I give to my Brother George W
Oliver to be paid over to him by my Executors in money with the
other Legacies given to my other Brother and Sisters, the Negro men
coming to me under the will of my Father that has wives from
Homa I desire to be sold by my Executors to the men owning these
wives at the sum of seven hundred dollars Each One of them, and
should the men owning these wives refuse to take them at the

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seven hundred dollars they will then be sold as the balance of my Estate
at public sale.

Should the will of my Father be broke as it is now in suit
for trial, I desire that my Executors shall receive from the administration
of my Father's Estate the whole interest coming to me as a Legatee
from said Estate and apply it as I have before stated in my will

Should my Father's will stand as a Valid Will my Executors
will demand and receive from the Executor of said will all that
is coming to me and dispose of in the above described manner.

and Lastly I constitute and appoint Saml L. Hill and
James T. Allen Executors of this my last will and Testament by me
heretofore made in testimony whereof I have herunto set my hand and
fixed my seal this the 14th day of July in the year of our Lord one
Thousand Eight hundred and fifty five signed sealed published and
declared as and for the last will and Testament of the above named
Elijah Oliver in the presence of us

Alex^r Oliver
James C. Harper
J Foster Hill

Elijah Oliver

State of South Carolina

Athens District } Personally came J Foster Hill 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 Elijah Oliver sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare
the within paper to be his last will and Testament - and that the Testa-
tor was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, to the
best of his knowledge and belief - that Alex^r Oliver & James C. Harper
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.

J Foster Hill

sworn before me this

16 Aug^t 1855 -

William Hill

O. A. D.

State of South Carolina

Athens District } Having Examined J Foster Hill one of the
Subscribing witnesses to the within paper and being satisfied that it
is the true last will and Testament of Elijah Oliver decd. Ordered
that it be admitted to probate in common form

16 Aug^t 1855 -

William Hill

O. A. D.

(Last Will & Order died cont'd)

State of South Carolina {

Abbeville District } Personally came Saml L. Hill & James J. Allen
 Executors named in the within will and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of
 Almighty God upon oath says that the within paper is the true last will
 of the said Elijah Oliver and that they 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 chattles 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

16 Augt 1855

William Hill

Ord.

Saml L. Hill
 James J. Allen

Last Will and Testament of Margaret Parker decess

State of South Carolina {

Abbeville District } In the name of God Amen I
 Margaret Parker of the State & District aforesaid being afflicted
 in body but of sound mind, memory understanding, do make and
 ordain this to be my last Will and Testament. First I commit my Soul
 into the hands of God who gave it. Secondly my property in man-
 ner & form following (viz)

First

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

Second

I Give and bequeath unto my niece Polly Ann Grayham, youngest
 Daughter of my sister & Elizabeth of Grayham, Half of my tract of Land,
 the dividing line to run as follows. Start at the S.E. Corner running
 angling across the Land in a north westerly direction so as to divide
 it in two equal Parts. Polly Ann Grayham to take the Part lying
 N.E. of the line runs

Thirdly

I give and bequeath unto my niece Jane Pool Elderst Daughter of my
 Sister Isabella & Matthew Pool the balance of my tract of land Embracing
 the buildings, also one cow & calf's one large wooden chest one
 side Saddle one Bed furniture & certain spinning wheel oven a part
 of my plates & dishes, Loom, Reel, two of the choiced sitting chairs, dressing
 table, water Piggins, clock & glass.

Fourth

I give and bequeath unto my nephew John W. Grayham, son of -
 Elizabeth & Grayham one oven, one pig, one bed covers

Last Will & Testament - Margaret Parker de^{ce} (cont^d)

Fifth

I Give and bequeath unto my niece Margaret - O. Pool Second Daughter of, Isabella & Matthew Pool one spinning wheel, cupboard, churns dinner pot.

Sixth

I Give and bequeath unto my niece Martha Jane Gresham, Oldest Daughter of my Sister Elizabeth & Zachariah Gresham, one bed and furniture, Loom, the balance of my plates, one kettle wash pans.

Seventh

I Give and bequeath unto Sam^l. Gresham (my nephew) Son of my sister Elizabeth & Z. Gresham, one pig. Sheet.

Eighth

I Give and bequeath unto my nephew James Williat Gresham Son of my sister Elizabeth & Z. Gresham, one sows counter pin.

Ninth

I Give and bequeath unto my nephew Joel Addison Gresham son of my sister Elizabeth & Z. Gresham, one hog and one table.

