

(Last Will & Testament of Thomas Hodge dec'd)

South Carolina

Abbeville District

In the name of God amen.

I Thomas Hodge of the district and state aforesaid being weak of body and of feeble health and satisfied I have not long to live have thought proper to make my last will and testament which is as follows.

Item 1st I desire all just debts I may be owing and funeral Expenses to be honestly paid.

Item 2nd I bequeath to my son John W. Hodge fifty dollars —

Item 3rd I bequeath to my son Francis P. Hodge fifty dollars

Item 4th to my son James Hodge fifty dollars

Item 5. to my son Thomas P. Hodge fifty dollars.

Item 6th to my son Alexander Hodge in consideration of his services rendered me the plantation whereon I now live also my waggon and all farming utensils stock of cattle sheep and hogs household and kitchen furniture my wife Martha to have a decent support during her life on said premises by my said son Alexander Hodge my daughter Eliza to have a home and decent support on said premises during life.

Item 7th I bequeath to my wife Martha during her natural life my Negro girl Harriet

Item 8th to my daughter Eliza one extra bed and furniture of the one she now owns also my Mare named Kate with her increase In case of the death of my daughter Eliza she to be at full liberty to dispose of said property as she may think proper the negro Harriet to become the property of said Eliza at her mothers death and in case of her decease the without issue to revert back to my son Alexander —

I nominate and appoint my son Alexander and son James Hodge Executors of this my last will and testament the specified legacies to be paid by said Alexander In consideration of which I also bequeath to him all other property which may be remaining and belonging to me at my death.

In testimony whereof I have subscribed my name and set my seal this 22nd Sept. 1860.

Signed sealed and delivered by the said Thomas Hodge in our presence, who at his request and in presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names, the day and year above written

Lewis C. Clunkables
Or J M Campbell — John W. Cunn.

Thomas Hodge (Seal)

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

Abbeville District } Personally appeared John M. Curry one of
the witnesses to the annexed will, and upon oath says that he
was personally present and did see Thomas Hodge sign, seal,
publish, pronounce and declare the same to be and contain his
last will & testament. That said testator was of sound and dis-
posing mind memory and understanding to the best of his
knowledge & belief. - that Lewis C. Clintscaler and W. J. M.
Campbell, 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 of the same.

Sworn before me 5 August 1861

W. Hill, C. C. & D.

John M. Curry.

Having examined John M. Curry, one of the subscribing witnesses
to the annexed will, and being satisfied that it is the true
last will & testament of the said Thomas Hodge decd.

Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in "Common form".

W. Hill, C. C. & D.

Personally appeared Alexander Hodge & James Hodge, Executors
named in the annexed will, and being sworn says that the said
paper contains the true last will of Thomas Hodge decd. 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 thereon - that they will make and return into the
office of the Ord^y of Abbeville District, a true and correct Inventory
of the estate of the said decd. within the time prescribed by laws.

Alexander Hodge ^{his}

James Hodge ^{his}

Sworn before me

5 Aug^t 1861

W. Hill, C. C. & D.

(Last will & Testament of Warren Pichey dec^d)


South Carolina
Abbeville District

In the name of God Amen.

I Warren Pichey of the District & State
above written do hereby make and ordain this my last will and
Testament.

I do hereby bequeath to my mother Mrs Elizabeth Pichey all
my Estate of whatsoever nature and kind during her natural
life, and at her death it is my will and desire that the same
shall be equally divided amongst my brothers and Sisters, the
child or children of a deceased brother or Sister to take the share
as a class to which the parent would have been entitled if living.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal This sixteenth day of April in the year of our
Lord Eighteen hundred & sixty one.

Warren Pichey 

signed and sealed in our presence, who also ^{signed} as witnesses in presence
of the Testator

Isaac Branch

Dr J. Livingston

James D. Chalms

The State of S. Ca

Abbeville Dist } Personally appeared James D. Chalms, one of the
subscribing witnesses to the within will, and being duly sworn, upon
oath saith - that he was personally present, & did see Warren Pichey
sign seal, & heard him publish and declare the within writing to
be his last will & Testament - That the said testator was of sound
and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of
his knowledge & belief, and that J. F. Livingston & Dr. Isaac Branch
together with himself, and in the presence of each other, & in the pres-
ence of the Testator did sign their names as witnesses to the due
execution of the same.

James D. Chalms.

sworn before me 2 Sept 1861

William Hill, O. A. D.

The State of S. Ca

Abbeville District } Having examined James D. Chalms, one of the
witnesses to the within will, and being satisfied that
it is the true last will of Warren Pichey dec^d. Ordered that it be admitted
to Probate in "Common form".

Sept 2. 1861

William Hill, O. A. D.

S. Ca } I do swear that the within writing contains the
 Abbeville Dist } true last Will of the within named Wm. Pickett
 dec'd so far as I know & believe, and that I will well and truly
 execute the same, by paying first the debts, and then the legacies
 contained in the said will, as far as his goods and chattels will
 thereto extend and the law charge me, and that I will make
 a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels, and
 return the same into the Ordinarys office of the said District
 within the time prescribed by law. So help me God.

sworn before me this

17 Sept 1861

William Hill C. C. J.

J. Albert Pickett

(The Last Will and Testament of Janet Robertson dec'd)

South Carolina }

Abbeville District }

In the name of God Amen!

I Janet Robertson of the State and district aforesaid,
 being old and infirm, but in the full enjoyment of mind and
 understanding - taking into consideration the fact that I cannot
 live long, have thought it my duty to dispose of my worldly
 affairs, which I do in the manner and form following - viz.

First. I will and direct that all my just debts and funeral expen-
 ses be paid as soon as possible after my decease.

Item 1st I give my son William S. Robertson my clock, and one bed
 and bedstead and furniture, and the balance of my house-
 hold furniture I give to my daughter Elizabeth Wardlaw,
 except my large Cupboard, and which Cupboard I loan
 her during ^{her} life, and at her death I direct that the said
 piece of furniture shall be given to my son William should
 he survive her.

Item 2nd I bequeath to my daughter Rosa Ann Burnett the sum of
 ninety dollars - this money I direct my executor hereinafter
 named to pay into the hands of Pinckney Bourne who married
 my Grand daughter Elizabeth Burnett, for the sole and separate
 use of my said daughter Rosa - not to be subject to the debts or
 contracts of her husband.

Item 3rd I also leave, and direct the sum of Ninety Dollars to be paid
 to my son John Robertson - to him and his heirs forever. And
 the remainder of my estate after paying my debts, and all
 expenses I will and bequeath to be equally divided between
 my son William S. Robertson and my daughter Eliza Wardlaw.

I desire my executor to see to it that my grave be decently attended to, and a Headstone of good Marble be placed thereon.

I hereby constitute and appoint my son William S. Robertson, the executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this 30th day of October 1854

her
Janet + Robertson (seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the ^{maker} aforesaid Janet Robinson as her last will and testament, in presence of us, who at her request, in the presence of each other and of the said Janet have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

David Robison

Matthew C. Brown

Thos Robison

The State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District }

I ordain and establish this paper, as a Codicil to my last will and Testament executed by me on the 30th October 1854.

— Imprimis. In said last will I appointed my son William S. Robertson, my executor. I have now thought proper to revoke, and annul the said appointment, and in his stead, I hereby appoint Thomas Eakin to be the executor of my last will and testament referred to above.

Witness my hand & seal this 10th Nov^r. 1858

her
Janet + Robertson (seal)
maker

Signed, sealed and acknowledged by Janet Robinson, as a Codicil to her last will and testament in our presence, who at her request, in the presence of each other, and of the said Janet have subscribed our names as witnesses

Thomas Robison

Jesse S. Adams

Lemmy J. Wilson.

The State of S. Carolina }
Abbeville District }

Personally appeared Thomas Robison, one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will and Codicil, and upon oath says that he was personally present and did see Janet Robinson, sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the same to be her last will and testament— That

(she)

she was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understand-
ing to the best of his knowledge & belief that David Robison &
Matthew C. Owen's together with himself in the presence of each
other and in the presence of the Testatrix signed their names as
witnesses to the execution of the will, and that Sifer Adams &
Leroy J. Wilson together with himself in the presence of each other
& in the presence of the Testatrix signed their names as witnesses
to the due execution of the Codicil.

sworn before me

21st Sept 1861

W. Hill o.s.g.

Thos. Robison

Having examined Thomas Robison one of the witnesses to the
annexed will (and Codicil thereto), and being satisfied that it is
the true last will of the within named Janet Robison. Ordered
that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.

21st Sept 1861.

William Hill o.s.g.

The State of S^c. Ca } Formally appeared Thomas Eatins, executor
Abbeville District } named in the annexed will, and being sworn,
on oath says that the same contains the true last will & testament
of Janet Robison 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 therein contained so far as the goods & chattels will
extend and the law charge him - that he will make and return
into the office of the Ordinary of the said district a true and
perfect Inventory of the estate of the said Janet Robison within
the time prescribed by law

sworn before me this

21st Sept 1861 W. Hill o.s.g.

Thomas Eatins.

(The Last Will and Testament of George A. Allen, dec^d)

State of South Carolina }

Abbeville District }

I George A. Allen of Abbeville District
and state aforesaid, being anxious to make a disposition of my
property whilst sound in mind and memory, though of feeble
health, do make, ordain and publish this my last will and
Testament.

First I direct my just debts to be paid out of such of my real and
personal estate as may not be specifically bequeathed; as soon

after my decease, as my Executrix hereinafter named may find it convenient.

Second. It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Sophronia Allen shall have the following property, viz: The house and lot in Coblesbury in which I now live containing six and a half acres, more or less, and bounded by lots of F. W. Connor, M. Strauss, the Main Street in front &c. Also my Taylor tract of land containing fifty five acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of John Vance, Mouthier Griffin and others: with all my household and kitchen furniture; my family horse Henry, with my buggy and harness. Also the following negroes to wit: Rachael, Thery (and her child), Peter, (William), Anne, and Lucius.

