

on a credit of twelve months with interest from day of sale and out of the proceeds thereof of all my just debts be paid and the Legacies specified and should the moneys arising from the sale of my property exceed the payments of my debts and Legacies already mentioned the remainder to be equally divided between my wife and all my children the property and money that I have given to my ^{wife} and children is to be theirs forever to dispose of as they may think fit

6th Lastly I constitute and appoint my friends James McCaslan and Charles W. Cowan Guardians of my four minor children (viz) Robert John Mary Caroline John Edward and Jane Roman Foster. I also constitute my two friends James McCaslan & C W Cowan Executors to this my last will and Testament, and I do hereby Renounce Revoke and disannul all former Wills by me heretofore by me made. and I hereby acknowledge this to be my last will and Testament in writings where of I have set my hand and seal this sixth day January A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine. Published and acknowledged in presence of

A. J. Connor

J. E. Foster *J. E.*

J. L. Little

W. P. Kennedy

State of S. Car. }
 Abbeville District } Personally came W. P. Kennedy 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 Edward Foster, sign, seal, and heard him publish, pronounce and declare the said annexed paper to be and contain his last will and Testament and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief - that A. J. Connor and J. L. Little 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

W. P. Kennedy

Sworn before me this

10 May 1859

McKillop

Having examined W. P. Kennedy, one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will, and being satisfied, that it is the true last Will of the said J. E. Foster dec'd.

Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.
10 May 1839. W. H. H. c. c. 8

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Personally came James M. Castan, and
Charles W. Cowan Esrs named in the annexed Will of J. E.
Foster dec'd and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Al-
mighty God upon oath say that the said paper is the
true last Will of the said dec'd. And that they will well
and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts, and
then the legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and
chattels will extend and the law charge them; and
that they will make and return into the office of the
Ordinary of the said district a true Inventory and Apprais-
ment of the Estate of the said dec'd. when thereunto required

James M. Castan

Char. W. Cowan

Sworn before me

10 May 1839.

W. H. H. c. c. 8

Last Will and Testament
of Isabella E. Smith dec'd

The State of South Carolina
In the name of God. Amen!!!

I, Isabella E. Smith of the District of Abbeville
and State aforesaid being of sound and disposing
mind, memory and understanding, do make this my
last Will and Testament.

- Item 1st I will and desire all my just debts be paid.
Item 2nd Soon after my decease I desire all my real Estate to be
appraised by five disinterested persons to be selected by
my executors hereinafter named and I devise and
bequeath the same to my son George Miles Smith at
such appraised value, to him and his heirs forever -
he to take the same as a part of his share of my Estate
and should the appraised value be more than his
portion of my estate according to the division herein-
after named - then my desire is that he account for
the difference so as to make those interested in my
Estate Equal according to the division hereinafter set
forth.

- Item 3^d. I desire my executors hereinafter named so soon after my decease as may be for the true interest of my estate - to sell all my negroes, household & kitchen furniture, stock and every nature and kind of property (except my land disposed of in the second item of this will), on a credit of twelve months with interest from the day of sale.
- Item 4th. I will and desire my whole estate, including my real estate disposed of in the 2^d item of this my will at the appraised value thereof, to be added together and be equally divided between my children - the children of my deceased daughter Mary to represent their mother and take the interest their mother would be entitled to if living and the child or children of any other deceased child to represent the parent - My son George Miles to take the real estate as herein before provided as payment or part payment of his share of my estate and to account to the others should it be more than he is entitled to.
- Item 5th. Should any of my children die without leaving child or children living at the time of the death of such child - then I desire the share of my estate hereinbefore bequeathed to such child to be equally divided amongst the surviving brothers and sisters of such child - the child or children of any deceased child to represent the parent and take the share such parent would be entitled to if living.
- Item 6th. I do hereby nominate and appoint my son William Joel Smith and James M. Orrin Executors of this my last will and testament.

Witness my hand and seal this Twentieth day of June in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty seven

Isabella E. Smith 

signed sealed acknowledged
and published in the presence of
Alexander A. King
Thos. Stacey
John B. O'Neill

The State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District

Whereas, on the Twentieth day of June 1857 I executed my last will and testament - and now on this day I desire to make some changes therein, and

for that purpose I do make this Codicil to my said will.

1st I desire to change, and do change the 2nd Item of my said will, so as to give to my son William Joel Smith all my real Estate in the place of my son George Miles Smith - the said William Joel Smith to take the same under the same provisions, and restrictions as is provided in the 2nd & 4th Items of my said will in relation to the said George Miles Smith.

2nd Having in the above clause of my Codicil revoked the devise to my son George Miles, I now desire that he take an equal interest in my estate with my other children - my desire being to distribute my Estate equally.

3rd I desire to exclude from the sale of my estate ordered in the third Item of my will - all my silver and do not now desire to dispose of the same

And I do hereby confirm my said will in all other respects.

Witness my hand & Seal this 14 Feb'y 1859.

J. E. Smith 

Signed & sealed in the presence of

John B. O'neale
Jonathan Jordan
W. L. Anderson

The State of S. Carolina
Abbeville District

Personally came John B. O'neale one of the witnesses to the annexed will & Codicil thereto, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally present, and did see J. E. Smith, sign, seal, and read his pronounced public and declared said paper to contain his last will & Testament; that the said Isabella E. Smith was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, to the best of his knowledge and belief - that Jonathan Jordan & W. L. Anderson 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 of the Codicil, and that himself

Alexander A. King and Thomas Stacey in the presence of each other, and the testatrix witnessed the due execution of the will.

John B. O'Neill

Sworn before me this
2nd June 1839

W. Hill o.a.d.

State of S. Co }

Abbeville Dist }

Having examined John B. O'Neill one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper; and being satisfied that it is the true last Will & Testament of Isabella E. Smith. Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in common form

2nd June 1839.

William Hill. C. J.

State of S. Co }

Abbeville Dist }

Personally came James M. Perin & W. J. Smith, Executors named in the annexed Will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, upon oath says, that the same is the true last Will of the said Isabella Smith dec'd - so far as they know and believe - 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 they law charge them - and that they will make and return into the office of the Ordinary of said District, a true Inventory & appraisement of the estate of the said dec'd. when the same is required.

Sworn before me

2nd June 1839.

William Hill o.a.d.

James M. Perin.

W. J. Smith.

Last Will & Testament
of James Ray dec'd

In the name of God Amen.

I, James Ray of Abbeville District, State of South Carolina, being weak in body but of sound & disposing mind & memory, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life blessed be Almighty God for the same do make & publish this my last Will & Testament in manner and form as follows.

Item 1st

I leave unto my beloved wife Mary Ray the Lattimer Place containing 335 Acres 2 head of horses Buck & (toad)

to ab one two horse waggon four choice cows with calves
20 of her choice of hogs all the Poultry one two horse carriage
& harness one cooking stove as much of the household &
kitchen furniture as she desires as many of the farming
tools & apperattis as she desires also six hundred & fifty
Dollars in money to be at her disposal During her natural
Life & all this property not needed for her support & comfort
to fall back as into my Estate at her Decease, the slaves
she brought here Spkia, Henry, Arab. Elvira, Emmely,
with the increase of the same to be her own forever of
course at her Disposal

Item 2nd My Desire is that my slaves be appraised & that my
children divide them amongst them at the appraisement
with a privilege ^{Life} to choose his master with son Sandy
the Balance of my property both real & personal to be
brough to Sale as soon as may suit after my decease
and the Proceeds thereof Equally divided amongst my
Eight children viz, Stephen Mary, James Berry,
Francis Lemuel, Edny, Jane, Westly, Marshall. I
also appoint James B. Key John Pratt & Joseph Ellis
Executors of this my last will & Testament renouncing
all other Testaments wills Requests or Executors by
me in any wise before named willed or bequeathed &
confirming this & no other to be my last will & Testa-
ment in witness whereof & hereunto set my hand &
seal this Nineteenth day of May One thousand Eight
hundred and Fifty nine

John L. Ellis

John F. Miller

David Crauford

James Key (S)

South Carolina

Abbeville District

} Personally came John F. Miller, one
of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing writing, and
being sworn in the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God
makes oath that he was personally present and did see
James Key, sign, seal, & heard him publish and declare
the said writing to be his last will and testament -
that the testator was of sound and disposing mind
memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge
& belief - that John L. Ellis, and David Crauford, to-
gether with himself, 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

3 June 1839

W. Hill. o. a. d.

John T. Miller.

The State of S. Ca }

Abbeville Dist }

Having examined John T. Miller, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and testament of James Ray dec'd. Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in common form.