Tenth

I Give and bequeath unto my niece Rachel Isabella Pool daughter of my sister Isabella & Matthew Pool, one small box with lock & Key.

Eleventh

I Give and bequeath unto my Insane Sister Sarah Parker (now in the confines of the Lunatic Asylum in Columbia S.C.) one dollar in cash.

Twelfth

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

Thirteenth

I do hereby Give and bequeath unto my two Sisters Elizabeth Gresham & Isabella Pool the residue of my effects, if there be any, not heretofore mentioned, corn, meat, clothing &c.

Lastly

I do hereby nominate & appoint my Brother inlaw Zachariah Gresham, to be my lawful Executor of this my last will & testament hereby revoking and annulling all former wills, by me made ratifying, confirming, this & no other to be my last will and testament, witness my hand and seal, this the tenth day of February one Thousand Eight Hundred & fifty One.

Test

Margaret ^{her} X ^{mark} Parker 

David W. McCants
John Moon
William W. Franklin

State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Personally came Williston W. Franklin 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 Margaret Parker sign, seal, publish, pronounce 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 David W. Grante and
John Moore 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 }

6 September 1855 }

William Hill

O. A. D.

Williston W. Franklin

State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Having examined Williston W. Franklin one of the
subscribing witnesses to the within paper and being satisfied that it is the
true last will and Testament of Margaret Parker Ordered that it
be admitted to probate in common form.

6 September 1855

William Hill o a &c

State of South Carolina }

Abbeville District } Personally came Zachariah Gresham Esq named
in the within will and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almi-
ghty God upon oath says that the within paper is the true last will
of the said Margaret Parker dec'd and that he will well and truly
execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies
therein contained, so far as the goods and 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 appra-
isement of the Estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed
by law

Sworn to before me

6 September 1855

William Hill o a &c

Z. Gresham

Last Will & Testament of Ann M. Cracken

In the name of God Amen!

I, Ann M. Cracken (Spinster) of Abbeville District in the State of South Carolina, being old and infirm in body, but of sound and disposing mind memory & understanding, do make and Ordain this instrument as my last Will & Testament, to wit:

1. after the payment of all my just debts it is my will, that my Executor hereinafter appointed, shall cause to be erected a plain but neat Headstone of marble, at the grave of my half brother William Robinson Jr dec'd. provided Rebecca Robinson, the widow of my deceased Brother has not caused such memorial to his name and memory, to be already erected.
2. It is my will, that my Executor cause to be erected over my humble grave, a head stone in all respects similar to that, which marks the grave of my brother William.
3. I give and bequeath to Rebecca Robinson surviving widow of William Robinson Jr dec'd. the sum of fifty Dollars, should she survive me to be paid to her by my Executor.
4. To Simpson Evans, who has often shown much care and exhibited much kindness to me, I give and bequeath the sum of fifty Dollars, to be paid to him by my Executor. I also will and relinquish to the said Simpson Evans, the amount due me, for the rent of the Nancy Robinson Land, for the years 1852 & 1853, amounting to (principal and Interest) about two Hundred and forty Dollars, and which the heirs at law of William Robinson Jr, have directed J. W. Heart the administrator to pay over to me, "as, justly and equitably my right and property."
5. To Ginny McBryde wife of Tho. McBryde I give and bequeath the sum of one Hundred Dollars, for her sole use and benefit; and I hereby direct my Executor, to pay over the said sum, of one Hundred Dollars to the said Ginny McBryde; and in the event of the death of the said Ginny McBryde, before having this legacy, then, it is my will that said bequest should be equally divided between her two Daughters Margaret H. and Ginny Bell McBryde.
6. To Margaret H. McBryde, and her sister Ginny Bell McBryde, only Daughters of Tho. and Ginny McBryde, I give and bequeath the sum of two Hundred Dollars to be equally divided between them, and I hereby direct my Executor to pay over the said legacy to the said Margaret H. & Ginny Bell, when they arrive at the age of eighteen, or marry, and in the event, of the death of either, the said Margaret H., or Ginny Bell, then, it is my will that the surviving child, shall inherit her deceased sisters portion of this legacy.
7. To my kind women and kind friends Mary Robinson, Ginny Robinson and Matty Davis, wife of William Davis, I give and bequeath the sum of one Hundred and fifty Dollars to be equally divided, one third or fifty dollars each; and in the event of the death of either the said Mary Robinson, or Ginny Robinson, or Matty Davis then it is my will,

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and my Executor is hereby directed, to pay over this legacy to the surviving Sister or Sisters.