Third. My Mill tract of land containing three hundred & fifteen acres more or less, bounded by Mrs. Ware, James Fillingworth and others, and such interest as I may have in the Mill and water power at Ware's Shoals on Saluda River; and also my Pocket tract of land containing twenty acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of Brantly C. Hart, J. W. Vance and others, I will and direct to be sold. - But to prevent its being exposed to sale at an injudicious time, I direct that it shall be discretionary with my Executrix to sell it at such time as she may think best for the interest and advancement of my Estate.

Fourth. I will the following nineteen negroes, to wit: Simon, Betty, Susannah, Merrimon, Bob, Emoline, Lewis, Rachael, Eley, Phillis, Elam, Sam, Harriet, Daphny, Bob, Capers, George, Phebe, and John, to my two children Lyon Allen, and George Gabriel Allen, and to my two step daughters Imogene Cantey, and Mary J. Cantey - My step daughters Imogene and Mary J. Cantey, having already an inheritance from their father, it is my will that they shall not take equally of my property with my two children aforesaid, but only so much as will when added to what they have already inherited from their father, make each of them in the amount of their property equal to each of the shares of my two children. Said negroes I will to be kept under the supervision and direction of my wife Sophronia Allen to be divided or apportioned to each child respectively, as it becomes of age or married, in the proportion before directed.

Fifth. I make it a special charge to my wife Sophronia Allen, out of the property before given to her, by this will, to maintain and educate the children aforesaid until my youngest son George J. Allen shall become of age.

Sixth. I will my Gold Watch to my son George Gabriel Allen.

Seventh. Should there be any balance of my personal Estate after payment of debts that I have not specifically bequeathed, I desire that it
(together)

together with my stocks choses in action, and whatever of right pertains to my Estate, may be distributed equally between my two children and my two step daughters aforesaid.

Eighth. I nominate and appoint my wife Sophronia Allen the Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this the twenty eighth of December One thousand Eight Hundred and sixty.

signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of.

Thomas Mahon
F. A. Connor
S. E. Graydon

G. A. Allen 

The State of S. Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally appeared Thomas Mahon, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and being sworn on oath saith, that he was personally present, and did see George A. Allen, sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the said writing to contain his last will and testament: that he (the testator) was of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief - that F. A. Connor, and S. E. Graydon, 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 of the same.

Sworn before me this 1st October 1861

William Hill, J. C. D.

Thomas Mahon

J. C. D. Dist. Having examined Thomas Mahon, one of the subscribing witnesses to the within will - and being satisfied that it is the true last will & Testament of George A. Allen dec'd it is ^o Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form 1st October 1861.

William Hill, J. C. D.

The State of S. Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally appeared Sophronia Allen Executrix named in the foregoing will, who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, saith that said writing contains the true last will and testament of George Allen dec'd to the best of her knowledge & belief - that she will 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 me, and that she will make and

return

return into the office of the Clerk of the said District, a just & true inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed by law - so help me God.

J. A. Allen

Wm. L. Fox md
1 Oct 1861
William Hill. O. A. S. }

(The Last Will & Testament of Eliza T. Williams. de. &)

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Know all men by these presents, that I, Eliza
Thomas Williams, being of sound disposing mind, memory, will,
and understanding do make and ordain this to be my last
Will and testament, hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore
made.

I devise give and bequeath all my real and personal estate
money, choses in action &c as follows.

Item. I give and bequeath to my sister Jane Beverly Evans of
Marion G.C. the following slaves: to wit: David, Susan
Jeremiah, Isaac, Evans, Amy, Kelly, Maniah and
Albert and their future increase to her the said Jane B.
Evans during her life, and from and immediately after
her death I give and bequeath the slaves, aforesaid to her
children forever share and share alike. But in the event
I shall sell Evans in order not to separate him from his
wife, in that event I give and bequeath the price for which
he shall be sold to be raised as hereinafter directed to my
said sister.

Item. I give and bequeath to my sister Ann M. Turpin (provision
being made for her in my late husband's will my carriage
and horses.

Item. I give and bequeath to my nephew Alfred B Turpin my
library.

Item. I give and bequeath to my niece Ann Eliza Turpin all
my household and kitchen furniture including my silver.
I will and direct that my executor hereinafter named at
a suitable time after my death and on such terms as be
most advantageous do sell all the rest and residue of
my real and personal estate, consisting of a house and lot
in the village of Coblesbury and about 300 acres of land
more or less contiguous thereto, and a tract of 160 acres
more or less known as the "Butler tract, and the following

(slaves)

slaves, viz Manuel, Pella, and her children. And the remaining portion of my goods and chattels not herein before specifically bequeathed; and that he apply the proceeds of said sale, together with the money on hand at the time of my death and what may be due and owing to me from bonds notes or choses in action at that time in payment and satisfaction of the following charges and bequests.

1 The debt due by me to Ana M Turpin a debt due to Alfred B. Turpin and all other debts that I may justly owe at the time of my death.

2. The price for which Evans, hereinafter bequeathed to my sister Jane B. Evans shall sell, if he be sold at the time of my death, to be paid to my said sister Jane B. Evans if she living, and if she be dead to her children.

Dec. 1 58) this boy Evans sold for one thousand dollars

3 Three Hundred Dollars which I give to Samuel Hill as a token of my love and regard.

4. Three Hundred Dollars which I give and bequeath to Thomas Walker Wheeler son of the Rev. Joseph Wheeler in order to complete his education.

5 Three Hundred Dollars which I give and bequeath to Walker Williams Evans infant son of C. C. Evans.

6 The rest and residue of the fund arising from the sale aforesaid and the money so I give and bequeath to the children of my sister Martha W. Giles, to be divided as follows, the children of Martha Rice deceased to represent her, and Mary Elizabeth Rice to receive a double portion of either one of the said children of the said Martha W. Giles.

Item The debt due me by the Trust Estate of Dr. Robert Giles, I hereby release for the benefit of the certain goods.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my nephew Cheley B. Evans sole Executor of this my last will & testament.

Elija T. Williams 

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the above named Elija T. Williams as for her last will & testament, who in her presence and the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses this 21st day of October A.D. 1857

J. C. Graydon

J. J. Gary

Jos. W. Townsend

In the matter of the last will & Testament of Eliza J. Williams
 The State of S^c Carolina } In the Court of Ordinary.

Abbeville District } Personally appeared J. E. Graydon, one of the
 subscribing witnesses to the within will, and being sworn on the Holy
 Evangelists of Almighty God, says that he was personally present and
 did see Eliza J. Williams, sign, seal, and read her publick and
 pronounced the said writing to contain her last will and testament.
 That she was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understand-
 ing to the best of his knowledge & belief - that J. F. Gary and Joel
 W. Townsend together with himself, 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. This Deponent further swears
that through inadvertence the year "1857" was left unaltered and
that the true date should have been 1859, Eighteen hundred & fifty nine.

From before me

23rd October 1861

W. Hill, C. A. D.

J. E. Graydon

S^c Carolina } Having examined J. E. Graydon, one of the
 Abbeville District } Witnesses to the within will, and being satis-
 fied that it is the true last will and testament of Eliza J.
 Williams dec^d. Order that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.

23rd Oct 1861

William Hill, C. A. D.

S^c Carolina }
 Abbeville Dist } Personally appeared Chesley D. Evans, Executor
 named in the within will, and upon oath says that said
 writing contains the true last will and testament of the
 within named Eliza J. Williams - 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 therein contained
 so far as the goods and chattels will extend and the law
 charge him, and that he will make a just and true Inventory
 of all such goods and chattels.

From before me

23rd October 1861

W. Hill, C. A. D.


C. D. Evans.

(Last Will & Testament of James Gideon Johnson dec^d)

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

I James Gideon Johnson being in feeble health, but of sound and disposing mind and memory thanks be to god for his mercies doe make and ordain this my last will and testament in form following.

- Item first it is my will that my funeral expences and all of my just debts be first paid out of my estate
- Item 2^d it is my will that my dearley beloved wife Amanda Johnson shall have all of my estate both real and personal to be sub. just intirely to her Conhole and that she shall have the right to distribute my estate among my children as they aine at mature age as she may think proper.
- Item 3^d it is my will that my wife Amanda Johnson shall act as the guardian for my six ^{children} namely Pogy Ella Johnson, Samuel William Johnson, John Johnson, Anna Maria Johnson, James Gideon Johnson, Mary Amanda Johnson, with the full confidence that she will make a just and Equitable distribution of my estate among them
- Item 4th it is my will that my wife Amanda Johnson shall act as the executor to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal — this the 18th day of Sept in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & sixty one

James G. Johnson 

signed Sealed and delivered
 in the presence of ^{estates} & we in
 the presence of each other

John Browne
 James G. Bell
 W. M. Bell

The State of S^c Carolina } In the Court of Ordinary.
 Abbeville District } Personally appeared John Browne,
 one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, saith that he was personally present, and did see James G. Johnson, sign, seal, publish, pronounced 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

and belief, and that James E. S. Bell, and W. M. Bell, 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.

Quom before me
12 Nov 1861

William Hill O.A.B.

John Browder.

The State of S. C. } Having examined John Browder, one of the sub-
Abb. Court } scribing witnesses to the annexed will, and being
satisfied that it is the true last will & testament of Jas S. Johnson
dec'd. I do "Order that it be admitted to Probate in Common form"

12 Nov. 1861

William Hill O.A.B.

The State of S. C. } Personally appeared Amanda Johnson Executrix
Abb. Court } named in the annexed will, and upon oath says
that the said paper contains the true last will of James S. Johnson
dec'd. to the best of her knowledge & belief. that she will well and
truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the lega-
cis therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will extend
and the law charge her - that she will make and return into
the office of the Ordinary of the said district a true and correct
Inventory of the estate of the said dec'd within the time prescribed
by laws.

Quom before me

Amanda Johnson

12 Nov. 1861 O'Hill. O.A.B.


Last Will of
Richard M. Puckett.

In the name of God Amen.