3 June 1839.

W. Hill. o. a. d.

The State of S. Ca }

Abbeville Dist }

Personally came James B. Ray, John Pratt and Joseph Ellis, Executors named in the foregoing will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that the foregoing writing is the true last will of the said James Ray dec'd and that they will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts, and then the Legacies therein contained so far as the goods and chattels will extend and the law charge them - that they will make and return into the office of the Ordinary of the said dist. a true and correct inventory of said estate within the time prescribed by law

Sworn before me

3 June 1839

W. Hill. o. a. d.

J. B. Ray

John Pratt

Joseph Ellis.

Last Will & Testament
of John Ruff. dec'd

In the name of God, Amen.

I, John Ruff, of Abbeville District, State of South Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare, this to be my last will and Testament.

That is to say, First, after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate, real and personal, I give, bequeath and dispose of as follows, to wit: To my beloved wife One third of the proceeds of the sales of all my real and personal property.

To my dear children, Martha Adams, David P. (Ruff)

Ruff, Mary A. Hutchison, Joseph H. Thomas Jr., George W. C. Henry B., Sarah V., and Samuel A. C. Ruff. I give, bequeath and devise, all the rest, residue and remainder two thirds of my real and personal estate, between them, share and share alike.

The said Martha Adams has received to the value of seven hundred dollars, which will be deducted from her distributive share; also the said Mary A. Hutchison has received to the value of three hundred dollars, which will be deducted from her distributive share.

Likewise I make, constitute and appoint, my said sons David F. and Thomas J. Ruff to be executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my seal, the eighth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine.

John Ruff 

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John Ruff, as, and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who at the request of the said John Ruff and in his presence, and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names,

Geo. W. Prefly

Wm C Smith

J A Myers.

Whereas I, John Ruff of Abbeville District, State of South Carolina, have made my last Will and Testament in writing, bearing date the 8th day of July A.D. 1859, Now therefore as a Codicil to the above Will, I hereby appoint my son Thomas J. Ruff Trustee, for my son Henry B. Ruff, whom I consider not capable of managing his affairs to the best advantage and I also wish my said son Thomas J. Ruff to continue Trustee for my said son Henry B. Ruff so long as he thinks it necessary.

Signed this 8th day of July A.D. 1859 in the presence of

Witness my hand and seal

Geo W Prefly

Wm C Smith

J A Myers

John Ruff 

State of S^c Carolina }

Abbeville District } Personally came Geo. W. Pressly
one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Will, and
Codicil thereto, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of
Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally present
and did see John Ruff, sign, seal, and heard him pub-
lish and pronounced the same to be his last Will and testa-
ment, and that the Testator was of sound and disposing
mind, memory and understanding to the best of his know-
ledge and belief - that Mr. C. Smith and Jas. Myers, together
with himself, 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

27 July 1839

W. Hill o a &

Geo. W. Pressly

Having examined Geo. W. Pressly, one of the subscribing
witnesses to the foregoing Will and Codicil, and being
satisfied that it is the true last Will of the aforesaid
John Ruff decd. Ordered that it be admitted to Probate
in Common form.

27 July 1839.

William Hill o a &

South Carolina }

Abbeville District } Personally came David F. Ruff
and Thomas J. Ruff, Executors named in the foregoing Will
and makes oath that the same is the true last Will and
testament of the said John Ruff decd, so far as they know
and believe - 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 chattels will extend and
the law charge them - and that they will make and
return into the office of the Ordinary of said district a
true Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said
decd when thereunto required

Sworn before me

27 July 1839.

W. Hill o a &

D. F. Ruff

Thomas J. Ruff

(Last Will & Testament of Mrs. Elizabeth Irwin decd,

The State of South Carolina }
 Abbeville District

In the Name of God. Amen!

I, Elizabeth Irwin of the aforesaid State and District being advanced in years, and infirm in body — although in the possession of my mental faculties, and taking into consideration that I have not long to live, do now declare the following to be my last will and testament respecting my worldly affairs.

First I desire and direct that all my just debts, and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as practicable, and that a plain marble slab be erected to mark the spot where my remains may be buried.

Second To my faithful and affectionate negro servant Fizzy, I bequeath the sum of One hundred dollars. I allow this money to remain in the hands of my executor, hereinafter named, and to be given by him to the said Fizzy, in such parcels as he may think judicious and proper. And should she die before the whole is exhausted — then and that case the balance to be paid in equal portions to her children, or expended in such a manner as he, my executor, may think most for their benefit.

Third. I bequeath to Samuel Irwin, and Robert Irwin, children of James Irwin, the sum of One hundred dollars — that is Fifty dollars to each one. And to James, John, and Willie Irwin, other children of the said James Irwin, I leave and bequeath the sum of twenty dollars to each, making to the three the sum of sixty dollars.

Fourth I bequeath to Ellen Taylor, the wife of William Taylor of Anderson District the sum of One hundred dollars. This money is to be for the sole and separate use of the said Ellen, notwithstanding her coverture and my executor may apply it for her benefit, as he may think most proper.

Fifth To my sister-in-law Jane, the widow of my deceased brother John Donald, I leave and bequeath the sum of Fifty dollars, as a small token or memento of her kindness and attention to me.

- Sixth I bequeath to my niece Anna H. Hill, and to her children the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars - this sum is to be equally divided amongst them all (mother and children) each to receive a proportionate part.
- Seventh The wearing apparel which I may have at the time of my death I also give to my negro servant Kizzy, and as I feel great concern for the welfare of her and her children, I enjoin it on my executor to sell them to no person to whom they are unwilling to go. He (my executor) may sell them privately, and no person (or persons) has any right to complain of his conduct in this respect; as I am satisfied he will do what is right and humane in the matter. My chief object is to endeavor to secure for Kizzy and her children, a good home and a kind and humane master.
- Eighth The residue of my estate, after deducting the aforesaid legacies and all other expenses, and my debts &c, I direct to be equally divided and distributed as follows - that is to say - to my sister Anna Taggart now living in the State of Ohio, and to her daughter Patsy, wife of James Irwin, now living in the State of Illinois, and to her son William Hawthorn now living in Ohio, and to her son Thomas Hawthorn now living in the said State of Ohio, each to receive an equal share; and should any of the children of my said sister Anna (whose names are written immediately above) be dead - but leaving children, I direct that the sum to which the parent would have been entitled shall be equally divided amongst the surviving children of such deceased parent.
- Ninth I nominate and appoint my friend Doctor J. J. Woodlaw of Abbeville C.H. the executor of this my last Will and Testament - believing that he will be kind enough to take upon himself the trouble of its execution.

Witness my hand & seal this 30th. November 1858.

Elizabeth ^{her} Irwin ^{marks} 

Signed and acknowledged by the aforesaid Elizabeth Irwin as her last Will & Testament, in the presence of us - who at her request, in the presence of each other, and in the presence of the said Elizabeth have subscribed our names as Witnesses to its due execution, the day and year above mentioned.

William Hill

Andrew McIlwain

Wm. McIlwain

The State of South Carolina }

Abbeville District }

Personally came Wm M Elvain
one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Elizabeth
Irwin dec^d. and made oath that he was personally present and
did see the said Elizabeth sign the same, and heard her declare
the said writing to contain her last will and testament - that
she was then of sound and disposing mind, memory, and
understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief - that
Andrew McElvaine and Wm. Hill, together with himself, in the
presence of the said Elizabeth, and in the presence of each
other signed the same as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

sworn before me this

First of August 1859

W. Hill. C. A. D.

Wm M Elvain.

Having examined Wm M Elvain, one of the subscribing wit-
nesses to the annexed paper, and being satisfied that it is
the true last will of the said Elizabeth Irwin dec^d.

Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in common form

1st of Augt 1859.

W. Hill. C. A. D.

The State of S. Ca }

Abbeville Dist }

Personally came Dr J J Wardlaw Esq.
named in the annexed will of Elizabeth Irwin dec^d. and
being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, upon oath
saith that the said paper is the true last will of the said dec^d.
so far as he knows and believes, 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
dec^d. within the time prescribed by law.

sworn before me this

2 Aug^t. 1859.

W. Hill. C. A. D.

J J Wardlaw

of Three Thousand Dollars advanced in negroes.

I charge to my daughter Sallie E Dendy one negroe girl Levinia at the sum of five hundred Dollars which is on my book of advancements - and also I give and bequeath to my daughter Sallie E, subject to the limitations hereinafter mentioned, the woman Rosabella and her child Simon, and the future increase of the said woman, and charge my daughter Sallie E. for the same the sum of fifteen hundred dollars. This bequest is not in the book of advancements. In all I charge my daughter Sallie E Dendy with the sum of Two Thousand Dollars.