6. To my poor neighbour, but kind friend William White and to his family I give and bequeath the sum of one Hundred dollars, and I hereby direct my Executor, to pay over the said sum of one Hundred Dollars, to the said William White for the mutual benefit of himself and children.
 7. To Henderson Russell, I give and bequeath the sum of twenty Dollars, to be paid to him by my Executor.
 10. To Simpson Evans, the distributee under the fourth clause of this instrument, I will and bequeath the whole residue or balance of my property whatever it may be, after payment of the within named bequests or legacies.
 11. I hereby appoint J. W. Hearst as my Executor of this my last will & Testament.
- In Testimony whereof, I Ann McCracken do hereunto set my hand, and affixed my seal, this eighth day of May in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and fifty five (8th May 1855)

Signed sealed and
acknowledged as and for
her last will and
Testament in our presence

John Robinson
Timothy Russell
Sarah ^{for} Russell
mark

Ann McCracken (Seal)

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District I Personally came John Robinson one of the subscribing witnesses to the within paper and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, make oath that he was personally present, and did see Ann McCracken sign, seal, publish, pronounce, 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 Timothy Russell and Sarah Russell together with him self 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

19th of September 1855

William Hill

Q A A

John Robinson

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District Having examined John Robinson one of the subscribing witnesses to the within paper and being satisfied that it is the true last will and Testament of Ann McCracken indeed that it be admitted to probate in common form

William Hill

Q A A

(Last Will of Ann McCracken contd)
State of South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came John W. Hearst ^{Senior} 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 Ann McCracken and that he will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies therein contained so far as the goods and chattles will extend and the law charge him that he will make and return into the office of the ordinary of the said District a true Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn to before me,

J. W. Hearst

2 Oct 1853

W. Hill C. C. S.

Last Will & Testament

of
John I. Lathus decd

South Carolina, Abbeville District

In the name of God Amen

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

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

Item 2^d I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Nancy Lathus all my estate both real and personal consisting of lands and plantation Negroes horses, cows, sheep, hogs plantation tools, household and kitchen furniture and all that I may possess at my death to have and to hold for ever, and I allow my beloved wife Nancy Lathus to possess it during her natural life, and to dispose of any and all of said property at her death as she may think proper

Item 3^d It is my will and desire that my friend David Keller Esq. should act as the Executor of this my last will and Testament

Signed sealed published and declared and acknowledged to be my last will and Testament this 28th day of February one thousand eight hundred and fifty four and in the seventy eight of American Independence

In the presence of

John I. Lathus

Jas I. Gilmer

David Robinson

Richard Thompson

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

} Personally came Jas I. Gilmer 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 L. Lathus, sign, seal, publish, pronounced and declare, the within paper to be his last will and testament— and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, to the best of his knowledge and belief—that David Robison & Richard Thompson, 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
27 Sept 1835. W. Hill, O. A. D.

Jas J. Gilmer

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District } Having examined Jas. J. Gilmer one of the subscribing witnesses to the within paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and Testament of John L. Lathus decd. Ordains that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.

27 Sept 1835.

William Hill, O. A. D.

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came David Keller Esqr 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 John L. Lathus 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 decedent within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn to before me
this 27 Oct 1835

David Keller.

W Hill O. A. D.

Last Will & Testament
of John Callaham decd.

The State of South Carolina
Abbeville District.

In the name of God Amen.

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

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

2^d I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Nancy Callaham a Tract of Land of Seventy eight acres to be Run off from a Tract known as my quarter Tract bounded by lands of John L. Callaham and others the said seventy eight acres to be run so as to embrace the Buildings, also a negro man Sampson and his wife Hannah a negro woman named Polly with her increase her choice of one Horse her choice of two Cows and Calves one sow and pigs as much household and kitchen furniture and Plantation tools as she may deem necessary for her. One

years provisions all the above property that I will to my wife Nancy is for her use during her natural life and at her death to revert back to my Estate to be divided as is hereinafter mentioned