I, Richard M. Puckett of the District of Abbeville
and State of South Carolina being of sound mind and memory
and considering the uncertainty of this life do therefore make certain
publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament, that
is to say. First after all my lawfull debts are paid and dis-
charged the residue of my estate real and personal I give bequest
and dispose of as follows, to wit: First all my real and
personal property to be sold at public sale and the net proceed
to be divided equally between my Brother Homer, R. Puckett Jr -
and my sister Mary, A. Puckett, and my three nieces Mary
Louisa Puckett, Eliza Caroline Puckett and Nancy Louisa
Puckett and all the monies or Interest are to be equally divi-
ded between the above named Persons except Six Hundred Dollars
I give and bequeath to Henry Clark Puckett my nephew,
(6)

to be applied to his education and If Henry Clark Puckett dies before the Six Hundred Dollars is applied to his education I then desire it to go to his sister Nancy Louisa Puckett, his sister Likewise I make constitute and appoint my Brother Thomas R. Puckett Jr. to be executor of this My last Will and Testament the 12th day of June eighteen hundred and sixty one and in the eighty fifth year of the Independence of the United States of America. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal

signed, sealed delivered
In presence of us.

R. M. Puckett 

Witnesses
W. H. Bently
H. M. Pinson
Henry Hill

The State of So. Ca. } Personally appeared H. M. Pinson and
Abbeville District } Henry Hill - two of the witnesses to the annexed Will, and upon oath saith, that they were personally present and did see R. M. Puckett, sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare 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 their knowledge & belief - that W. H. Bently, together with themselves, 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 same.

sworn before me this

10 Dec 1861

(McMill. 028)

H. M. Pinson

Henry Hill.

So. Ca. Abbeville Dist: Having examined H. M. Pinson, and Henry Hill two of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will & testament of R. M. Puckett decd.

"Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form."

10 Dec 1861

(William Hill 028)

The State of So. Ca. } Personally appeared Thomas R. Puckett Jr. executor
Abbeville Dist } named in the annexed will, and upon oath saith that said writing contains the true last will of R. M. Puckett decd, 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 good & lawful (will 57)

will intend and the law charge him - that he will make a true and
 correct Inventory of the Estate of the said dec'd. within the time prescribed
 by law, and return the same into the Ordnance office in order to be
 recorded.

Sworn before me
 10 Oct 1861
 William Hill Ga. S


J. R. Puckett Jr.

The Last Will and Testament of
 George M. Connor.

I George M. Connor Considering the uncertainty of this life, and being
 of sound mind and memory, do make this my last Will and
 Testament. First I will my body to a decent Burial, and commend
 my Soul to God who gave it.

2nd After paying all my just and lawful debts I will that one
 Hundred Dollars be used to purchase a Pearl Case Ladies gold
 watch, to be presented to (her I loved most dearly in this life) Alice
 J. Bailey as a gift of Remembrance, with these words engraved
 on the inner Case A. J. B. from G. M. C.

3rd After this I will to my beloved Mother Henrietta M. Connor,
 my entire Estate, to be hers during her natural life, and at her
 death to be divided as follows between my beloved Brothers & Sisters
 First to my youngest brother William S. Connor. I bequeath one-
 third of the entire amount of my Estate, the remaining two thirds,
 I will shall be divided equally between the remainder of my
 brothers and sisters, as follows - Mr. H. Connor, Wiley B. Connor
 Harriet A. Wright and St. Cornelia Kincaid, their heirs or assigns,
 and Lastly I appoint Mrs. A. Bailey sole Executor of this my
 last Will & Testament, in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand & seal, this the 31st Day of August in the year of Our Lord
 One thousand eight hundred and sixty one

G. M. Connor 

E. R. Calhoun

H. W. Leland

Wm. S. Blake

Greenwood Ga Sept 2nd 1861.

The State of Ga } Personally appeared William S. Blake, one of
 Abt. Court } the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed Will, and
 being sworn saith that he was personally present and did see
 George M. Connor, sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the
 said writing to contain his last will and testament, that this
 (witness)

testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief and that E. B. Calhoun and H. W. Leland, 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
23 Decr 1861
W. Hill C. C. B.

Wm. A. Blake

Having examined W. A. Blake one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will & Testament of George M. Connor decd.

Orders that it be admitted to Probate in Court.

23 Decr 1861

W. Hill C. C. B.

The State of S. C. }

Abb. District } Personally appeared Jas. A. Bailey Executor named in the annexed will, and being duly sworn saith that said writing contains the true last will & Testament of George M. Connor decd. 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 C. J. of the said District a just & true Inventory of the Estate of the said decd within the time prescribed by laws

Sworn before me
23 Decr 1861

W. Hill C. C. B.

J. A. Bailey

(The Last Will of Mary Robinson decd)

Abbeville District }

South Carolina }

In the name of God Amen!
I Mary Robinson of the State and District aforesaid, being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, do make and publish this instrument, as my last will and testament; and I hereby revoke all other wills heretofore made by me.

I will that all my just debts be paid, & I hereby authorize my Executors hereinafter appointed to sell so much of my personal property as may be necessary to
(raise)

raise a fund sufficient for that purpose -

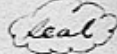
- 2- I will and bequeath to my sister Jane B. Lindsey (wife of Joseph B. Lindsey, the tract of land on which I now reside, containing Eighty four (84) acres more or less, to her, the said Jane B. Lindsey, her heirs and assigns forever - subject however to, and charged with the payment of the following specific legacies - to wit:
 1. To my Brother Fred B. Robinson I will and bequeath the sum of ten Hundred Dollars to be paid to him, by my said sister Jane B. Lindsey
 2. To my nephew W. Cowan Robinson, I will and bequeath the sum of fifty Dollars, to be paid to him by my said sister, Jane B. Lindsey
 3. To my nephew Thomas Alb. Robinson I will and bequeath the sum of fifty Dollars, to be paid to him, by my said sister, Jane B. Lindsey - Provided however, my sister Jane B. Lindsey should refuse to accept the land herein given to her, and confirm the gift by the payment of the sums of money charged thereon; then it is my will; that the said tract of Land be sold by my Executors at public auction; and the proceeds of sale be used by them, in the payment of the above legacies - If the said tract should sell for a sum of money less than the aggregate amount charged thereon, it is my will that it be paid out to each legatee in proportion to their respective shares - And if the said tract of land should sell for a larger sum of money than the amounts above charged, then it is my will in that event, that the remainder or balance thus left in the hands of my Executors, be paid over to my said sister, Jane B. Lindsey, her heirs, and assigns
3. To my Brother Fred B. Robinson I will ~~and~~ bequeath my Secretary or Book Case, and to Peggy Robinson, wife of said F. B. Robinson my Clock Loom.
4. To William Davis and Mattie Davis his wife (and my sister) I will and hereby give the free and undisturbed privilege of using water from my spring so long as they, or either of them may desire the use of the same.
5. To Jane B. Lindsey, wife of Joseph Lindsey I will and bequeath all my household furniture of every kind and description, not herein disposed, by specific legacies
6. The whole of my stocks of Horses, Cattle and Hogs, I will to be sold by my Executors and the proceeds of sale to be equally divided between the following named persons, to wit: Mattie Davis, wife of William Davis - Elizabeth Ann, Rebecca Jane, and Mary Robinson, (daughter

daughters of F. B. Robinson, and Elizabeth Jane Hawley
daughter of Harvey Robinson dec^d. to each of the above named,
sister & nieces, I give one equal portion or share

7. I hereby appoint Joseph Lindsey, and F. B. Robinson my
Executors of this my Last Will and Testament.

In witness my hand and seal this twelfth (12th)
day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand eight
Hundred and sixty one (1861)

signed, sealed and published
as and for her last will and
testament in presence of

May Robinson 

W. F. Sullivan

Tory Jay

J. W. Hearst

The State of S^c. Carolina

Abbeville Dist

In the Ct of Ordinary.

Personally appeared Tory Jay, one of the
subscribing witnesses to the foregoing, or annexed will, and
being duly sworn, saith, that he was personally present and did
see May Robinson sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare
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 & belief, and
that W. F. Sullivan, and J. W. Hearst, 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 of the
same.

sworn before me

3 Feb 1862. W. Hill. C. C. S.

Tory Jay.

Having examined Tory Jay, one of the subscribing witnesses to the
annexed will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will
& Testament of May Robinson dec^d. Ordained that it be admitted
to Probate in Common Form.

3 Feb 1862.

W. Hill. C. A. S.

The State of S^c. Ca

Abbeville Dist

In the Ct of Ordinary.

Personally appeared Joseph Lindsey, and F. B. Robinson
sons named in the annexed will, and upon oath saith that said
writing contains the true last will & Testament of May Robinson
(dec^d)

dec. 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 & 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 and correct inventory of all such goods & chattels.

sworn before me
3 July 1862
W. Hill Oct. 2

J. C. Lindsay
F. B. Robinson

(Last Will and Testament of Jane Bicket dec'd.)
State of South Carolina
Abbeville District.

I, Jane Bicket of the State and District aforesaid being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following - namely,

- I. I give and bequeath to Sarah McComb Brown, wife of Andrew Brown, the following articles, viz. One pair Waffle irons, one small oven with the lid and hooks belonging thereto, one stew-pot, one small pine chest, one white pelican, one feather bed and bedstead, two sheets, three pillows and cases, and two bed coverings.
- II. I give and bequeath to John Bicket, my son, all the tract of land whereon I now reside, consisting of One hundred and thirty-two acres, and bounded by lands of S. L. Devlin, J. L. Presley, T. J. Jay & others; with the buildings and other appurtenances thereof, to him, his heirs and assigns forever. I do also truly constitute and appoint J. L. Presley sole Executor of this my last will and testament.
- III. If there should be any money left after the payment of my debts, I direct that the same be given by my Executor, to John Hamilton Young. In witness of which I have hereunto subscribed my hand & seal this the eighth day of February and the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & sixty-two.

Witness. Geo. W. Presley
W. F. Sullivan
F. J. White.

her
Jane Bicket
mark

S. Co. Abbeville Dist. Personally appeared W. F. Sullivan, one of the witnesses to the within will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God makes oath that he was personally present and did see Jane Bicket, sign, seal, and publish the same to be her last will & testament. That she was then of sound mind, memory and

understanding, to the best of his knowledge & belief, & that George W. Pressley & F. J. White, together with himself, in the presence of each other & in the presence of the Testators signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

sworn before me 24 March 1862.