I charge my son Charles M. Dendy with the negroe boy John at the sum of five hundred Dollars which is in my book of advancements - and also I give and bequeath to my son Charles M the woman Franca and her three children Calesa, Alfred, and Major Clark, and the future issue and increase of the females, and charge him for the same the sum of Two Thousand Dollars; this bequest is not in the book of advancements. In all I charge my son Charles M. Dendy with the sum of Two Thousand five hundred Dollars.

5. I will and desire that all the balance and residue of my property of every kind real or personal not above mentioned be sold on such terms, and in such mode as may seem best to my Executors; and that the proceeds of such sale - the amount of the advancements aforesaid - and all such sum or sums of money as may arise from debts due me, or from choses in action, after payment of my debts, or from any other source, be added together, and the whole amount be divided into five equal parts or shares and given as follows:
6. I give and bequeath one fifth part or share of the above amount to Elizabeth Ellen Dendy, James M. Dendy and Thomas M. Dendy children of my deceased son Thomas B. Dendy - share and share alike
7. I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Fannie E. Allen for her sole and separate use free from the control or debts or contracts of her present or any future husband, during her natural life, and at her death to such children as she may then have living - children however representing a deceased child - one fifth part or share of the above amount; and including

- in the limitation of this clause as far as the same can be done, the property which has been advanced to her as aforesaid.
8. I give and bequeath to my daughter Harriet B. Lyon for her sole and separate use free from the debts, contracts, or control of her present or any future husband during her natural life, and at her death to such child or children as she may then leave living - children however representing a deceased child - one fifth part or share of the above amount. The advancements to my daughter Harriet B. are not included in the limitations of this clause.
 9. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sallie E. Wendy for her sole and separate use free from the debts or contracts of any future husband during her natural life, and to such children as she may leave living at her death - children however representing a deceased child - one fifth part or share of the above amount. And if my said daughter Sallie E. Wendy should die leaving no children or descendants living at her death, the above share or part is to return and be equally divided among her surviving brother and sisters or their representatives.
 10. I give and bequeath to my son Charles A. Wendy, one fifth part or share of the above amount, and if the said Charles A. Wendy die, leaving no children or issue living at the time of his death, then the said share or property is to return and be equally divided among his surviving sisters or their representatives.
- The advancements to my daughter Sallie E. Wendy are not intended to be affected by the limitations in the ninth clause of this will, nor the negroes I have given her by this will.
11. Should any residue of my property remain not disposed of, I desire that it shall be disposed of and go as the property already mentioned, among my children.
 12. In the event of the death of my ^{daughter} Harriet B. Lyon leaving no children living at her death my will and desire is that her husband W. T. Lyon have one half of the property advanced to her as aforesaid in fee simple; and that the other half of the property advanced as well as what arises from sales and as above ordered and chosen in action return and be equally divided among the said Harriett's surviving sisters and brother.
 13. I appoint my beloved wife Ellis Aspley Wendy my sons in law W. T. Lyon and James A. Allen - and
(These)

Thos. Thomson the Executor and Executors of this my last will and testament. The words "and Mahala" on first page, and "daughter" on last page inserted, and the word "and" struck out before execution.

Witness my hand & seal this 13th November A.D. 1858.

signed acknowledged and declared by Charles Dendy to be his last will and testament in our presence who saw him first, and then each other sign as witnesses

Charles Dendy—

B. P. Hughes
Jno. G. Edwards.
George White.

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Personally came George White, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will of Charles Dendy, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God upon oath says that he was personally present and did see the said Charles Dendy, sign the same — and heard him pronounce said paper or writing to contain his last will and testament — That he was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief — that B. P. Hughes and Jno. G. Edwards, together with himself, 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
24th of August 1859
William Hill

George White.

O.A.D.

Having examined George White one of the witnesses to the foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will of the said Chas. Dendy dec'd

Ordained that it be admitted to Probate in common form,

24 Aug 1859

W Hill. o.a.d.

State of S^c Carolina }

Abbeville Dist } Personally came James A Allen, and
 H. P. Lyon two of the Executors named in the foregoing Will, and
 being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, upon
 oath saith that the said writing is the true last will and
 testament of Charles Waddy, decd. so far as they know and believe,
 and that they will well and truly execute the same by pay-
 ing 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
 of the Estate of the said decd within the time prescribed by
 law.

Sworn before me 24 Aug^r 1859 }
 W. Hill. C. J. D. }

J. A. Allen
 H. P. Lyon

(Last Will & Testament of John Cunningham Dec)

The State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

In the name of god Amen

I John Cunningham being infirm in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory thanks be to god for his mercys, knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in form following.

- Item 1st I have let my son Stephen W. Cunningham have about Five thousand dollars which is all that I intend he shall of my estate
- Item 2^d I have given to my daughter Martha V. Poole four negroes namely Harriett and her three youngest children one horse and some cattle I also intend for her to have at my death my negro woman Fanny and her child which property I have valued at three thousand five hundred dollars which is all that I intend that she shall have of my estate.
- Item 3^d to my grand daughter Josephine Antonia Cunningham I give and bequeath my girl Jane about fourteen years old and my boy Frank about five years old
- Item 4th I give and bequeath to my grand son John David Cunningham my boy Abe about ten years old and my boy Bob about eight years old.
- Item 5th I nominate and appoint my son Joel Jasper Cunningham as the trustee for my two grand children above named Josephine Antonia Cunningham John David Cunningham with the distinct understanding that he shall have the management and control of each of these shares as above named for their use and benefit and not to be subject to the claims or claims of any person whomsoever
- Item 6th it is my will that if either of my grand children above named should die without heirs that the surviving child shall have both shares or if both should die without heirs then in that case it is my will that the shares that has been left them shall be sold by my executor and the proceeds be equally divided among all of my children, share and share alike.
- Item 7th I will and bequeath to my son Joel Jasper Cunningham all the balance or residue of my estate after he pays all my just debts out of the same, namely my eight negroes Fanny Mandy Dick Robin bet Lorah Mary & Sam

also my plantations on which I reside containing about three hundred acres more or less and all the stock of every kind that I have all the farming utensils and crop and provisions, household and kitchen furniture that I may have at the time of my death.

Item 8 And I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my son Joel Jasper Cunningham my executor of this my last will and testament with a strong confidence that he will act in all things for the best. Witness my hand and seal this the 31st day of January one dominie one thousand eight hundred fifty nine

J. Cunningham. (L.S.)

Signed sealed and acknowledged
in our presence & in the presence of
each other.

John Brownlee
M. B. Latimer
Jos W. Black

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally came John Brownlee, one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God make oath that he was personally present, and did see John Cunningham sign seal, publish, pronounce, and declare, the said 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 M. B. Latimer and Jos W. Black, together with himself, 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

21st February 1859

William Hill ckg

John Brownlee.

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

Having examined John Brownlee, one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and testament of John Cunningham dec'd: Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in common form

21st February 1859

William Hill ckg

State of South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } (Personally came Joel J. Cun-
 ingham for-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 Cunningham. 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.

Deem type me

21 July 1839

W. H. Lee & Co.

J. J. Cunningham

Last Will & Testament
 of
 Samuel C. Edmonds

In the name of God. Amen.

I Samuel C. Edmonds of the
 District of Abbeville, State of South Caro-

lina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory,
 do make this my last Will and Testament, first and
 principally I commend my soul to God, who gave it and
 my body I commit to the earth to be decently interred at
 the discretion of my executors herein after named,
 And as to such worldly estate as God of his goodness
 hath bestowed upon me, I give and dispose thereof
 in manner hereinafter mentioned; that is to say: I
 order and direct my executors to sell or cause to be
 sold the whole of my estate both real and personal,
 as soon as the nature of the case will admit after
 my decease. The monies or assets arising from the
 sale, I wish to be disposed of as follows: First after
 all my just and lawful debts are paid, I give and
 bequeath to my beloved wife Susan Edmonds One thousand
 dollars in lieu of her dower right, which sum is to con-
 stitute her full portion of my Estate. Also I give and
 bequeath unto my son Frederick W. Edmonds and Elling-
 ton Charles five hundred dollars upon trust never the-
 less that if they (Frederick W. Edmonds and Ellington
 Charles) their executors or administrators do and shall
 pay, apply, transfer and dispose of the same, or any

part thereof, and the dividends, interest and proceeds thereof unto such person or persons, and for such uses, intents and purposes, and in such parts and proportions manner and form, and at such time or times, as my daughter Sarah Rogers (wife of Patrick S. Rogers) notwithstanding her coverture, and whether she shall be sole or married, by any writing or writings under her hand, or by her last will and testament signed and published by her in the presence of three witnesses or more, shall direct give and appoint the same or any part thereof; and in default of any such gift, direction or appointment, or as to so much and as to such part thereof in respect of which there shall not be any such gift direction or appointment made, then and in that case the trust shall cease and the sum shall be equally divided among the children of the above named Sarah Rogers. — Also I give and bequeath unto my son James A. Edmonds One thousand dollars, and in addition to this my will is that he be acquitted and released of all notes and accounts and demands which I now have against him, which is to constitute his full portion of my estate. — Also I give and bequeath unto my youngest son Whitfield S. Edmonds fifteen hundred dollars. — Also I give and bequeath unto my youngest daughter Elizabeth S. Edmonds fifteen hundred dollars. — Also I give and bequeath unto my grand son Winfield Atchison the sum of five hundred dollars.