3rd I will that the whole of the remaining part of my Estate both real and personal be sold by my Executors hereafter named in such manner and at such times as may be thought best and paying my funeral expenses and all my just debts and expenses then I will that the proceeds of said Estate real and personal be equally divided between my children or their legal representatives (viz) Elizabeth Carwile, the children of Sarah Carwile Maria Callahan Wadell Callahan Lucy Caldwell the children of Jane Ruthford the children of Susan Bowser Francis Callahan Abalom Callahan Mary Carwile Dempsey Callahan Claissa Gray Elenor Latimer, John L Callahan Martha Griffin Bealia Wright Sabilla Pratt James S Callahan William M Callahan Nancy Ann Pratt Sherod W Callahan & Eliza Callahan share and share alike so that the children of each deceased parent receive the share their parent would be entitled to receive and whereas I the said John Callahan did in October One Thousand eight hundred & fifty three make a division of certain property so as to give each child five hundred Dollars, if there should be any of my children or their Representatives that do not receive their said share of five hundred dollars during my life time it is my will and desire that such child or children or their Representatives receive their said portion of five hundred Dollars (so that all may be upon an Equality) before the proceeds as above named shall be divided and in case any of my children above named should die before the said Distribution then their children to receive the part such child or children deceased would be entitled if living.

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

Signed, sealed published

John Callahan (seal)

and declared as and for the last will and Testament of the above named John Callahan in the presence of us

G. M. Matteson

S. R. Latimer

Benny M. Latimer

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally came G. M. Matteson 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 Callahan 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 J R Latimer and Benjⁿ M Latimer together with himself, and in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other, did sign their names as Witnesses to the due Execution thereof

Suon before me

G M Matteson

2 October 1835

William Hill, O.A.D.

State of South Carolina }

Abbeville District } Having examined G. M. Matteson one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last Will and Testament of John Callahan dec^d Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in common form

2 Oct 1835.

William Hill O.A.D.

State of South Carolina }

Abbeville District } Personally came Sheard W Callahan 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 John Callahan dec^d, and that he will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the Debts and then the Legacies therein contained so far as the goods and 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.

Sheard, W. Callahan

Suon to before me

2 Oct 1835.

M Hill, O.A.D.

Last Will & Testament
of Alexander Houston dec^d

South Carolina

Abbeville District

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

I give and bequeath to the following named Children To it Robert H Houston Jas A Houston Martha C Noble Elizabeth A Cowan John A Houston Joseph B Houston Susan A Noble William J Houston all of my real Estate except the tract of land known as the fort Mannah tract now in possession of Alexander R Houston and the following Negroes, namely Dave, Jack, John, Edwin George Sethus Little Judd Mike Rose & child named Flora and their Increase to be Equally divided between the above named children in addition to what they have all ready received This division to be made according to the entries in Book Letter A & Page 1 & 2 so that the above named Children will be all Equal

I also give and bequeath unto my Last set of children the following Negro Slaves To it. Augusta G. Parks, Charlotte & Louisa, and To Cornelius B Houston Moniah Jane & child Charlotte, and To Armstrong P Houston, John Mary, and To Jane C Scott, Eugene & Frank and To Cornelius A Houston Harriet & Bella and To Allie Houston Ben Patsy & Sally Being the Property and their increase of Jane Houston deceased

I also Give and bequeath the Tract of Land known as the Fort Hannah Tract to be Equally divided Between the seven Last named Children
I also Give and bequeath unto Cornelius & Allie Houston the Forte Diana Equally between the Two.

I also Give to Jane C Scott one bed & Furniture also To Allie Houston one bed and Furniture I also Give and bequeath all of my Silver Plate and the balance of my Household & Kitchen furniture To the last named Children to be Equally divided between them also what money and notes may be on hands after paying all my debts to be Equally divided between my Last named seven Children that is to say Cornelius B Houston A R Houston Cornelius A Houston Armstrong P Houston and Allie Houston & Jane C Scott

I do Herby nominate and appoint Alexander R Houston and William Petable my Executors to execute this my Last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 11th of Aug^r. A.D. 1855

I in presence of

D. M. Rogers

T. T. Cunningham

W. M. Rogers

A Houston (Seal)

State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District

Personally came D. M. Rogers, 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 A Houston 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 T. T. Cunningham and W. M. Rogers - together with himself, and in the presence of each other, and in the presence of the Testator, did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Sworn before me

30 October 1855

William Hile. O.A.O.

D. M. Rogers.

State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District

Having examined D. M. Rogers, one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last Will and Testament of A Houston dec^d. Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form

30 Oct 1855.

W. Hile O.A.O.

State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Personally came Wm. Petola & Alex R Houston
Esqs 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 A Houston - and that they will well and truly execute
the same, by paying just the debts and then the Legacies therein con-
tained, 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 } William Petola
30 Oct 1855 } Alex R Houston
W. Hill. C. J. D. }

F. J. N. J. S.