W. F. Sullivan.

W. Hill. C. A. C. }

S^o Co } Having examined W. F. Sullivan one of the witnesses to the
Abb. Dist } within will & being satisfied that it is the true last will
of Jane Bickel dec^d - Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Com:
form.

24 March 1862.

W. Hill. C. A. C.

S^o Co } Personally appeared Joseph L. Pressley. Son named in
Abb. Dist } the within will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists
of Almighty God, makes oath that said writing contains the true last
will of the within named Jane Bickel, so far as he knows & believes,
that he will well and truly execute the same, so far as the goods
& chattels will extend and the law charge him - that he will
make and return into the office of the Ordinary of the said District
a true & perfect Inventory of the Estate of the said dec^d. within the time
prescribed by law.

sworn before me

24 March 1862.

W. Hill. C. A. C. }

Joseph L. Pressley.

The Last Will & Testament of Obadiak L. Cann.

The State of South Carolina.

In the name of God. Amen!

I, Obadiak Linch Cann of Abbeville District and State aforesaid, being desirous to dispose of all my Estate Do make this my last will and testament.

1st I desire all my just debts to be paid by my Executors herein after named.

2nd I give to my dear Wife Frances O. Cann all of my Land during her natural life time or her widowhood, containing One hundred & twenty acres more or less, Situated in Abbeville District and State aforesaid lying on the South side of Diamond Creek waters of Rocky River joining lands owned by J. W. Cann, James Campbell, W. B. Martin, S^r Cockran, John McCury and others.

3^d I also give my wife Frances P. Cann all my stock, Plantation lots and all my household and kitchen furniture and all my goods and Chattels pertaining therunto during her natural life time or her widows.

4th and I do constitute my Dear Wife Frances P. Cann Executive of this my last will and testament - hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made - Witness my hand and seal this the 8th February 1862.

Obadiak L. Cann

signed & sealed as his last will and testament by Obadiak L. Cann in our presence

Robert Stucky
W. C. Ferguson
Jesse W. Cann

The State of S. Carolina } Personally appeared W. C. Ferguson, one of
Abbeville District } the witnesses to the within will, and upon oath says - that he was personally present and did see Obadiak L. Cann, sign, seal, publish, and declare the same to be his last will & Testament. That the Testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief - and that Robert Stucky and Jesse W. Cann 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 of the same, sworn before me

19 May 1862. (William Hill, O. A. D.) W. C. Ferguson

Having examined W. C. Ferguson one of the subscribing witnesses to the within will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and testament of Obadiak L. Cann dec^d - Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in "Common form".

19 May 1862. William Hill, O. A. D.

The State of S. Carolina } Personally appeared Frances P. Cann
Abbeville District } and made oath that the within writing is the true last will & Testament of Obadiak L. Cann^{dec^d} to the best of her knowledge and belief - and that she will well and truly execute the same, so far as the goods and chattels will extend, and the law charge her; and that she 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 dec^d within the time prescribed by laws.

sworn before me 22 May 1862
W. Hill, O. A. D.

F. P. Cann,

(The Last Will and Testament of John H. Gray)

The State of South Carolina

Abbeville District } In the name of God. Amen!


I, John H. Gray of the State and District aforesaid, being at the present time in declining health, but (thanks be to God), in the enjoyment of a sound mind, memory and understanding, have thought proper to make some disposition of the worldly estate which a kind Providence hath graciously bestowed upon me, and do now declare the following to be my last will and Testament.

- 1st I wish all of my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid; and for that object, I direct that the Cotton which is now on hand, and what Cotton may be made the year of my death be applied; and if the Cotton be not sufficient to raise enough of money to pay off all my debts &c. I then direct that my executor and executor herein after appointed sell any other property in order to obtain sufficient funds.
- 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, all my lands, Stock of every kind, plantation tools, household and kitchen furniture, and all the provisions that may be on the place at the time of my death. Should my wife desire to remove, she is allowed to sell the lands I have herein given to her, and buy other lands wherever she may think proper - but the lands which she may buy with the proceeds of the sale of those which I have herein given to her shall be hers, only, during her natural life, and if she should not sell the lands I have herein given to her, the same, as well as all the other property given to her on this item shall be hers during her natural life only.
- 3rd I have already advanced to my oldest son (John) property which I value at two thousand dollars, and I direct that each of my children who may come of age, or marry shall receive a like amount of property, or as near the value of two thousand dollars, as can be conveniently done. The property thus given off to be appraised and valued by three disinterested men chosen by my Executor and Executor, and an amount kept of the same, so that in the final settlement of my estate all my children shall be made equal.
- 4th I wish all my property kept together (that is to say - all except that which circumstances may require to be sold and given off to my children as they come of age or marry) until my youngest child shall come of age or marry, at that time a division may be made, and if my wife be then living, she can make her

(choice)

- choice of one third of all my remaining property of every kind, and enjoy the same during her life, or a child's share, in fee simple, to do with it as she sees proper.
- 5th. At the death of my wife I direct that my land, and all the other property which I have given to her for life, be sold; and also all other property belonging to my estate be sold (excepting the negroes) and the proceeds of said sales be equally divided amongst my children, respect being had to advancements which either of them may have received, and should any of my children be dead, but leaving a child or children living at the time of my ^{wife's} death, such child or children shall represent the parent, and take the share such parent would have taken if living.
- 6th. My negroes, I direct, at the death of my wife, shall be put into as many lots as there are children of mine living, as well as those of my children who may be dead and leaving children (such children to represent their deceased parent) the lots so made to be as near in equal value as possible, when each child shall draw his lot, and those not of age or married, shall be drawn for by any disinterested individual. The shares of negroes falling to any of my children who are not of age or married, including any monies which may come to them, I direct shall be managed by my Executor and Executor.
- 7th. Any inequalities in the value of the respective lots of negroes falling to any of my children, is to be made up from the shares coming to them from my other property.
- 8th. I direct that my children, while unmarried, or of non age be supported from the proceeds of what is made on the plantation, this includes schooling as well as board and clothing; and should there not be enough raised on the farm to meet their expenses, then, a reasonable charge is to be made against such child or children, sufficient to cover the deficiency.
- 9th. If any of the negroes should become refractory, or disobedient and unmanageable, my executor and executor has the power to sell such negro, and invest the proceeds in another negro or negroes.
- 10th. I appoint, nominate and constitute, my wife Executor, and my son John Executor, of this will and testament - and as John is now in the Army of the Confederate States, and his life every day in peculiar peril, should he be not living at my death, I authorize my Executor to call to her assistance some worthy person to assist her in the execution of this will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 18th day of May A. D. 1862

John H. Gray 

signed, sealed, published and declared, by the said John H. Gray, as his last will & Testament, in our presence; and we, at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other have herunto subscribed our names as witnesses. (the word "wifes" on the 20th line of page 2nd interlined before being signed.)

Robt M Palmer

Wm H Brooks

Thos J Mabry

The State of S^c Va }
Abbeville District } Personally appeared Robt M Palmer before me
and made oath that he was personally present, and did see John H
Gray, sign, seal, publish and declare the annexed paper to contain
his last will & Testament. That he was then of sound and disposing
mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge &
belief that Wm H Brooks and Thos J Mabry 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 of the same.
Sworn before me this 26 June 1862 } Robt M. Palmer,
William Hill, Oct 3 }

Having examined Robt M Palmer, one of the subscribing witnesses
to the annexed will & being satisfied that it is the true last will
& Testament of the within named John H. Gray, do Order
that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.

26 June 1862.

William Hill o a B

The State of S^c Va }
Abbeville District } Personally appeared Jane C Gray, the executrix
appointed in the within will and being sworn
on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath, that said writing
contains the true last will and testament of John H. Gray dec^d. so
far as she knows and believes - that she will well and truly
execute the same by paying the debts and the legacies therein
contained, so far as the goods & chattels will thereunto extend and
the law charge her - and that she 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 dec^d within
the time prescribed by Law.

Sworn to before me this

26 June 1862

William Hill o a B

Jane C Gray

(Last Will of Mary McWilliams decd)

The State of S. Carolina

Abbeville District

Be it known to all men by these Presents that I, Mary McWilliams of the District and State aforesaid, being in part owner, in Common with my sisters Esther, Anne & Nancy and Betty of certain real estate and chattel property, do hereby declare it to be my will and desire, and I hereby order and direct that in the event of my death, all the property I may own, be it Real or personal, shall be given to my surviving sisters; and to be to them conjointly and not otherwise.

My object in making this Will, is to prevent a division of the property which I, and my above named sisters own in Common with each other. Given under my hand and seal this the 3rd of April One thousand Eight Hundred and sixty.

Mary McWilliams (dec'd)

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said Mary, in our presence & at her request, and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses

Wm. Gordon

J. C. Stevenson

William G. Gordon.

The State of S. C.

Abbeville District

Personally appeared William Gordon one of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God upon oath says that he was personally present and did see Mary McWilliams sign seal publish & declare the said writing to contain her last will and testament. That said testatrix was of sound and disposing mind and memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief that J. C. Stevenson & Wm. G. Gordon together with himself, in the presence of each other, and in the presence of the testatrix witnessed the due execution of the same.

Sworn before me

7 July 1862.

W. Hill Oct. 2

Wm. Gordon

Having examined Wm. Gordon, one of the subscribing witnesses to the within will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will of the said Mary McWilliams, it is Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Com. Form

7 July 1862.

William Hill, Oct. 2


{ Qualified Elizabeth McWilliams, a one of the foregoing into this }
 { day. 19 July 1864. While 023 }

(Last Will & Testament of James H. Haddon dec'd)

In the name of God. Amen.

Know all men by these presents, that I, James H. Haddon, a Citizen of Abbeville District, South Carolina, being now sick, and knowing the uncertainty of human life - at the same time having soundness of mind and wishing to dispose of the property which a kind providence has given me do make this my last will and testament as follows.