I give and bequeath unto my son Frederick H. Edmonds (in addition to the sum of One thousand dollars which I have already advanced to him) the sum of three hundred dollars, this legacy however is to release me from all private claims and demands which my son Frederick H. Edmonds may now have against me. —

Also I give and bequeath unto my son John F. Edmonds (in addition to the sum of One thousand dollars which I have already advanced to him) the sum of three hundred dollars, this legacy is to release me from all private claims and demands which my son John F. Edmonds may now have against me. —

I also give and bequeath unto my son Henry H. Edmonds, in addition to the sum of One hundred dollars which I have already advanced to him, the sum of twelve hundred dollars.

Having above bequeathed unto my grand son Winfield Atchison son of Emma Walther (formerly

Emma Atchison, the sum of five hundred dollars, and having hitherto having advanced to my daughter Emma, property amounting to eight hundred dollars. I therefore bequeath unto her, Emma Walker, nothing except an interest in the residue of my Estate, which residue I dispose of as follows — I will that the residue of my Estate be equally divided between my following named seven children — Frederick H. Edmonds. John F. Edmonds — Henry H. Edmonds. Samuel F. Edmonds. Whitfield F. Edmonds. Elizabeth S. Edmonds, and Emma Walker, wife of Chesley Walker. The portion (in the residue of my Estate) of Emma Walker, I will and bequeath to be vested in Frederick H. Edmonds and Ellington Searles as trustees, that they (Frederick H. Edmonds and Ellington Searles their executors or administrators do and shall pay, apply, transfer and dispose of the same or any part thereof, and the dividends, interest and proceeds thereof unto such person or persons, and for such uses, intents and purposes, and in such parts and proportions manner and form, and at such time or times as my daughter Emma Walker (wife of Chesley Walker) notwithstanding her Coverture and whether she shall be sole or married, by any writing or writings under her hand, or by her last Will and Testament shall give and direct and appoint the same or any part thereof; and in default of any such gift, direction or appointment, or as to so much, and to such part thereof in respect of which there shall not be any such gift, direction or appointment, then and in that case the trust shall cease, and the sum so undisposed of shall be equally divided between the children of the above named Emma Walker —

Likewise I make, constitute and appoint my son Frederick H. Edmonds, and Ellington Searles to be executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all all former wills, bequests and legacies by me made, ratifying this only — In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the eighteenth day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty seven in the Eighty second year of American independence

J. C. Edmonds Jr

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said
(Samuel)

Samuel C Edmonds the Testator in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence have hereto subscribed our names as witnesses

James Tompkins
 Robt W. Tompkins
 Jno W Rockelle

Codicil

I Samuel C Edmonds of the District of Abbeville, and State of South Carolina did on the eighteenth day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty seven execute the within as my last will and testament and wishing to revoke a portion thereof and make some alterations to the same do make and ordain the following alterations viz. I did give and bequeathe unto my wife Susan Edmonds One thousand dollars now I do I do hereby revoke the same and in lieu thereof do give and bequeathe unto my said wife Susan Edmonds one tenth part of all my estate both real and personal being an Equal share with all my children in all my estate which I may be seized and possessed of at the time of my decease, and should I advance or give off to any or either of my children at any subsequent time any portion of my estate that I am now in possession of all of such advances is to be taken into account as a part of my estate.

Signed and acknowledged this twenty second day of January in the year of our one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight

In the presence of
 Robert Jennings
 James A. Jennings
 James Tompkins

S. C. Edmonds

The State of S^c Carolina }

Abbeville District }

Personally came Jno W. Rockelle one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God upon oath says that he was personally present and did see S. C. Edmonds, sign & seal, and heard him pronounce the said paper to contain his last will and testament - that the testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief - that James Tompkins and Robert W. Tompkins together with himself

(in)

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

13 June 1859.

W. Hill oad

J. W. Rockelle

So Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally appeared James A Jennings one of the subscribing witnesses to the Codicil attached to the annexed will of S. C. Edmunds decd. and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, upon oath says that he was personally present and did see the said S. C. Edmunds sign the said, and heard him declare and publish it to be a Codicil to his last will and testament that he the said Samuel C. was of sound & disposing mind memory & understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief that Robert Jennings & James Tompkins, together with himself & in the presence of each other, and of the said Samuel C. Edmunds did sign their names, as witnesses to its due execution

Sworn before me

13 June 1859

W. Hill oad

James A Jennings

Abbeville Dist

So. Ca.

Having examined John W. Rockelle and James A Jennings two of the witnesses to the foregoing will of S. C. Edmunds decd. and being satisfied that it is the true last will of the said Samuel C. Edmunds

Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Com. form

13 June 1859.

W. Hill o. a. d.

South Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally came Frederick H. Edmunds, one of the Executors named in the foregoing will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God upon oath says that the said writing, is the true last will of Samuel C. Edmunds; 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, and that he will make and return into the office of the Ordinary of the aforesaid district a true Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said decd within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn before me 13th June 1859. W. Hill oad

F. H. Edmunds

Personally came Ellington Seals, one of the Executors named in the last will and testament of Sam^l. C. Edmunds, dec^d and makes oath that he will well and truly execute the said will - by paying first the debts and then the legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will allow and the law charge him

Sworn before me this

6th August 1859

(W. Hill Notary)

Ellington Seals

The Last Will and Testament
of
Philip Cromer deceased

State of South Carolina
Abbeville District

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Philip Cromer of the State & District aforesaid, being weak & frail in body, but of sound & disposing mind do make the following as my last will & Testament.

Item 1st I Consign my body to the ground & my spirit to God who gave it.

Item 2nd I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Dorothy Ann Cromer my home plantation with all my household & kitchen furniture, four mules to wit: Young Jerry, Ned, Nell & Mike, Six Cows & calves such as she may choose, four yearling heaves such as she may select & one year supply of provisions for herself & her negroes. I also will her my Road Waggon & harness & my Rockaway & harness, with such plantation tools as she may need as also my Blacksmiths tools at the home place.

Item 3rd I also will her the following negroes. Heron his wife Nancy with their children Margaret, Ben, Mary, Jimmy, Joseph, with any future children they may have, Jackson his wife Hannah & their children Sarah, William, Emeline, Burt, Adrianna with their future issue. Also Chaney, Alvin & Louisa. It is to be understood that the above items of property bequeathed to my wife is in bar & lieu of Dower.

George M. Cromer my son, has received a horse, saddle & bridle, for which he is to account in the sum of One hundred and forty five dollars. John P. Cromer, my second son has received a horse, saddle & bridle for which he is to account in the sum of One hundred & forty five dollars. he has also received a bed, a bedstead & a few other articles for which he is to be charged Forty Dollars —

A. F. Fletcher Cromer, my third son, has also received a horse saddle & bridle for which he has to account in the sum of one hundred & forty five dollars.

Item 4th

It is my will & desire that my little blind son Lindsay Harper should receive Five hundred dollars more than any one of my remaining children. This sum to be on interest from the time my sale bill becomes due. Mary A. Elizabeth Tolbut has received a Cow for which she is to account in the sum of fifteen dollars.

Item 5th

It is my will and desire that that the residue of my estate both real & personal be sold by my Executors & the proceeds divided equally among all my children including all monies due me either by note or account, after paying my just debts.

Item 6th

It is my will & desire that the portion of my estate coming to each of my daughters should be settled on them & their future offspring & not be subject to the debts of any present or future husband. It is my desire that George M. my son should be the Trustee of my daughter M. A. Elizabeth Tolbut & that A. F. Fletcher Cromer my third son should be the Trustee of my other daughters, Sarah Virginia, Jane Amanda, & Lucia Victoria.

Item 7th

It is my will & desire that my beloved wife Dorothy Ann Cromer & my son A. F. Fletcher Cromer should be the Executors of this my last Will & Testament they receiving two & a half per cent. for their services instead of five as the law allows.

Signed, sealed, published & delivered & acknowledged to be my last Will & Testament this 21st day of September One thousand eight hundred & fifty nine.

P. Cromer (L.S.)

In presence of
Isaac Brauch
James Brurin
G. W. Cromer

Codicil to the Last Will & Testament of Philip Cromer.