1. I will that all my just and lawful debts be paid.
2. I will that my wife America Haddon have my farm, together with all the stocks, grain, provisions, farming utensils, household and kitchen furniture &c. at my decease, for her use during her life time.
3. I will that all my negroes remain on my farm under the management of my wife so long as my children continue to live with their mother.
4. I will that all my children, viz. my son Chalmers, and my daughters Josephine, Indiana, Mary and Martha have an equal share of my estate.
5. I will that when any one of my children either on account of marriage or a wish to set up for themselves, desires his or her part of my estate - that my wife shall give to such child one negro, and such other articles as she thinks fit - all the property so given to be appraised by three persons chosen by my wife and taken at such appraisement as a part of the said child's division of my estate.
6. I will that at the decease of my wife, all the property in her hands at the time be so divided among my children as to give them all an equal share of my whole estate.
7. I will that if any of my children should die before any division take place, that the same rule of division shall be observed.
8. I do hereby name and appoint Robert C. Grier of Due West and my wife America Haddon to execute and carry out this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I do hereunto subscribe my name and affix my seal - this the 5th day of March in the year One thousand Eight Hundred and sixty two.

James H. Haddon 

Signed in presence of
 E. L. Patton,
 J. N. Young
 Robert Ellis
 J. F. Kennedy

The State of S. Carolina } In the Court of Ordinary.
 Abbeville District } Personally appeared John A. Young one of the
 subscribing witnesses to the within will, and upon oath says, that he was
 personally present and did see James H. Haddon, sign, seal, publish, pro-
 nounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament; that he
 was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the
 best of his knowledge & belief, and that E. L. Patton, Robert Ellis and J. P.
 Kennedy in the presence of each other, and in the presence of the Testators
 did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same,
 Done before me 12 July 1862 } J. A. Young,
 W. Hill C. A. D. }

Having examined J. A. Young one of the subscribing witnesses to the
 foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will of
 James H. Haddon dec'd. it is Ordered that it be admitted to probate
 in Common form.
 12 July 1862 William Hill C. A. D.

The State of S. Car } Personally appeared America Haddon, executrix
 Abbeville District } named in the foregoing will, and made oath, that
 said writing contains the true last will and testament of James
 H. Haddon dec'd. to the best of her knowledge and belief - that she
 will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts
 and then the legacies therein contained so far as the goods and
 chattels will extend and the law charge her; and that she will
 make a just and true inventory of all such goods & chattels
 Done before me } America Haddon
 12 July 1862 }
 W. Hill C. A. D. }

(The Last Will and Testament of Agness Moore, dec'd.)

The State of S. Carolina }
 Abbeville District } In the name of God, Amen!
 I, Agness Moore - widow of the State and District
 aforesaid, being of very infirm health at present, and knowing
 that I have not long to live, do now make this as my last
 will and testament, as follows.
 First. I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses
 be first paid - and whatever balance of estate I may have
 I will and bequeath the same to my daughter Isabelle, to her
 and heirs forever.

I nominate constitute and appoint my

friend A. L. Gray to be the executor of this my last will
 Witness my hand & seal this 23 day of November
 A. C. 1861

Agness ^{her} Moore ^{mark} (seal)

signed, sealed, published and declared as, and for the last
 will and testament of the said Agness Moore in our presence,
 who in the presence of the testatrix, and in the presence of each
 other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the
 due execution of the same.

W. Magill

J. M. Gilliam

James P. Martin

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared William Magill
 Abbeville District } one of the subscribing witnesses to the
 within will, and upon oath says, that he was personally
 present and did see Agness Moore, sign, seal, publish
 pronounced and declare the said paper to contain her
 last will & testament - that she was then of sound and
 disposing mind memory and understanding to the best
 of his knowledge & belief, and that J. M. Gilliam and
 James P. Martin, together with himself in the presence of
 the testatrix and in the presence of each other did sign
 their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same
 duom before me

13 June 1862.

W. Hill, C. C. D.

W. Magill.

Having examined W. Magill, one of the subscribing witnesses
 to the within will, and being satisfied that it is the true last
 will and testament of Agness Moore dec'd Ordered that it
 be admitted to probate in common form.

13th June 1862

William Hill, C. C. D.

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared before me A. L. Gray
 Abbeville Dist } the Executor named in the annexed will,
 and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God
 upon oath saith - that said paper contains the last will of
 Agness Moore dec'd to the best of his knowledge and belief 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

a just & true inventory of all such goods and Chattels

duom before me 24 July 1862

William Hill, C. C. D.

A. L. Gray

(The Last Will of James H. Purdy dec^d)

The State of S^c Carolina } In the name of God, Amen!
 Abbeville District } I, James H. Purdy of the District and State
 aforesaid do now declare this to be my last will and testament, and have
 now thought proper to execute such a paper, as I am now about to enter
 the service of my Country in the Company from Edgefield District, Com-
 manded at present by Captain Byrd.

The negro that I own, of the name of Ailey, I give and
 bequeath to my wife Sarah Jane, during her natural life, and in
 the event of her death, then to my daughter Mary Jane, and to her
 heirs forever.

I appoint my uncle James Irwin the executor of this
 my last will and testament. Witness my hand & seal this 14th Novem-
 ber 1861.

signed sealed, published and
 declared in our presence, who at
 the request of the Testator, and in
 his presence, and in the presence of
 each other, have hereunto signed our
 names as Witnesses. The names in the 8th & 10th lines made before signing

Eduin Parker

Jas Moore

John A. Weir

The State of S^c Ca } Personally appeared Eduin Parker, one of the subse-
 Abbeville District } quing witnesses to the within will, and being sworn on
 the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally
 present and did see James H. Purdy sign, seal, publish and declare
 the said writing to contain his last will & Testament; that he was, then
 of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best
 of his knowledge and belief that James Moore and J^r. A. Weir, to-
 gether 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
 of the same.

sworn before me this
 17 July 1862
 W. Hill, O. A. D.

Eduin Parker.

Having examined Eduin Parker, one of the subscribing witnesses to the
 within writing, and being satisfied that it contains the true last will
 & Testament of the within named James H. Purdy dec^d. —

Ordered that it be admitted to probate in "Common form"

17 July 1862

William Hill, O. A. D.

(The Last Will & Testament of Michael S. Mann)

In the name of God Amen

I Michael Smith Mann of the District of Abbeville and State of South Carolina, Being weak in body but of sound mind memory and understanding, do make this my last will and testament in the manner following. I will and direct that my slaves Amelia and her children Henry, Mary Beck Sam and Adeline be sold for the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses.

I give and devise to my daughter Jane Ann Hogan during her natural life and for her sole and separate use, the land supposed to be about One hundred acres lying within the following boundaries viz Beginning at the corner on the west side of Flag Reed Creek near the old ford and thence running up the Creek to a small marsh inside of the bars and from the marsh up the drain to the out side fence and at her death I give and devise the said parcel of land to her children in fee simple. To children John Thomas and Elizabeth. M Mann I give and devise the parcel of land lying within the following boundaries viz Beginning at the Beach Corner on Flag Reed Creek running thence to the rock corner through the woods to L. O. Shoemaker's line thence along that line to Robert Wilson's line, thence to the out side fence. And I also give and devise to my said children John Thomas and Elizabeth. M Mann in fee simple the tract of land on which I now reside adjoining lands of Andrew Edwards Mrs. Bass and others. It is my will that all the residue of my Estate be sold by my Executor and the proceeds be equally divided between my wife Nancy Mann and my children Jane Ann Hogan John Thomas Mann and Elizabeth Mann.

It is my will that the share herein given to my wife Nancy Mann shall be held by my Executor and the interest thereof paid to her annually during her natural life, and at her death the said share be equally divided amongst my children herein before named and that the share of the residue of the Estate given to my daughter Jane Ann Hogan be held by my Executor and the interest thereof be annually paid to her during her natural life for her sole and separate use and at her death the said share to be equally divided amongst her children. I do hereby nominate and

appoint Armistead Burt Executor of this my last will and testament
 In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this first
 day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
 sixty two.

M. S. Mann *LS*

signed, sealed and published as his last will and testament by the
 Testator in presence of

H. H. Scudder

Epham Edwards

L. O. Shoemaker

The State of S^c Carolina

Abbeville District

In the Court of Ordinary.

Personally appeared L. O. Shoemaker, one of the subscri-
 bing witnesses to the foregoing will, and being sworn on the Holy
 Evangelists of Almighty God, upon oath saith, that he was person-
 ally present and did see Michael S. Mann, sign, seal, publish
 pronounced and declare the same to be his last will & Testament,
 that Testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and
 understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that
 H. H. Scudder and Epham Edwards, 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 of the same.

Sworn before me

17 July 1862

W. H. Hill, C. C. D.

L. O. Shoemaker.

Having examined L. O. Shoemaker, one of the subscribing witnesses
 to the foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last
 will and testament of Michael S. Mann dec^d. It is Ordered
 that it be admitted to Probate in "Common form"

17 July 1862.

William Hill, C. C. D.

The State of S^c Carolina

Abbeville District

I do swear that the writing contains the true
 last will & Testament of Michael S. Mann dec^d,
 so far as I know and believe, and that I will well and truly execute
 the same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies contained
 in the said will, as far as his goods and chattels will therewith
 extend and the law charge me, and that I will make a true and
 perfect inventory & appraisement of all such goods and chattels
 and return the same to the Ordinary, office of Abbeville District
 within the time prescribed by law. So help me God!

Sworn before me this

17th day of July, 1862

W. H. Hill C. C. D.

Armistead Burt

(The Last Will & Testament of George B. Richey)

In the name of God Amen I, George B. Richey of the District of Abbeville and State of South Carolina, being about to leave home in defence of the rights and liberties of my Country, and considering the dangers and casualties of the Camp - together with the uncertainty of human life do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare, this my last will and testament: That is to say, first after the payment of all my just and lawful debts, the residue of my estate real and personal, I give bequeath and dispose of as follows (To wit)

Item first - I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Margaret Louiza, my whole, and intire estate, Real Estate being my homsted Tract of land containing Five hundred and forty acres together with all the appurtenances and improvements thereon absolutely and forever, for her to use possess, and dispose of as she may think proper, also my fourteen slaves (To wit, Hannah, Charity & her child not name, Moses, Henry, Middey, Monda, Lewis, Edwards, Betty, Mary Jane, Edney, Jesse, and Charles, Together with their issue and increase, - to my said wife absolutely and forever, also all my stocks of whatever kind, also all my plantation tools, and fixtures of whatever kind soever, and all and every species of property, with which I am possessed to my said wife for her own use, absolutely and forever

Lastly - I do hereby constitute and appoint my said wife Margaret Louiza, sole and absolute Executrix 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 seventeenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty one.

G. B. Richey

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said George B. Richey, in our presence and acknowledged by him, to each of us, to be his last will and testament; and we at the testators request and in his presence, have signed our names as witnesses hereto.

J. L. Miller

J. E. Pruitt

James Magile

The State of S. Ca
Abbeville District

Personally appeared J. E. Pruitt, one of the
subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will,
(and)

and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally present and did see George B. Richey, sign, seal, publish, 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, and that J. L. Miller and James Magill 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 same.

sworn before me 30 July 1862 }
 William Hill. O. A. S. } S. E. Fruit

The State of S. Carolina } Having examined S. E. Fruit one of the subscribing
 Abbeville District } witnesses to the foregoing will, and being satisfied
 that it is the true last will of George B. Richey dec'd. Ordeined that it
 be admitted to Probate in "Common form"
 30 July 1862. William Hill. O. A. S.

The State of S. Carolina } Personally appeared Margaret Louisa Richey
 Abbeville District } Executrix named in the foregoing will, and being
 duly sworn, on oath says that the said writing contains the true last will
 and testament of G. B. Richey dec'd to the best of her knowledge & belief -
 that she will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts
 and then the legacies therein contained so far as the goods and chattels
 will extend and the law charge her.

sworn before me 30 July 1862 } Margaret Lou Richey.
 William Hill. O. A. S. }

(The Last Will and Testament of Augustus M. Smith.)

State of South Carolina.

In the name of God, Amen!

I Augustus M. Smith, being in good health, but desirous of making provision against the accidents of life do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

I direct all my just debts to be paid.

I devise and bequeath to my wife Sally M. and my son Lewis Wardlaw, now an infant, my land in the village of Abbeville, upon which I have commenced to make buildings and other improvements, with all of my household furniture, silver, books, and such other inanimate moveables as my wife may chuse to retain out of all my property; all this is to be freely and fully used by my wife until my son shall come to the age of
 (twenty one)

twenty one years, and then all that remains of it, unconsumed by use, shall go absolutely to my son.

I have lands in Arkansas and various States in the North-West, which I hold in partnership with other persons, and to which the agreements of partnership contain provisions for sale and distribution: I give to my Executors, hereinafter named, all the powers that may be necessary for turning these my interests into cash when they may deem it advisable.

My plantations in Jefferson County Arkansas, about four thousand five hundred acres in two parcels, and about one hundred and fifteen negroes thereon, and my plantation in Abbeville District South Carolina, about twenty five hundred acres in several tracts and about one hundred and thirty five negroes upon it and about my homestead, - my horses, mules plantation utensils, crops, and all the residue of my estate and property of every kind, I desire my Executors to sell at such times and in such modes, by public or private sale, as they may think best.

Of the cash raised from the various sources above mentioned, I give fifty thousand dollars that may be first in hand, after payment of my debts, to be equally divided between my wife and son, and of the remaining cash, I desire that my Executors shall, at the times and in the way they may find most convenient, set apart one tenth part, and the remaining nine tenths shall be equally divided between my wife and son.

The one tenth part set apart as above, my Executors shall, when it may be most convenient for my estate, pay to the Senator and members of the House of Representatives for Abbeville District in the General Assembly of South Carolina, in trust; And I direct and urgently desire that these Senator and Representatives, and their successors in office, shall, as Trustees, receive, vest and disburse this money, for the benefit of the poor of the said District, especially in regard to the education of the virtuous poor. To these Trustees, according to their sound discretion, from time to time, I leave the selection of a plan, its execution and change at their pleasure, by which the purpose I have indicated may be best promoted, according to the amount that may be received. A majority of the Senator and Representatives shall have all the powers of Trustees under this clause, and the greater number of this majority shall
(decide)

decide any question that may divide them.

I appoint my friends and kinsmen, James M. Ferriar, W. Joel Smith, and C. S. Wardlaw, Executors of this my last will and testament; giving to any two of them that may be qualified, in any State the powers which I have given to be exercised by my Executors in that State, and the like powers to only one of them, if only that one should be qualified.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal at Abbeville this seventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty one.

Signed, sealed and declared as a last will and testament in presence of
Wm. H. Parker
John A. M. McDonald
J. T. Moore

Aug. M. Smith

Codicil prepared in Charleston Jan'y 9th 1861.

Should it happen that other child or children should be born to me, I desire that such child or children should have each twenty five thousand dollars out of my estate, precisely as above provided for my son Lewis Wardlaw, before the residue of my estate shall be divided at all. I wish my wife and each of the children who may be born to me and survives me, to have twenty five thousand dollars and then and not till then the residue to be divided as directed in the will. -

I also desire, in case my eldest son Lewis Wardlaw should die before me, leaving another son or daughter who survives me, that the eldest child, who survives me shall take the homestead and other property at the time and according to the directions in reference to my son Lewis Wardlaw.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal at the City of Charleston this ninth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty one.

Signed sealed and declared in the presence of
S. McGowan
Jno. A. Bowne
W. C. Davis

Aug. M. Smith

The State of S. Co } Personally appeared Joseph T. Moore one of
Abbeville District } the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will,
(and)

and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, upon oath faith, that he was personally present and did see Augustus M Smith, sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the said writing to contain his last will & Testament that testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that Wm. A. Parker and John A. M. McDonald, 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 of the same.

Sworn before me this
5th day of Aug^r 1863
William Hill Oct 8

J. T. Moore

Also personally appeared Jno A Bowie, one of the witnesses to the Codicil annexed to the foregoing will, and upon oath says that he was personally present and did see the Testator Aug. M Smith, sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be a Codicil to his said last will and testament that he the said A. M. Smith was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief - and that he with J. M. Howard and W. C. Davis, in the presence of each other, and in the presence of the Testator signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn before me this 5th day of
Aug^r 1863 William Hill Oct 8

Jno. A. Bowie.

The State of So. Ca } Having examined Joseph T. Moore one of
Abbeville Dist } the witnesses to the foregoing will, and
also having examined Jno A Bowie one of the witnesses to the
Codicil annexed thereto - I am satisfied that the said writings
contain the true last will & Testament of Augustus M. Smith
decd. It is therefore Ordered that the same be admitted to
Probate in 'Common form' as the last will & Testament of
Augustus M. Smith decd

5 August 1863

William Hill, Oct. 8.

The State of So. Ca

Abbeville Dist } Personally appeared C. L. Wardlaw and
W. Joel Smith two of the Executors, named in the foregoing will
and being duly sworn, say that said writing contains the true
last will and Testament of Aug. M. Smith to the best of their
knowledge & belief, and that they will well and truly execute
(the)

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 a just and true inventory of all such goods and chattels, and return the same into the office of the Ordinary for Abbeville District within the time prescribed by law.

Seen before me this 5 Aug^r 1862

William Hill, Clerk

D. L. Wardlaw

W. Joel, Smith

The State of S^c Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally appeared James M. Ferris one of the Executors, named in the annexed will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that said paper contains the true last will and testament of Augustus M. Smith dec'd to the best of his knowledge and belief, 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 a just and true inventory and appraisement of all such goods and chattels, and return the same into the office of the Ordinary of said District in order to be recorded within the time prescribed by law.

Seen before me this 6 August 1862

William Hill, Clerk

James M. Ferris

(The Last Will & Testament of William J. Stevenson dec'd)

In the name of God Amen.

I, William Johnson Stevenson, of the State of South Carolina Abbeville District being of sound mind, and memory, and being about to leave home for the tented field, in defense of the rights and liberties of my country, and considering the casualties of war, and the uncertainty of human life, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament. That is to say, first I desire that my Executors hereinafter named shall pay all of my just and lawful debts. The residue of my estate both real and personal, I give, bequeath, and dispose of as follows, that is to say, first I give to my mother Rebecca Stevenson the tract of Land on which I now live containing four hundred and eighty four acres more or less, bounded by Lands of J. L. Ellis, J. F. Simpson, B. M. Lattimer and others. Together with all my personal property (viz) one negro boy Alfus about six years old, four horses, my interest in the stock of Hogs on the plantation, also my interest in the crop of Corn Cotton and wheat, household furniture, plantation tools including two waggons,

(also)


also all my notes and accounts for her own proper use and benefit, during her natural life, allowing my two unmarried sisters Mary Jane and Rebecca Stevenson, to remain on the plantation, and share the benefits of my said estate with my said mother during the life time of my mother, or until they marry; my said mother together with my two single sisters before mentioned to have the sole use and benefit of my estate real and personal, and my said mother to have the absolute and entire disposal of my estate by will or otherwise during her life time, and should my said mother decease without making any disposition of my estate, my will is that my two before mentioned sisters remain on the plantation, and have the whole use and benefit of my estate real and personal during their natural lives or until they marry should one of my said sisters decease or marry the survivor to have the benefit of my estate during her life time or until she marries, my aforesaid mother however having the right to dispose of my estate during her life time as she may think proper, and should my said mother make no disposition of my estate in her life time, then at the decease or marriage of my said sisters my Executors hereinafter named will proceed to sell my whole estate real and personal and divide equally share and share alike between all of my living sisters or the lawful bodily heirs of any who may not be living. And lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my mother Rebecca Stevenson Executrix and my friend and brother in law Alexander G. Hazard Executor, 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 twenty third day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty one.

The above instrument was subscribed by the said W. J. Stevenson, in our presence and acknowledged by him to be his last will and testament; and we at his request and in his presence, signed our names as witnesses thereto.