It is my will & desire that if either of my daughters die without issue that the share of such revert back to the estate & be subject to the distribution provided for under Item 5th & 6th of my will, the child or children of any deceased child taking the part that would be coming to the parent.

Signed, sealed & acknowledged this 22nd day of Sept 1859. In presence of

Isaac Brauch
James Brurin
G. W. Cromer

his
Philip X Cromer (L.S.)
mark

The State of S^c Ca }

Abbeville Dist } Personally came James Sewin, one of the
subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Philip Cromer dec^d. and being
sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God upon oath says that he was
personally present, and did see Philip Cromer sign, seal, publish
pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and Testament
that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and
understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief, and that Isaac
Branch, and G. W. Cromer together with himself, in the presence of
each other, and in the presence of the Testator signed their names
as witnesses to the due execution thereof

Sworn before me

30 Sept 1859. W. Hill oad }

James Sewin.

State of S^c Ca } Having examined James Sewin, one of the subscribing
Abbeville Dist } witnesses to the foregoing, or annexed will, and being
satisfied that it is the true last will of the said Philip Cromer dec^d.
Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in 'Common form'.

30 Sept 1859.

William Hill. o, a, &

State of S^c Ca }

Abbeville Dist } Personally came Dorothy Ann Cromer and A. F. Cromer,
the executors named in the annexed will, and being sworn
on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God upon oath says that said paper
contains the true last will of the said Philip Cromer, so far as they
know, or believe; 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 thereof.
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 dec^d. within the time prescribed by law.

A. F. Cromer

Dorothy A. Cromer.

Sworn before me

30 Sept 1859

W. Hill. o a & }

(Last Will and Testament of Thomas Taylor dec^d)

In the name of God Amen.

I Thomas Taylor of the State of South Carolina and District of Abbeville, being possessed of perfect mind and memory, yet knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, have thought proper to dispose of what worldly estate it hath pleased God to bestow upon me in this life. I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner.

Item 1st It is my will that so soon after my death as may (by my Executor & wife) be deemed advisable, so much of my property as may be necessary for the payment of my debts and funeral expenses be sold and the proceeds applied to the payment thereof, in the selection of what property is to be sold they are hereby authorized to exercise their own judgement as to what can be spared with the least inconvenience to my wife. But if in their judgement the debts can be paid in a reasonable time to the satisfaction of my creditors by the proceeds of the farm they are authorized to settle them in this way rather than sell any of my property.

Item 2nd Then I give and bequeath all the remainder of my Estate both real and personal of whatsoever I may die legally seized and possessed, to my wife Elizabeth L. Taylor to have hold use and possess the same during her natural life or widowhood.

Item 3rd It is my will that on the death of my wife Elizabeth L. Taylor, then or as soon thereafter as he may think proper, my Executor shall proceed to sell in such manner as in his judgement will be for the interest of my heirs, all my estate both real and personal which may then be in her possession and divide the nett proceeds of the same equally among my children, share and share alike, and that my two grand children Gustana Sarah and William Jasper Jones, receive in equal shares their mother's part.

Item 4th It is my will that in the event of my wifes second Marriage she shall receive an equal share with my children and grand children of all my estate both real and personal, and should this event take place that my Executor, proceed to sell and distribute as

above directed.

- Item 5th Having already given to my daughter Mary Ann Brewers property to the value of Eight hundred dollars. To my son Edward property to the value of Three hundred and ten dollars. To my daughter Sarah Obriant, property to the value of seventy five dollars, and To my daughter Joannah S Campbell property to the value of ten dollars, It is my will that the same be counted in their respective shares
- Item 6th It is my will that should my daughter Frances marry Previous to the death of my wife, She shall give her such property as she may think proper at a fair valuation, and the same be counted in her share on a final settlement.
- Item 7th I do hereby make constitute and appoint Rev^d Amazeah Rice my sole Executor to carry into effect this my last Will and testament, and all deeds, Deeds, Conveyances, be made by him as Executor of my last Will and testament are hereby solemnly declared to be 'bona fide' to all intents and purposes.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this sixth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty seven.

T. T aylor (Ld)

signed in the presence of
John Patterson
S. D. Deal
Harrison Tucker

The State of S^c Ca } Personally came S. D. Deal, one of the
Abbeville Dist } subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will
and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, and
made oath, that he was personally present and did see Thomas
T aylor sign, seal, publish, and pronounce and declare the
said paper to be his last Will and testament. That the testator
was of sound and disposing mind memory and understand-
ing, to the best of his knowledge and belief - that John Pat-
terson and Harrison Tucker together with himself - in the presence
of each other, and in the presence of the Testator did sign
their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof

S. D. Deal

Sworn before me
this third Oct 1859
W. Hill. Oad

(seems)

On hearing the evidence of J. D. Neal above named, and being satisfied that it is the true last will of Thos Taylor dec'd. Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Com: form
 3 Oct 1859. D. H. oas

The State of S^c Co }
 Abbeville Dist } Personally appeared Rev^d. Amaziah
 Rice the Executor named in the annexed will of Thos
 Taylor dec'd and made oath, that the said paper is the
 true last will of the said Thos Taylor, and that he will
 well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts
 and then the Legacies contained so far as the goods and
 chattels will extend and the law charge him - that he
 will make and return a true and correct Inventory and
 appraisement of the Estate of the said dec'd within the time
 prescribed by law.

sworn before me
 this 3 Oct 1859

Amaziah Rice

D. H. oas

Last Will & Testament
 of Jane D. Power dec'd

The State of South Carolina
 Abbeville District

I, Jane D. Power of the District and State aforesaid
 being of sound and disposing mind and memory do
 make the following as my last Will and Testament

Clause First.

It is my will and desire that after my death, all
 my Estate both real and personal be sold by my Execu-
 tors hereinafter appointed; and that after the payment
 of all my just debts and funeral expenses, the proceeds
 arising from said sale be disposed of as follows.

Clause Second.

I hereby give and bequeath unto Rev^d. M. C. Power
 of the District and State aforesaid, One fifth part of
 the proceeds of said sale remaining after the payment
 of all my just debts and funeral expenses. In Trust
 nevertheless, to and for the sole and separate use of
 my daughter Mary A. R. Power for and during her
 natural life, not to be liable for the contracts or debts
 of any future husband she may hereafter have: and
 after her death it is my will and desire that the

said legacy discharged of all trust, shall be equally divided between her children share and share alike the children of deceased children, if any, to be entitled to receive and divide equally among them, the share or shares to which his, her, or their parent, or parents would have been entitled to, had he, she, or they survived my said daughter. It is also my will and desire that the said legacy bequeathed to my said daughter for and during her natural life, shall be invested by the, said Rev^d Mr^c Power in Bank Stock, and that he pay annually to my said daughter the dividends or interest which may accrue from year to year upon said Bank Stock.

Clause Third.

But if my said daughter should die without leaving a child or children surviving her, then it is my will and desire that she be authorized and empowered, and I do hereby authorize and empower her to dispose of by will or Deed, the legacy aforesaid, provided she shall give or bequeath the said legacy to some one or more of my lineal descendants living at the time of her death. If my said daughter however should die without leaving a child or children surviving her; and without having disposed of said legacy by will or Deed as she is hereinbefore authorized and empowered, then it is my will and desire that the said legacy after her death be equally divided between my children, the children of deceased children if any, to be entitled to receive and divide equally among them the share or shares, to which his, her, or their parent, or parents would have been entitled had they survived my said daughter.

Clause Fourth.

It is my will and desire that all the residue of the proceeds arising from the sale of my estate, not hereinbefore disposed of, shall be equally divided between my other children: the children of deceased children if any, to be entitled to receive and divide equally among them the share or shares to which his, her, or their parent or parents would have been entitled to receive had he, she, or they survived me.

Clause Fifth.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint Rev^d Samuel B. Jones and John H. Power Executors of this my last Will and Testament as witness my hand and seal this 19th September 1859

(over)

Jane D. Power *J.D.P.*

Signed sealed and published as the last Will and Testament of the said Jane D Power in our presence, who at her request, and in her presence, and in the presence of each other have signed our names as subscribing witnesses thereto.

James St. Cochran

John C. C. Allen

F. W. Connor

The State of S. Ca } In the Court of Ordinary
Abbeville Dist }

Personally appeared before me James St. Cochran, and F. W. Connor, two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God upon oath & faith, that they were personally present and did see Jane D Power sign and seal, and heard her publish, pronounce and declare the said writing to contain her last Will and Testament - that she was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of their knowledge and belief - that John C. C. Allen together with themselves, in the presence of each other, and in the presence of the Testatrix did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof

Sworn before me this

8 October 1859

W. Hill O. A. D.

James St. Cochran

F. W. Connor

The State of S. Ca } Having examined Jas St. Cochran and
Abbeville Dist } F. W. Connor, two of the subscribing
witnesses to the foregoing will, and being satisfied that
it is the true last Will & Testament of Jane D Power dec^d

Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form

8 Oct 1859

William Hill O. A. D.