At the word think interlined before signing

A. C. Hawthorn
 James R. Brownlee
 O. P. Hawthorn

Wm. J. Stevenson 

The State of S^c Carolina } Personally appeared O. P. Hawthorn, one of the
 Abbeville District } subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and being
 sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, make oath that he was
 personally present and did see William J. Stevenson sign, seal, publish,
 pronounce and declare the same to contain his last will & Testament.
 That the testator was of sound & disposing mind memory & understand-
 ing, to the best of his knowledge & belief. That A. C. Hawthorn, and
 Samuel R. Brownlee together with himself in the presence of each
 other & in the presence of the testator signed their names as wit-
 nesses to its due execution.

sworn before me 4 Aug^r 1862
 W. Hill, S. A. C.

O. P. Hawthorn.

Having examined O. P. Hawthorn one of the subscribing witnesses
 to the foregoing will & being satisfied that it is the last will of
 Wm J. Stevenson dec^d. Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in
 "Common form"

4 August 1862

W. Hill, S. A. C.

The State of S^c Car

Abbeville Dist. } Personally appeared Alexander G. Hager Executor
 named in the foregoing will, and upon oath says that said
 writing contains the true last will & Testament of William
 J. Stevenson dec^d to the best of his knowledge & belief - that he will
 well & truly execute the same by paying first the debts, and then
 discharge the legacies therein contained so far as the goods &
 chattels will extend & the law charge him - and that he will
 make a just & true appraisement of all such goods & chattels.

sworn before me 4 Aug^r 1862.

W. Hill, S. A. C.

A. G. Hager.

(The last Will & Testament of Samuel R. Brownlee, dec^d)

In the name of God Amen.

I Samuel R. Brownlee, a citizen of the State of South Carolina,
 and the district of Abbeville, being of sound mind and memory,
 and being about to leave home, for the tented field in defence of the
 rights and liberties of my Country and ^{considering the} casualities of
 war, and the uncertainty of human life, and being desirous to
 dispose of my worldly estate, do make, publish, and declare this
 to be my last will and testament, in manner and form following
 that is to say, first, I desire that my Executors hereinafter named
 shall pay all of my just and lawful debts. The residue of my
 (estate)

estate Real and personal, I give bequeath and devise as follows, my real estate consisting of three hundred acres of Land in two separate Tracts, The homestead of about One hundred and Eighty acres, within the Corporate Limits of the town of Que West, The other of about One hundred and twenty acres, bounded by lands of A. C. Hawthorn, Robert McAdams, P. C. Sharp Kolker, Together with all my personal estate, (viz), Slaves Leroy Handy, Milton, John, Jane and her offspring, Clara and offspring, together with all my Stock of Cattle, Horses Hogs, Sheep, Household furniture plantation tools, Crops &c. Remain in possession of my my wife Louisa and my mother Ann Brownlee during the natural life of my said mother but provided my said wife should die or intermarry before the decease of my said mother, my will is that my Executor sell my whole estate except the homestead place allowed for my mother during her life, allowing my said mother as much of the personally, as she may think proper to remain on the homestead for her use and benefit during her natural life, and at the decease of my said mother the homestead together with whatever personally remaining on the homestead sold and equally divided between my living children, James, Lawrence, Robert Calvin and Davis Brownlee or the survivor of them, my will is, and I wish it distinctly understood, that the whole estate remain in possession of my wife until my youngest child arrives at the age of twenty one, at which time the whole estate be sold and equally divided between my living children and my said wife Louisa Brownlee, or at the intermarriage of my said wife, my whole estate be sold and equally divided between my said wife and my living children share and share alike, my said wife's share to be in lieu of all claim of dower, my estate not to be sold until my youngest child is twentyone years of age, except my wife should decease or intermarry, as before mentioned subject however to the before mentioned clause, in relation to my mother.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Louisa Brownlee Executrix, and my friend Dr J. L. Miller Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made

In witness whereof I have hereby subscribed my name and affixed my seal, the twenty sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty one.

Saml R Brownlee 

signed sealed and declared, by the testator to be his last will, and testament; and at his request and in his presence we have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto — the word, Considering the, and the word divided interlinea before signing.

A. C. Hawthorn

R. C. Sharp.

J. P. Presly.

The State of S. Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally appeared R. C. Sharp one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing writing and made oath that he was personally present and did see Sam^r R. Brownlee sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the same to contain his last will and testament. That the testator was of sound mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief, and that A. C. Hawthorn and J. P. Presly 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 of the same.

Seen before me 13 Aug^r 1862

W. Hill, C. C. J.

R. C. Sharp.

State of S. Ca } Having examined R. C. Sharp one of the subscribing wit-
Abbeville Dist } nesses to the foregoing writing, and being satisfied that it is
the true last will of Sam^r R. Brownlee dec^d. — Ordered that it be admitted
to Probate in Common form.

13 Aug^r 1862

W. Hill, C. C. J.

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared Louisa Brownlee and Doctor
Abbeville District } J. L. Miller, Esq. & Esq named in the foregoing will
and made oath, that said writing, contains the true last will and testa-
ment of Sam^r R. Brownlee 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, so far as the goods & chattels will
extend, and the law shall direct; and that they will make and return
into the office of the Ordinary of said District a just and true inventory
and appraisement of said Estate in order to be recorded, within the time
prescribed by law.

Seen before me

13 August 1862

W. Hill, C. C. J.

Louisa Brownlee

J. L. Miller.

(The Last Will & Testament of James W. Lockhart dec'd)

In the name of God, Amen! I, James Yancy Lockhart, of Abbeville District and State of South Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do make, confirm and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in the manner and form following.

First

I will and direct that all my just debts, my funeral expenses, and the Expense of executing this my last Will and Testament, be first paid - To this end, I direct that my Executor, herein-after named, shall sell or cause to be sold, in such manner, and upon such terms, as he may deem best, all my personal property except my servants - Should the proceeds of such sale be insufficient, or should it be necessary for any reason, to sell any of my servants in order to carry out this first clause of my will, I direct that my servant Ted be sold for that purpose.

Secondly

As soon as my youngest living child shall come to the age of fourteen years, it is my will, and I hereby direct that all the residue of my estate of whatever kind be divided into as many equal shares or portions plus one, as there are children then living; and that it be equally distributed among my wife and children, share and share alike. It is my will and intention that the shares of my wife, and son John Bunyan, be theirs in fee simple, and the shares of my two daughters, Mary Catherine and Sarah Margaret, be subject to the Trust hereinafter imposed. It is my will that the division of my Estate above directed, be made by three appraisers to be selected and authorized by my Executor, hereinafter named.

Thirdly

In the event of the death of all my children before the partition above directed be made, it is my will that my wife receive one third of my whole Estate, and that the residue be equally divided among the four children now living of my sister Ellen Latimer. The Division in this case, as before, to be made by appraisers appointed by my Executor.

Fourthly

I hereby appoint James Marion Latimer Senior Trustee for my two daughters Mary Catherine and Sarah Margaret. It is my will and intention that the bequests herein made to my said two daughters be held by him in trust for the sole use and benefit of my said daughters, and of their children entirely separate and free from the control of any husband or husbands, to whom they or either of them may be joined in marriage, and from all liability for debts contracted

by the said husbands.

Eighthly

I hereby appoint my friend the said James Marion Latimer, senior, sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my seal this First day of April Anno Domini one thousand Eight hundred and sixty two

James Y. Lockhart *JY*

signed and sealed, and declared by the said J. Y. Lockhart to be his last Will and Testament, in our presence, and signed by us as witnesses in his presence, and in the presence of each other.

Jas. T. Baskin

Wm. A. Giles

J. F. C. Du Pre.

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared J. F. C. Du'pre one of the subscribers
Abbeville District } being witnesses to the annexed will, and upon oath says that he was personally present and did see James Y. Lockhart sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the said writing to contain his last will & Testament. That the testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief - That Jas. T. Baskin and William A. Giles 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 of the same.
Done before me 25 Aug^r 1862

J. F. C. Du'Pre

W. Hill. C. A. & S.

Having examined J. F. C. Du'Pre, one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will of James Y. Lockhart dec^d. - Ordered that it be admitted to probate in "Common form"

25 Aug^r 1862

William Hill. C. A. & S.

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared James M. Latimer, Exor named
Abbeville District } in the annexed will, and upon oath says, that said paper contains the true last will and testament of James Y. Lockhart 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, - and that he will make and return into the office of the Ordinary of the said District a just & true inventory and appraisal of all such goods and chattels.

Jas. M. Latimer

Done before me 25 Aug^r 1862

W. Hill C. A. & S.

(The Last Will & Testament of A. H. Magee Junr. dec'd)

The State of South Carolina

Abbeville District } In the name of God Amen!

I, Abner H. Magee, Junr. of said State and District being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following. (Viz)

1st I will and desire that the whole of my Estate both real and Personal be sold by my Executive hereinafter named at such times and upon such terms as to her shall seem best.

2^d I will and desire that out of the Proceeds of my Estate all just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid and the balance of my Estate to be divided as follows. (Viz)

I will to my beloved wife Elizabeth M. Gee one third of my Estate in fee simple with the understanding that she my said wife Elizabeth out of the said third part of my Estate shall raise and Educate my four children (Viz) Elther, C. Mary A. Georgiana V and Sallie W H. McGee in such manner as she may think herself able.

I will and desire that the remaining Two thirds of my Estate be divided into seven parts and distributed as follows to my Daughters Lucinda B. my son William J. my Daughters Elther C. Mary A. and Sallie W H. McGee each one share and to my Daughter Georgiana V Two shares with the express understanding that one share allotted to my said Daughter Georgiana V McGee shall be used for her education if necessary over and above what her mother may be able to give her out of the thirds before mentioned. I will and desire that should either of my before named Children die without leaving issue or before arriving at age I desire that the share coming to them shall be equally divided between the survivors or their Legal representative. And should my wife Elizabeth have any other child or children by me I desire that such child or children shall have Equal shares with those before named and for this end the Two thirds before named of my Estate to be divided in shares to meet such contingency so that my said Daughter Georgiana V McGee shall have Two shares of said Two thirds

And lastly I do appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth McGee Executive of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made and do declare this to be my last will and Testament. Witness my hand and seal the sixteenth day of July One thousand eight hundred and sixty one

A. H. McGee



Signed sealed declared and Published for the last will and Testament of the said Abner H. Magee in his presence and in the presence of each other.