The State of S. Carolina }

Abbeville District }

Personally appeared Rev^d Samuel B Jones, and John H. Power, executors named in the foregoing will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God & faith, that the foregoing writing contains the true last Will of Mrs Jane D Power dec^d so far as they know and believe - 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 and correct Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said decd. within the time prescribed by law

Seen before me 8 October 1859 }
W. H. Hill C. H. & S.

James B. Jones
J. H. Powell

Last Will & Testament
of Lewis Smith decd

In the name of God Amen!

I Lewis Smith, Planter of the District of Abbeville and State of South Carolina, being of sound disposing mind and memory but knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following, hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made.

Impius I will my body to the earth to be decently interred and my soul to the God who gave it

Item It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid by my Executor out of that portion of my property which shall be ordered by me to be sold and to be hereinafter more particularly described.

Item - I give and bequeath to my well beloved and dutiful son James T Smith my negro woman Sicily and her two children to wit: John a boy about four years old, Calvin a boy about Eighteen months old. Also William a boy about fourteen years old, George a boy about twelve years old and Beria a girl about eighteen years old. Also my pair of Claybank match mares and my buggy. These slaves and the Claybank mares and buggy it is my will and desire that my son James T Smith shall have over and above his distributive or equal share in the residue of my property hereafter to be disposed of. It is my will also that any and all articles of great or small value which I may have at any time given heretofore to my son James T Smith are considered by me as nothing more than the just rewards of his uniform and unflinching kindness and attention to me and are not to be regarded in any manner soever as advancements but as free will gifts.

Item. It is my will and desire that all the residue of my property of any and every nature and kind whatsoever, after the

slaves and the Clay bank mares and buggie above named and disposed of to James T Smith are taken out, shall be sold by my Executor hereinafter to be named and equally divided, in manner following. To wit: One equal share to my son Lewis Smith, one Equal share to my son James T Smith, one equal share to my son Robert Smith and one equal share to my daughter Leonora Smith, and one equal share to be retained by my Executor subject to certain limitations and trusts for the use of my wife Mary Ann Smith hereinafter to be more particularly set forth. To wit: It is my will and desire that my Executor shall retain one of the above equal shares specified and that he do pay over to the use of my said wife Mary Ann Smith the annual proceeds of the said fund after having invested the same as in his judgment may be most advantageous to her. This provision with the dower of all my lands to which she is by law entitled I consider a good and sufficient support for her. It is my wish that the Corpus or principal of this share be not touched, and that this provision continue so long as my said wife Mary Ann Smith shall remain in a state of widowhood; in the event of her death or marriage I will and desire that the provision do cease and that the entire fund be handed over by my Executor to my son James T Smith discharged of all trusts.

Item

It is my will and desire that in the event of Lewis Smith's death before mine and being or being childless that the share given to him shall be given to my son James T Smith: And should my children Robert Smith and Leonora Smith or either of them marry have issue and die before I do leaving such issue alive at my death then it is my will and desire that such issue shall represent the deceased parent or parents and take such share or shares as such deceased parent ^{or parents} would have taken if living.

Item -

I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my good friend John White Merchant at Abbeville Court House Executor of this my last Will and Testament, and also Trustee of my wife Mary Ann Smith's share of the property above given. It is my will and desire further that after the Slaves and the Clay bank Mares and buggie are given to James T Smith as above recited, are reserved and given to him, that my executor do proceed to sell the residue of my property at such time and place and on such terms as

he may think most advantageous for all concerned, and that he do pay out of the fund thus realized all my just debts.

Made declared and published as my last Will and Testament on the thirtieth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty seven

In presence of

The words "or parents" in next to the last line of next to the last item interlined before execution

J. H. Cobb

Andrew Paul

W. F. Fustan

Lewis Smith

The State of S^c Ca } Personally appeared J. H. Cobb, one of the
Abbeville District } subscribing witnesses to the annexed will
and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, upon
oath said, that he was personally present and did see Lewis
Smith sign, seal, publish, pronounced and declared the said paper
to be and contain his last will and testament - that he was
then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding
to the best of his knowledge and belief - that Andrew Paul and
W. F. Fustan together with himself 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 7th Oct 1859

W. Hill. C. J. D.

J. H. Cobb

On hearing the evidence above given of J. H. Cobb, one of the
subscribing witnesses to the will of Lewis Smith dec^d.

Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Com. form.

7 Oct 1859.

William Hill C. J. D.

The State of S^c Carolina }
Abbeville Dist.

} Personally came John White Esq. a notary named
in the annexed will, and upon oath says that the same is the
true last will and Testament of Lewis Smith dec^d. so far as he
knows and believes - 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 dec^d. within the time

prescribed by law.

John White

Sworn before me 7 Oct 1859 }
William Hill o a d }

Last Will & Testament } State of South Carolina
Of John P. Barnatt dec'd } Abbeville District.

I know all men that I John P. Barnatt being of disposing mind & memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament

First all my debts must be paid, and Richard Perryman his legacy out of notes, left by me

Second, I give to my beloved wife Lavina Barnatt, the land on which I live during her life, together with all the negroes and all other property in my possession.

Also Ten Thousand Dollars in notes to be kept on interest, said interest to be for the use of my wife annually.

Thirdly all other notes to be equally divided between my two children, Ann Elizabeth Marshall, and John J. E. Barnatt.

Fourthly at the death of my wife, the land on which she lives to be given to my son John J. E. Barnatt, an equivalent to be given to my daughter Ann E. Marshall out of the above named Ten thousand Dollars, all the rest my wife to do what she pleases with —

I herein appoint my wife sole executrix to this my will.

In witness whereof I have this day set my hand and seal. this 10th day of Novr 1856.

John P. Barnatt.

Acknowledged before us

W. H. Bentley

Henry Jones

A. A. Blyth.

The State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District. }

In the Court of Ordinary.

Personally appeared A. A. Blyth, one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, upon oath sayeth that he was personally present, and did see John P. Barnatt sign, seal, and heard him pronounce and declare the

said writing to contain his last will and testament -
that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory
and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief - that
he H. Bently and Henry Jones - together with himself, in the
presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other signed
their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof

Decem before me

14 Oct 1859

W. Hill O & S

A. A. Blyth.

S^c Carolina } Having examined A. A. Blyth one of the
Abb. Dist. } subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper
and being satisfied that it is the true last will of the
said John P Banatt dec^d.

Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common form

14 Oct 1859.

W. Hill O & S

Note by the Ordinary - W. Hill

Mrs Lavina Banatt - the executrix appointed by the Testator
Dr. J. P. Banatt, having departed this life without qualifying
as such executrix. Letters of Administration with the will annexed
were granted to John J. E. Banatt & S. S. Marshall - the son and
son-in-law of the Testator. See said Letters on Record in
Book "Letters of Adm." with Will annexed - page 29."

Last Will & Testament
Mrs. Lavina Banatt

The Last Will and Testament of
Lavina Banatt of Abbeville District,
State of South Carolina.

I, Lavina Banatt considering the uncertainty of this
mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory do
make and publish this my last will and testament
in manner and form following. (That is to say)

Item first. I give and bequeath unto my two children John
J. E. Banatt, and Ann E. Marshall all my negroes
to witt. Matt. Queen. Isah. Lark. Martha. Nathan.
Click. Hilsey. Lenard. Rhoda. Matilda. Oliver. Celia.
Watt. Litha. Eliza. Julia. Sam. Jane. John. Jim.
Mary. Dora. Winah. Caroline. Jonston. Moriah.
Ephraim. Moses. Manerva. Lavinda. Joshua. Sally
and their increase Equally to be divided between them
and at their deaths, to go to their children: -

Item second. As to the rest, residue and remainder of my Estate goods and chattels, notes and accounts of what kind and nature soever, of which I may be possessed, I give and bequeath the same to my two children, John J. Banatt and Ann E. Marshall Equally to be divided between them - and I hereby appoint my son John J. Banatt and my son in law Samuel S. Marshalle Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty second day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred and fifty nine.

Lerina Banatt (L)

The above instrument was now here subscribed by Larina Banatt, the testator in the presence of each of us, and was at the same time declared by her to be her last Will and testament, and we at her request sign our names hereto, as attesting witnesses

Peter M. Kellar

J. S. Chipley

Samuel Bell

James C. Ray

The State of S^c Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally appeared J. S. Chipley one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and made oath that he was personally present and did see Larina Banatt sign, seal, and heard her publish and declare the same to be her last will and testament that she was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief - and that Peter M. Kellar, Samuel Bell, and James C. Ray, together with himself, in the presence of each other and in the presence of the Testatrix did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Subscribed before me

3 Nov 1859

W. Hill. o a d

J. S. Chipley

Having examined J. S. Chipley one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will of Lavina Barnatt.

Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common form
3rd Nov 1859. William Hill. C. A. S.

The State of S^c Carolina }
Abbeville District }

Personally came John J. G. Barnatt & Saml. S. Marshall, Esqrs, named in the foregoing will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God upon oath to wit the said paper contains the true last will of Lavina Barnatt dec^d, so far as they know or believe 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 Dist. a true Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of the said dec^d within the time prescribed by law

Sworn before me
3rd Nov 1859

W. Hill. C. A. S.

J. S. Marshall

Jⁿ. J. G. Barnatt.

Last Will & Testament
of Eli Branson dec^d

South Carolina Abbeville District
In the name of God Amen.

I, Eli Branson being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but weak in body and calling to mind the uncertainty of life, and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, do make and ordain this my last will in manner following. That is to say

First I will and bequeath to the Synod of the Associate reformed presbyterian Church South, the one third of my Estate, one half of said amount for the Endowment and uses of her Theological Seminary in training young men for the ministry of the gospel, the other half for the Cause of her foreign missions the principal of the whole sum to be invested in some profitable stocks and the dividend only to (be)

Second

be applyed annually to the respective objects, above specified

2nd I will and bequeath to my Executors in trust for my daughter Maryanna Sansby and her children one third part of all my Estate the principal to be loaned out at Lawfull Interest and the Interest paid annually for their Support and Education.

3rd

I will and bequeath to my Executors in trust for the aid of the true thomsonian or botanic society to advance the Science of that practice one third of my Estate the principal to be loaned and the Interest to be paid annually.

4th I will and desire my Executors herein after named have Lucinda and her children appraised by disinterested appraisers and the said woman and her children to be sold at the appraisement privately to a kind master. also Sarah and her children I desire to be sold on the same terms as Lucinda.

5th I desire my Executors to sell after my decease all the balance of my property and with the money and notes now in my possession to pay all my debts, the balance to be applyed as above written. and lastly I do constitute and appoint my Friends Robert A. Fair, Jm. Lyon J. J. Devlin J. L. Drenan E. S. Kennedy Isaac Kennedy Executors of this my last will and testament by me heretofore made in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal This - This fourteenth day of November Eight hundred and fifty nine Signed Sealed published and declared as and for the last will and testament of the above named Eli Branson in the presence of us.

After reconsidering before signing, I hereby will and bequeath One hundred dollars in trust to be laid out in land for my daughter and her children and after that the associate Synod of the South to take one third part of my estate. Signed the day and year above written

Test. R. W. Liles

Joel W. Liles

James M. Purdy.

Eli Branson The State of S^c Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally appeared James M. Purdy one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and made oath that he was personally present and did see Eli Branson sign, seal, publish and declare the said writing to be his last

will and testament that he was of sound mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief - and that R W Bates & Jas W. Bates together with himself, in the presence of each other and in the presence of the Notary did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Quom before me

this 5 Decr 1859. W. H. H. 0003

James M. Purdy.

Having examined James M. Purdy, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will & testament of Eli Branson dec'd: Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in common form

5th Decr 1859

William Hill, C. J.

The State of S. Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally appeared J. J. Devlin & William Lyon two of the Executors named in the foregoing will, and made oath that said writing contains the true last will of the aforesaid Eli Branson dec'd. so far as they know & believe - that they will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies therein contained so far as the goods & chattels will extend and the law charge them - and that they will make and return into the office of the Ordinary of the said district a true and correct inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed by law

Quom before me this

15 Decr 1859

W. H. H. 0003

J. J. Devlin

William Lyon

The State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

We the undersigned having been named as executors in the last will and testament of Dr. Eli Branson dec'd. hereby renounce said office and expressly refuse to be qualified as executors

5th Decr 1859.

R. A. Fair

E. J. Kennedy

J. L. Drennon

(Last Will & Testament of David McWilliams)

In the name of God amen.

I David McWilliams of Abbeville District in the State of South Carolina being sick and in a low condition but of sound mind and understanding do make and ordain this as my last will and testament.

- 1st Item I will and devise that all my just debts be paid out of my estate as soon as possible after my decease.
- Item 2^d I Give and bequeath to my six daughters Easter Ann Elizabeth Mary Martha Nancy one hundred dollars each as I have heretofore given my sons Alexander & Gordon one hundred dollars ^{each}. I wish to make my daughters equal with the boys.
- 3^d Item I give and bequeath to my four grand children Ester Ameline John Watson William Hamilton Jane Ellenor each one hundred dollars these are children of my daughter Jane who Maria John Crawford who is now dead.
- Item 4th After the above bequests are paid of I desire that the balance of my estate both real and personal be sold to the highest bidder at public sale and the proceeds be equally divided amongst my children viz Alexander William Gordon Easter Ann Elizabeth Mary Martha Nancy. And I hereby nominate and appoint my neighbours William Gordon and Samuel Reid Executors of this my last will and Testament, and I hereby revoke annul and disannul all and ^{any} other wills Testaments devices or bequests by me heretofore made.

Given under my hand and seal this 2^d day of October in the year of our Lord 1853.

David McWilliams
made

Witnesses

Jas C Stevenson

Andrew Stevenson

Mr J Stevenson.

Whereas I David McWilliams of the District of Abbeville in the State of South Carolina have made my last will and testament in writing bearing date

the 2nd October in the year of our Lord 1853 in and by which I have given and bequeathed to my daughters Easter. Ann. Elizabeth. Mary, Martha and Nancy One hundred dollars each. Now therefore I do by this writing which I hereby declare to be a codicil to my said last will and testament and to be taken as a part thereof order and declare that my will is that one hundred dollars each over and above be given to my daughters Easter. Ann. Elizabeth Mary and Nancy as a compensation for their care and kindness to me since my last will was written. I also bequeath to my daughter Martha's son John David Dunbar one hundred dollars to be kept at Interest for his benefit until he becomes of Age then to be given to him. given under my hand and seal this 6th day of September 1859.

Witnesses
 Charles Evans
 J S Gordon
 Jane Gordon

David McWilliams (Ls)

The State of S. Ca }
 Abbeville District } Personally appeared before me Wil-
 liam J Stevenson one of the Justices of the within title
 and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty
 God makes oath that he was personally present, and did
 see David McWilliams sign, seal, publish and declare
 the said paper to contain his last will and testament
 that the said Testator was of sound and disposing
 mind memory and understanding to the best of his
 knowledge & belief and that Jas C Stevenson & Andrew
 Stevenson together with himself in the presence of the
 Testator and in the presence of each other did sign
 their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof

Also personally appeared before me J S Gordon one
 of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Codicil to
 the within will and being sworn on the Holy Evan-
 gelists of Almighty God makes oath that he was person-
 ally present and did see the said David McWilliams
 sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be a
 Codicil to his said last Will and Testament -
 that

Charles Evans and Jane Donald together with himself in the presence of the said Testator and in the presence of each other did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same

Sworn before me
11 February 1860
William Hill O.S.D.

Wm J Stevenson
J. J. Gordon

The State of S. Ca } On hearing the evidence and having exam-
Abbeville Dist } ined Wm J Stevenson & J. J. Gordon, witnesses
to the will & Codicil of B. McWilliams dec'd. I am satisfied
that it is the true last will of the said dec'd and therefore
Order that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.

11 February 1860.

William Hill, o.s.d.

The State of S. Carolina }

Abbeville District } Personally came William Gordon
Executor named in the will of David McWilliams dec'd. and
being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God makes oath
that the annexed paper is the true last will and testament of
the said David McWilliams dec'd. to the best of his knowledge
& belief - 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 & Appraisement
of the estate of the said dec'd. within the time prescribed by law

Sworn before me

11 Feb 1860.

Wm Hill o.s.d.

Wm Gordon

Last Will & Testament
of John Swilling dec'd

South Carolina

Abbeville District

In the name of God Amen.