Test Marshall Sharp
W. A. J. Ward
J. C. Rasor

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared Marshall Sharp, one of the
Abbeville District } subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and
upon oath says that he was personally present and did see Abner H.
Magee Junr. sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the said writing
to contain his last will & Testament - that he was, then of sound &
disposing mind, memory, and understanding to the best of his knowledge
& belief - that W. A. J. Ward and J. C. Rasor 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 of the same.

Sworn before me
19 Aug^r 1862. W. Hill, C. J. S.

Marshall Sharp

Having examined Marshall Sharp, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and Testament of Abner H. Magee Junr. dec^d.

Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common form
19 Aug^r 1862 W. Hill, C. J. S.

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared Elizabeth M. Gee, executrix
Abbeville District } named in the foregoing will, and upon oath says
that said writing contains the true last will of the said A. H. Magee
Junr. dec^d to the best of her knowledge & belief that she will well
and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the
legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will
extend and the law charge her, and that she will make and
return into the office of the Ordinary of the said District a true
inventory & appraisement of said Estate in order to be recorded
within the time prescribed by law

Sworn before me this
19 August 1862. W. Hill C. J. S.

Lizzie M. Gee

(The Last Will and Testament of William S. Baker dec^d)

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District } In the name of God. Amen.

I, William S. Baker, Planter of the District
and State aforesaid, being of sound and discriminating mind
(and)

and memory, make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following (wit.)

- First. It is my will, and I direct that all my just debts be paid as soon after my decease as practicable.
- Second. I give, bequeath, devise to my beloved wife S. F. Baker, and two children S. F. and C. W. Baker all my estate both real and personal. My estate to be appraised and divided share and share alike, without exposing the property of my estate to sale for the purpose of division.

Third. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my brother John F. Baker the Executor of this my last Will and Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this twenty first day of September eighteen hundred and sixty one and in the eighty fifth year of the Independence of the State of South Carolina.

signed, sealed witnessed
and delivered in the presence
of us, who at the request of the
Testator, and in the presence of
each other have subscribed our
names as witnesses thereto.

J. O. Lindsay. J. J. Lee
William Tennent

William S. Baker *(seal)*

The State of S. Co } Personally appeared J. J. Lee, one of the sub-
Abbeville District } scribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and
upon oath says, that he was personally present, and did see
William S. Baker, sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare
the same to be his last will and testament, that the testator
was of sound & disposing mind, memory and understanding
to the best of his knowledge & belief, and that J. O. Lindsay
and William Tennent 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 of the same.

sworn before me this
16 Sept 1862

William Hill 0623

J. J. Lee

Having examined J. J. Lee, one of the subscribing witnesses to
the foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will
and testament of the said William S. Baker dec'd.

It is Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in "Common form"
W. Hill. C. A. S.

The State of S. Carolina } Personally appeared John F. Baker, Esq. named
Abbeville District } In the foregoing will, and upon oath says that
said writing contains the true last will & Testament of W. C. Watson
& that he will and truly execute the same, by paying, first the debts, and then the
legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will
extend and the law charge him; and that he will make and
return into the office of the Ordinary of said district a true inventory
and appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within the
time prescribed by law.

Seen before me this
16 Sept. 1862

W. Hill O. S. D.

J. F. Baker

(The Last Will & Testament of G. M. Watson, de. d.)

The State of South Carolina.


In the name of God Amen!!!

I, George M. Suffle Watson of the District of Abbeville and
State aforesaid, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and
understanding, and being desirous of disposing of my Estate and
property, do make this my last will and testament.

1. I direct that all my just debts should be paid.
2. I desire, and order, and direct, that my Rail Road Stock & Invest-
ment be sold by my Executors on a credit of twelve months with
interest from date.
3. I will and bequeath to my brother Thomas A. Watson, my sister
Dorothy J. wife of G. W. Tolbert, and my nephew James F. son
of my deceased brother James Franklin Watson the following Slaves,
to wit: Pedler, Julius, Milly, Reubin, Catharine, Pedler, (Mose,
Milton, Sus. Ben. Will. Aaron, Patrick Nelson, Anarchy, Ben,
Sarah, Sydney, Lucy, Baylis and Winston, & their increase to
be equally divided between them, share and share alike - the divi-
sion to be made by five disinterested free-holders. - the negroes
to be appraised, and allotted in families as near as may be
practicable. - the deficiency in the lots of negroes, to be made up
out of the proceed of the sale aforesaid, and money hereafter provided,
4. Having disposed of by sale two negroes for the sum of Seventeen
hundred Dollars, (Ethel and Maria,) and having received from
the Executor of my father's Estate, by supplemental settlements in
the Commissioners office, seven hundred and three ⁸³/₁₀₀ Dollars,
And on the other hand having paid the said Executor Eight
hundred and seventy one ¹³/₁₀₀ Dollars to supply the deficiency in
(the)

The payment of the debts of my father's Estate, leaving a balance of Fifteen Hundred and thirty two ⁷⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars, I give and bequeath the said balance, and the proceeds of the sale of my Rail Road Stock, and assessment aforesaid after the deficiency in the lots of negroes is made up, to my brother Thomas H. Watson, my sister Dorothy J. wife of J. W. Tolbert and my nephew James F. son of my deceased brother James Franklin Watson to be equally divided between them.

5. After the payment of all my just debts, the expenses of my Estate, and the balance heretofore provided for, I devise and bequeath to my brother Thomas H. Watson, my plantation, the following Slaves to wit: Armstead, Wat. Washington William, Sylvia, Dinah, Parthenia, also Ben. Dianah, Elisha Betsey and Eliza, and their increase. - All my bonds, and notes. - All my stock, provisions and farming implements, and all my property of every nature and description in the hands of my executor
6. I do hereby appoint James H. Wideman and my brother Thomas H. Watson when he shall arrive to the age of twenty-one years, as Executors of this my last will and testament.
- In testimony whereof I herewith set my hand and seal this the nineteenth, 19th. day of February 1861.

G. M. S. Watson 

Signed, Sealed, acknowledged and as, and for his last will and testament, published in the presence of us who have subscribed our names in presence of the testator as witnesses to the due Execution thereof. In presence of

Moses C. Faggart
W. G. Kennedy.
W. Smith.

The State of S. Ca. }
Abbeville District } Personally appeared W. Smith, one of the
subscribing witnesses to the annexed will, and being sworn on
the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, made oath that he was
personally present and did see G. M. S. Watson sign, seal, pub-
lish, 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 and belief. - That Moses C. Faggart and W.
G. Kennedy, together with himself, in the presence of the Testator
and in the presence of each other did sign their names as wit-
nesses to the due execution thereof.

Sworn before me this 16 Sept 1863
William Hill, o.s.d. }

Willie Smith.

Having examined Willis Smith, one of the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will of S. M. D. Watson dec^d. - Orders that it be admitted to Probate in 'Com. form'.

16 Sept 1862

William Hill, C. J.

The State of S. Co. } Personally appeared James H. Wideman, one of the named
 Alb. District } Executors of the annexed will, and upon oath says that
 the said writing contains the true last will and testament of the said
 S. M. D. Watson 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 leg-
 acies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will extend and
 the law charge here, and that he will make a true and correct inventory
 of all such goods and chattels, and will return the same into the office
 of the Ordinary of Albion District when the same are required.

Seen by me

16 Sept 1862.

William Hill, C. J.

James H. Wideman

(The Last Will & Testament of Nancy Robertson dec^d)

The State of South Carolina.

Abbeville District

In the name of God - Amen.

I, Nancy Robertson of said State and District being of sound
 and disposing mind and memory and understanding do make this
 my last will and testament, under a power given me under the last
 will and testament of my deceased daughter Matilda Robertson
 of a portion of the property given and bequeathed me by my said
 daughter Matilda Robertson under and by virtue of her said
 will and testament.

I give and bequeath unto William Robertson my only surviv-
 ing child, and to his Executors, Administrators and assigns the negroes
 Elbeck, Reuben Elgin and her two children Violet, and a child
 not named, Jesse, Elijah, and Will, and the future issue and
 increase of the females.

I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my said son
 William Robertson, Executor of this my will and testament.

In testimony of this I have declared this my will and
 testament for this purpose, and hereunto set my hand and seal,
 this eighteenth day of May, A. D. 1859. "Elija" struck out and "Elgin"
 interlined before execution.

Witnesses Jno. S. Baskin.

J. H. Cobb

R. A. Fair

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 Nancy X Robertson Seal
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The State of S^c Co } Personally appeared J. H. Cobb, one of the sub-
Abbeville District } scribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and
being duly sworn, on oath says that he was personally present, and did
see Nancy Robertson, make her mark or her signature to the same
and publicly pronounced and declared the said writing to be her last
will and testament. That the said Nancy was of sound and dis-
posing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge
& belief - and that R. A. Fin, and John S. Bastin, together with
himself in the presence of each other and in the presence of the
Justices did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof.
Sworn before me this
24 Sept 1862.

William Hill, C. J. S.

J. H. Cobb

Having examined J. H. Cobb, one of the subscribing witnesses to the
foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will
and testament of Nancy Robertson decd. It is therefore Ordered
that it be admitted to Probate in "Com: form"

24 Sept 1862.

William Hill, C. J. S.

The State of S^c Co } Personally appeared William Robertson, Executor
Abbeville District } named in the foregoing will, and being sworn
on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, says that said writing
contains the true last will & testament of Nancy Robertson decd
so far as he knows & believes. That he will will and truly
execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies
therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will extend
and the law charge him - and that he will make a just and
true inventory and appraisement of all such goods and chattels,
and return the same into the office of the Ordinary of the said
District in order to be recorded within the time prescribed by Law.
William Robertson.

Sworn before me 24 Sept 1862

William Hill, C. J. S.

The Last Will &
Testament of
J. Foster Marshall.

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

J. F. Foster Marshall of the District of Abbeville
and State aforesaid, being of sound disposing mind and memory,
and being warned of the uncertainty of life in the Campaign
that I am about to enter in the service of the Confederate States,
do make and establish this as my last will and testament, hereby