I, John Swilling of State and District aforementioned
calling to mind that it is appointed for all men
once to die make and ordain this my last will and
Testament laying aside all other wills. Item first It
is my will and desire that at my death my Executors
hereinafter named do sell all my property in the form

of Household and Kitchen furniture and as many of my Negroes not herein mentioned and specially devised as they judge necessary to pay my debts first and should there be any surplus arising from such sale over and above the debts I devise that the same with the proceeds of the crops made annually on my plantation be loaned out at Interest which interest and as much of the principle as may be necessary shall be applied to the maintenance and education of my children namely James Gasparish Jr. Swilling and his sisters Martha Ann Pabitha Clerinda, Mary Frances Conner, and Harriet Lucinda untill my son and daughters severally arrive at the age of Twenty one years or untill such time as said daughters shall severally marry when the portion that will be specially named hereafter shall be delivered to them Item 2^d I also will and ordain that such of my negroes as are not sold as above specified and all necessary farming utensils and stock to be kept on my plantation and used for the benefit of my said children as above named untill the 8th day of December A D 1863 when my son James J. H. Swilling will be of age at which time or in the event of his death before such time then it is my will that all of my property be sold by my executors and divided among my surviving children as above named as they arrive at mature age, or in the event of their marrying before they arrive at the age of twenty one. Item 3^d it is my will and desire that should my executors at any time prior to any of my children arriving at the age of twenty one years that it to be the most conducive to the interest of my children to sell all the residue of my Estate that will not be hereafter named and otherwise disposed of in which event I hereby authorize them to do so and make distribution of the proceeds as hereafter mentioned or directed namely out of said proceeds to pay over to my daughter Lucinda wife of James D. Houston provided she survives the settlement of my Estate the sum of Five Hundred dollars and should she die before the final settlement of my estate this part of my bequest is to be null and void.

Item 4th I will and bequeath to my daughter Berlinda's children by her last husband G. W. Osborn the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars to my grandson John Swilling Osborn I bequeath Four Hundred Dollars the remaining Eight Hundred dollars to be equally divided among my daughter Berlinda Osborn's children to be paid by my executors to their guardians it is my will that the daughter that my daughter Berlinda had by her first hus.

band shall not have any portion of the above named sum as she is well provided for and if any of the children of my Daughter Berlinda should die before the division of my estate it is my will that such share be equally divided among the surviving children as above named Item 6th I will and bequeath to my children by name the following property as special legacies namely to my son James & H. Swilling the plantation on which I now reside containing 737 acres also my negro man Henry about 32 year old my negro woman Martha about 19 years old and her child one year old & their future increase.

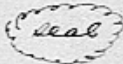
Item 7th. I will and bequeath to my daughter Martha Ann my negro man Charles about 27 years of age and his wife Eliza about 19 years of age and their two children Agne and Bason and their future increase for her own special use and benefit and the heirs of her body and not to be subject to the debts nor control or liabilities of any future husband of my said daughter to be delivered to her when she shall have obtained the age of twenty one years or upon her marriage prior to that time.

Item 8th I give and bequeath to my daughter Tabitha Clerndon my negro man William about 21 years of age my girl Mary 12 years old and girl Roxey about 3 years old with all their future increase.

Item 8. I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary Frances Connor my negro boy Clay about 23 years old and my girl Jane 7 years old my boy Bob 6 years old with all their future increase Item 9th I give and bequeath to my daughter Harriet Lucinda my negro boy about 19 years of age named Andrew my girl Lanny about 6 years old my boy George about 5 years old with all their future increase.

Item 10 it is my will that the legacies left to my three last named daughters shall be subject to the same restrictions as in the case of my above named daughter Martha Ann the property that any of them may receive at the final settlement of my estate shall not be under the same restrictions as herein mentioned but shall be at the control of their heirs or future husband and if either of my above named daughters should die without issue their above named legacy revert back and be equally divided among my surviving children namely Jas & H. Swilling Martha Ann Tabitha Clerndon Mary Frances Connor Harriett Lucinda.

Item 11. When the eldest of my daughters to whom those special legacies are given receives her part the property shall be appraised so as to make each of my daughters receiving those special legacies equal share and share alike Item 12th in the event of the death of any of the negroes that has been named in any of those legacies, or of such negroes becoming valueless their places shall be supplied by other negroes valued so as to keep an equal division of negroes specially devised to each of my said children Item 13th. When my son James J. Swilling arrives at the age of twenty one years it is my will that my other negroes that has not bin otherwise disposed of and that will not have to be sold to pay legacies shall be divided into lots and appraised and divided among my four daughters namely Martha Ann Sabitha Cleinda Mary Frances Connor & Harriet Lucinda Item 14. it is my will that all of my stock and farming utensils household and kitchen furniture be sold when my son James arrives to the age of twenty one years and the proceeds of such sale to be divided equally between my five children James J. Swilling Martha Ann Sabitha Cleinda Mary Frances Connor & Harriet Lucinda share and share alike Item 15. I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends Zachariah Hall, Dr. Orr J. Milford and John Brownlee Executors of this my last will and testament in witness of all of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred & fifty nine

John Swilling 

Signed, sealed and delivered by testator to be his last will and testament in our presence who in the presence of the testator and of each other, also at the request of the testator witness the due execution hereof

M. B. Latimer

M. W. Lynch

J. M. McKeown

The State of S. C.

Abbeville District

Personally came M. B. Latimer one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will, and being duly sworn said on oath that he was personally present and did see John Swilling sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament - that he was of sound
(and)

and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief - that A. M. Lynch and J. M. McKeown together with himself in the presence of each other and in the presence of the Testator, signed their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Sworn before me this
20 February 1860
William H. Hill o.c.

M. B. Latimer

S. Ca Abbeville Dist.

Having examined M. B. Latimer one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and testament of the said John Swilling dec'd. Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.

20 February 1860.

M. H. Hill. o.c.

The State of S. Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally appeared before me, John Brownlee Zachariah Hall and William J. Milford, Executors named in the annexed will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God make oath that the said paper contains the true last will of the said John Swilling dec'd to the best of their knowledge & belief - that they will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the Legacies therein contained as 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 aforesaid district a true and correct Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn before me this
20 February 1860
William H. Hill
o.c.

John Brownlee
Z. Hall
Wm. J. Milford

The Last Will & Testament of Isabella Marshall de^y

State of South Carolina
Abbeville District

In the name of God Amen,

I Isabella Marshall of the State & District aforesaid being informed & weak in body, but of sound mind memory and understanding do make this my last Will & Testament, in manner & form following.

First I give & bequeath unto my son in law J. W. L. Partlow & unto his wife my daughter Mary Partlow, all my negroes & all other personal Property of every description of which I am possessed to have & to hold during the course of their natural lives. Said negroes & property, not being subject to the debts or dispositions of said J. W. L. Partlow & his wife Mary Partlow. But to be equally divided between my beloved Grand children (being the issue of said James W. L. Partlow & his wife Mary Partlow, my beloved Daughter, share & share alike, at the death of said J. W. L. Partlow.

Second. I give and bequeath unto each of my grand children viz. S. E. Partlow M. J. Partlow J. M. Partlow. A. J. A. Partlow J. A. Partlow. E. E. H. Partlow. F. J. A. Partlow. M. R. R. Partlow W. S. Partlow. J. H. Partlow. & S. C. Partlow all my cash estate, consisting (in the year of our Lord 1860. 30th day of May of two notes of hand; one made & due by J. W. L. Partlow, principal & interest at that date amounts to the sum Eight thousand seven hundred & seventy nine dollars.

The other made & due by Dr. W. L. Templeton which amounted at the above time principal & interest to the sum of five hundred & nine dollars. The whole amount being nine thousand two hundred & eighty eight dollars, together with all interest that may accrue thereon, to be equally divided between my grand children share & share alike. And if my daughter Mary shall have other issue by her marriage with with my son in law J. W. L. Partlow my will is that they shall be made equal to the Eleven above named grand children

My will is if either of the above named Grand children shall die before they are married or come of ~~opature~~ age that their proportion of the above sum above bequeathed shall be equally divided between the surviving brothers and sisters

Third I do hereby nominate & appoint my son in law J. W. L. Partlow my Executor to this my last will & testament & do empower him to control all my cash estate & administer it as above written

It bequeathed only the same shall remain in his (my) sole and lawful possession until my grand children shall respectively arrive at the age of twenty one years or be married at which time my will is, they shall receive their respective shares.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my hand & seal this 29th day of April in the year of our Lord 1858.

Isabella ^{her} Marshall ^{Mark V. Seal}

Test. W. L. Appleton
R. M. Perryman
W. W. Perryman

The State of South Carolina }

Abbeville District } Personally appeared W. W.

Perryman, before me and made oath that he was personally present, and did see Isabella Marshall, sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the within writing to be her last will and testament - that the testatrix was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that W. L. Appleton and R. M. Perryman, together with himself, and in the presence of the testatrix, and in the presence of each other signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same

W. W. Perryman

Subscribed before me 5 March 1860
D. Hill. O. A. D.

Having examined W. W. Perryman, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last will of the said Isabella Marshall dec'd
Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form
5 March 1860
D. Hill. O. A. D.

The State of S^c Carolina }

Abbeville District } Personally appeared J. V. L.

Paulsen For named in the foregoing paper and made oath that said writing contains the true last will and testament of Isabella Marshall dec'd, so far as he knows and believes - that he will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies.