

South Carolina } Personally came D. J. Jordan, one of the subscribing
 Abbeville District } witnesses to the annexed paper, and being sworn on the
 Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally present
 and did see James Albert Richey sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare
 the said paper to be his last will and testament, and that the testator
 was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best
 of his knowledge and belief, that Geo. Susenbury and John T. Lyons, together
 with himself, and in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of
 each other, did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof
 Sworn before me this } D. J. Jordan

27 August 1863

W. Hill O. A. D.

South Carolina } Having examined D. J. Jordan one of the subscribing
 Abbeville District } witnesses to the annexed paper, and being satisfied
 that it is the true last will and testament of James Albert Richey dec'd;
 Ordains, that it be admitted to probate in common form.

27 Aug^r 1863.

William Hill O. A. D.

South Carolina } Personally came Elizabeth Richey Executrix named
 Abbeville District } in the annexed will, and being sworn on the Holy
 Evangelists of Almighty God, says that the within paper is the true last
 will of the said James Albert Richey dec'd. and that she will well and
 truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies
 therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will extend and
 the law charge her; that she will make and return into the office
 of the Ordinary of the said District, a true Inventory and Appraisement
 of the estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed by laws.

Sworn to before me

Elizabeth Richey.

27 Aug^r 1863.

W. Hill. O. A. D.

The Last Will & Testament
 of
George W. Lomax dec'd

The State of South Carolina
 Abbeville District.

I, George W. Lomax of the State and
 District aforesaid, being at the present time in a low state of health,
 but (thanks be to God) in the enjoyment of a sound mind, memory,
 and understanding, have thought proper to make a disposition of
 the worldly estate which a kind providence hath graciously be-
 stowed upon me, and I do now declare the following to be my
 last will and testament.

First I desire and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses
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be paid out of the first monies that may come into the hands of my executors hereinafter named.

Second. I give and bequeath to Barbara J. Lomax, daughter of my friend William A. Lomax, my negro woman Becky, and her two children Laura, and an infant as yet not named.

Third. I give, devise and bequeath to my Brother Samuel, my plantation of land, containing six hundred acres more or less with all the appurtenances thereto belonging, said land is situated in Abbeville District, and adjoining lands of A. Stevenson. Mr. A. Lomax and others I also give and bequeath to my said brother Samuel my negro man Peter, all my crop of every kind, all my live stock of every kind, my plantation tools, my household and kitchen furniture.

Fourth I give and bequeath to my niece Sallie Foster, daughter of my sister Mrs. Savana Foster all the rest of my negroes to her and her heirs forever.

Fifth The remainder of my estate, after my debts and funeral expenses and all lawful demands are paid off and settled I give and bequeath to my brother Samuel and to his heirs forever.

I hereby nominate constitute and appoint, my brother-in-law John Foster, and my friend William A. Lomax the Executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 25th day of August 1863.

G. W. Lomax (seal)

signed, sealed, published and declared by George W. Lomax, as his last will & testament in our presence, and we at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other, do now subscribe our names as witnesses the day and year above written.

R. C. Oliver

John W. Lomax

John Robertson.

South Carolina } Personally came John W. Lomax one of the
Abbeville District } subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and
being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath
that he was personally present, and did see G. W. Lomax sign, seal,
publish pronounce and declare the said paper to be his last will
and testament: and that the Testator was of sound and dis-
posing mind, memory and understanding, to the best of his
knowledge and belief: that R. C. Oliver and John Robertson
together with himself, and in the presence of the Testator, and
in the presence of each other, did sign their names as witnesses
(to)

to the due execution of the same.

Subscribed and sworn before me this }
3^d Sept 1863

John W. Lomax

W. Hill, C. A. D.

South Carolina } Having examined John W. Lomax, one of the
Abbeville District } subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and
being satisfied that it is the true last will and Testament of George
W. Lomax decd. - "Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common
form"

3^d Sept 1863

William Hill, C. A. D.

South Carolina } Personally came John Foster & Wm. A. Lomax
Abbeville District } Recitals named in the annexed will, and being
sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, say, that the within paper
is the true last will of the said George W. Lomax decd.; and that they will
well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies
therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will extend and the law
charge them; that they will make and return into the Office of the Ordinary
of the said District, a true Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of the
said deceased within the time prescribed by Law.

Subscribed and

3^d Sept 1863.

W. Hill, C. A. D.

Wm. A. Lomax

John Foster

Last Will & Testament
of
William J. Cheatham

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

I, William J. Cheatham of the State & District
aforesaid, being at present a soldier in the service
of the Confederate States of America, and in the possession of my
mental faculties, taking into consideration the uncertainty of life,
have thought proper to make my last will and testament, which I
declare to be as follows, in reference to the estate which a kind provi-
dence has graciously bestowed upon me.

1st I direct that all my just debts, and funeral expenses be paid, -
the latter from the first monies that may come into the hands of
my Executors and Executrix hereinafter named.

2nd After my debts are fully paid, I give and bequeath the balance
of my estate, of whatever kind or nature it may be, to my beloved
wife Sallie C. during her natural life or widowhood; but in the
event of the marriage or the death of my wife I direct that all my
estate be turned into money and distributed as the law directs.

- 3rd Should it be necessary, in the opinion of my wife, to change the character of any of my property - for instance to buy a small piece of land, or for any other judicious purpose, I hereby give her the authority to do so. I would be glad that my Executor would coincide with her as to the propriety of the change. I would earnestly advise her to consider well before she acts in the matter. In such business I rely a great deal on the wisdom and discretion of my Executor.
- 4th Should any of my children live to grow up and marry, I give my wife the privilege & power to give off to such child such property as she may think may be needed at a fair valuation; and whatever advancement in this way may be made, I direct that the same shall be accounted for by such child in the final settlement of my estate.
- 5th Should my wife give off any property to any child of mine, as directed in the 4th item I direct that the same be valued by three disinterested honest men to be chosen by my Executor.

I hereby appoint my beloved wife Fannie C, and my father-in-law Amariah Rice the Executors and Executor of this my last Will & Testament.

Witness my hand & seal this twelfth day of March A.D. 1862.

William J. Cheatham (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published & declared, by the Testator in our presence, who, in his presence, and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Edward Westfield

James W. Fowler

Robert F. Knox.

The State of S. Carolina } Personally appeared Ed. Westfield, before me
Abner C. Culbert } and being duly sworn, says, that he was personally present and did see William J. Cheatham, sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the above 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 and belief, and that he & Robert F. Knox and James W. Fowler, 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.

Edward Westfield.

Sworn before me this

24 Sept 1863.

M. Hill Oct 2

Having examined Edward Updefield, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will of Wm J. Cheatham dec'd. Ordina that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.

24 Sept 1863.

W. Hill. C. A. J.

The State of S. C. } Personally appeared Amosiah Rice, Executor
Abbeville District } named in the foregoing will, and on oath says —
that the said writing contains the true last will of the said Wm J.
Cheatham dec'd. so far as he knows and believes, and that he will well
and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies
contained therein so far as the goods and chattels will thereunto extend
and the law charge him, and that he will make a true and correct
inventory of all the said goods and chattels and return the same into
the Ordinary's Office in order to be recorded within the time prescribed by law
from before me
24 Sept 1863.

Amosiah Rice

W. Hill C. A. J.

Last Will & Testament
of
Rev. James Moore dec'd

The State of South Carolina
Abbeville District.

In the name of God. Amen.

I James Moore of the State and District
aforesaid, being at present in a low state of health, but in the
enjoyment of a sound mind, memory and understanding, for which
I am devoutly thankful to a kind and merciful God, have thought
proper to make some disposition of the property which providence
hath graciously given to me, and now declare the following to
be my last will and testament viz.

First I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

Second. The Slave, belonging to me (except Bellea whom I will hereafter dis-
pose of) I direct shall be valued and appraised by three or more
disinterested men, and I direct that my children should take them
among them at such valuation; any inequalities arising from said
valuation to be made up from the balance of my estate.

Third. The Slave Bellea, I give and bequeath to my daughter Anna Maria
Leontina Kern, the wife of Henry S. Kern, during her natural life, not
to be subject to the debts, contracts, or liabilities, of her present, or any
future husband, but to be (with any increase the said slave may have)
for the sole and separate use of my said daughter; and at the death
of my said daughter, I give and bequeath the said slave and
increase (if any) to the children of my said daughter.

(Signed)

Fourth The remainder of my estate, real & Personal, I direct my executors hereinafter appointed to sell by public auction, on a credit of twelve months with interest from date of sale, and equally divide amongst all my children. The share in this division falling to my daughter Anna Maria Leontine, I direct shall go into the hands of my son Joseph T. Moor, to be held and managed by him as Trustee for my said daughter, and whatever he may receive in the character of Trustee I direct shall be managed by him for the sole benefit of his sister my said daughter, and I wish no part of it to be applied, or be in any way subject to the debts contracts or liabilities of her present or any future husband, and at the death of my said daughter the said trust shall cease, and whatever may be then remaining in his hands I direct shall be equally divided amongst the children of my said daughter.

I nominate constitute and appoint my sons Joseph T. and William C. Moor the executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Tenth day of September A.D. 1863.

Jas. Moore Seal

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said James Moore, as his last will and testament in our presence, and we, at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, now subscribe our names as witnesses the day and year above written.

M. McDonald

J. A. Allen

Robert Jones.

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Personally came Robert Jones, one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally present, and did see James Moore, sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the said paper to be his last will and testament, and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, to the best of his knowledge and belief, that J. A. Allen and M. McDonald, together with himself, and in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other, did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof

Sworn before me this

30 Sept 1863

W. Hill. C. S. J.

Robert Jones.

South Carolina } Having examined Robert Jones, one of the Subscribing
Abbeville District } Witnesses to the annexed paper, and being satisfied
that it is the true last will and Testament of Jas Moore decd
"Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in common form."
30 Sept 1863. W. Hill. C. A. D.

South Carolina } Personally came J. T. Moore & W. C. Moore Sons
Abbeville District } named in the annexed will, and being sworn on the
Holy Evangelists of Almighty God say that the within paper is the
true last will of the said James Moore decd. and that they will
well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then
the legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will
extend, and the law charge thereon, and that they will make and
return into the Office of the Ordinary, of the said District, a true
inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased
within the time prescribed by laws.

Sworn to before me
30 Sept 1863

W. Hill. C. A. D.

J. T. Moore

W. C. Moore

Last Will & Testament
of
James A. Fooshe decd.

State of South Carolina
Abbeville District.

I James A. Fooshe of the District and State

aforesaid do make this my last will and Testament To wit

1st it is my will that all my just debts be paid and that all the debts
owing to me be collected by my Executor

2nd I will and bequeath to my wife Martha Fooshe all of my Estate
Real and personal.

3rd I do hereby appoint my friend John B. Boyeman Executor of this
my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke and annul
all former wills made by me at any other time heretofore.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this 10th day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand &
eight hundred and sixty one

J. A. Fooshe (L.S.)

Signed, sealed and delivered and acknowledged before us who
subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator

D. L. Boyeman

L. C. Parks

W. B. Meriwether

The State of S^c Carolina } Personally appeared W. B. Meriwether, one of the
Abbeville District } Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing will, and a
(being)

being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally present, and did see James A. Foote sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the said paper to contain his last will and testament. That testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that C. L. Bozeman and S. C. Parks 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 7 Sept 1863

(W. Hill. o a s)

W. B. Merrineth

Having examined W. B. Merrineth one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will of the said James A. Foote decd. Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common form.

7 Sept 1863.

William Hill. o a s

The State of S. Ca { Personally appeared John B. Bozeman Test named
Abt. District } in the within will, and upon oath says, that the said writing is the true last will of J. A. Foote decd. so far as he knows and believes, and that he will well and truly execute the same by pay^g the debts and 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 Ordaining office of the said district a true and correct inventory of all such goods and chattels within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn before me

John B. Bozeman

9 Oct 1863

(W. Hill o a s)

Last Will & Testament

of

William A. Pratt decd

In the name of God amen

I, William A. Pratt being of sound and disposing mind do make and ordain this my

Last Will and Testament. I the said William A. Pratt do hereby will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary J. Pratt all my person and real estate except so much as will pay my just debts in case she should not bring forth a living heir that would be known as my lawful heir and in case of her bringing forth such heir my will is that my Estate both personal and real be sold and all my just debts be paid. and then the remainder to be divided between my beloved wife Mary J. Pratt
(and)

and my lawful heir in manner following that is to my beloved Wife
 one third part of all my Estate both personal and real after my just debts
 were paid and the other two thirds of my estate both personal and real
 I do hereby will to my said lawful heir and in case my beloved Wife
 should not bring forth a lawful heir or in case of its death before it
 come of age I do hereby will that the two thirds of my Estate that I
 have bequeathed to my lawful heir in case there should be none that
 the above named two thirds go to my beloved Wife Mary J Pratt only
 so much as will be necessary for my Burial and funeral expenses and
 tombstones to its and My Graves and in case I have no lawful heir
 to put any tombstones to I do hereby set aside so much of my estate as
 will be necessary to put tombstones to my grave which I do hereby assign
 on my Administratrix Mary J Pratt and my Administrator Martial
 Sharp whom I do hereby appoint the above named Mary J Pratt
 my Administratrix and the above named Martial Sharp my lawful
 Administrator to carry out this my last will and testament.

Done on the Twenty fourth day of March in the year of Our Lord
 One thousand eight hundred and sixty two

Signed in the presence of the undersigned Witnesses
 Test James H. Shaws }
 Benjamin Smith } W. A. Pratt
 William Womala }

South Carolina } Personally came Benjamin Smith one of the
 Abbeville District } subscribing Witnesses to the within paper, and being
 sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath, that he was
 personally present, and did see W. A. Pratt, sign, publish, pronounce
 and declare the said paper to be his last will and Testament, and
 that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and
 understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief, that James H. Shaws
 and William Womala together with himself, and in the presence of
 the Testator, and in the presence of each other, did sign their names as
 Witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Subscribed before me this 5 Oct 1863 } Benjamin Smith
 W. Hill. C. & D. }

South Carolina } Having examined Benjamin Smith one of the
 Abbeville District } subscribing Witnesses to the within paper, and
 being satisfied that it is the true last will and Testament of W. A. Pratt duly
~~signed, published, pronounced and declared by the Testator, and in the presence of each other, did sign their names as~~
 witnesses to the due execution thereof, Ordained that it be admitted
 to Probate in Common form.

5 Oct 1863

W. Hill C. & D.

South Carolina } Primarily came Marshall Sharp Executor named in
Abbeville District } the within will, and being sworn on the Holy Evan-
gelist of Almighty God, says that the within paper is the true last will of
the said William A. Pratt dec'd, and that he will well and truly execute
the same by paying first the debts and then the Legacies therein contained
so far as the goods and chattels will extend and the law charge him,
that he will make and return into the office of the Ordinary of the said
District, a true Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of the said
deceased within the time prescribed by laws.

sworn to before me

8 Oct 1863.

W. Hill O.A.D.

Marshall Sharp

The Last Will & Testament of

Jacob Martin dec'd

The State of South Carolina

I, Jacob Martin of Abbeville District in

the State aforesaid do make & declare this my
last will & Testament:

- 1st After the payment of all my just debts I give to my son James M. Martin the sum of Two Thousand five Hundred dollars (\$2500⁰⁰). This sum is given to my son James in order to place him on a footing with my other children, to all of whom I have made advancements.
- 2nd All the rest residue and remainder of my Estate I will devise and bequeath as follows - viz. One seventh part thereof to my daughter Elizabeth M. Carloss. One seventh part to my son Benj. V. Martin. One seventh part to my son William A. Martin. One seventh part to my son James M. Martin. One seventh part to my son John J. Martin. One seventh part to Lyman W. & Laura E. Martin children of my deceased son Charles W. Martin. One & the remaining seventh part to the children of my deceased son Thomas O. Martin - respectively to them their heirs & assigns forever. And if any of said legacies should die before I do their share is not to lapse, but to go to and vest and it is hereby given & bequeathed to their heirs & assigns forever.
3. I do nominate and appoint my four sons B. V. Martin, William A. Martin, James M. Martin and John J. Martin, Executors to this my last will & testament, who are authorized & empowered & desired to distribute & divide my Estate as above directed & provided for, and for this purpose they are fully authorized to sell on such terms, place & credits as they may think best all or any part of my Estate real and personal.
4. And I do hereby appoint and constitute my said Executors

or such as may accept and qualify. Trustees for the infant children of my deceased son Thomas P. Martin, and the share or leg any herein given to them, they shall receive, take charge of & manage, and pay on to said children as they respectively come of age or marry, equally to be divided amongst them, share & share alike.

Witness my hand & seal this 29 day of July Anno Domini 1856.

Jacob Martin *LS*

signed, sealed & published in the presence of

A. J. Bowman

Mr. C. Cozby

J. T. Cunningham.

Codicil to foregoing Will & Testament.

As a Codicil & addition to my foregoing last will & testament, I hereby give and bequeath to my grand daughter Laura E. Martin, for her separate & exclusive use & benefit, not subject to the debts or disposition of any husband she may have, one negro woman Corryth, can, about eighteen years old & her issue. And this legacy and what given to my grand daughter Laura E. in the second clause of my foregoing will, is to be received & accepted by her, in full satisfaction of any claim or demand which she may have or suppose she may have against me or my estate on account of her negroes which I have had in my possession, & if said legacies are not so accepted, then the same I will & bequeath to my children in the same manner as the rest of my property.

Witness my hand & seal this the 24th day of April in the Year of our Lord 1857.

Jacob Martin *LS*

signed, sealed & Published in the presence of

Mr. C. Cozby

J. Johnson

Eliab Stephens.

The State of S. C. } Personally appeared William C. Cozby, one of the
Abbeville District } subscribing witnesses to the annexed will, and
being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, says that he was
present and did see Jacob Martin sign, seal, publish, pronounce and
declare the said writing to contain his last will and testament, and
that he was present also and did see the said Jacob Martin sign
seal and publish the Codicil thereto as a part of his said will, —
that he with A. J. Bowman and J. T. Cunningham, in the presence of
the testator and in the presence of each other signed their names as wit-
nesses to the will, and that he with J. Johnson and Eliab Stephens

(in)

in the presence of each other and of the said Jacob Martin did sign their names as witnesses to the Codicil. That the testator was of sound mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief, at the time of the execution of the said paper.

Sworn before me this

26 Oct 1863.

(W. Hill Oct 28

W. C. Cozby

Having examined W. C. Cozby one of the witnesses to the annexed will and being satisfied that it is the true last will of Jacob Martin decd. Ordered that it be admitted to probate in common form.

26. Oct 1863.

William Hill Oct 28

J. R. R. of S. C. } Personally came James M. Martin, one of the
Abbeville District } Executors named in the foregoing will, and on
oath says that said writing is the true last will and testament
of Jacob Martin 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, and that he will make a
just and true inventory of all such goods and chattels, and return
the same into the Ordinary's Office of Abbeville Dist. within the time
prescribed by law

Sworn before me this

26 Oct 1863

(W. Hill. O. A. D.

Jas. M. Martin.

Qualified W. A. Martin & John J. Martin as Executors also of the
foregoing will of Jacob Martin decd. and granted them each Sellers
Testamentary on the 16 November 1863
William Hill O. A. D.

Last will & Testament } State of South Carolina
of } Abbeville District.
John Calhoun Irvin } In the name of God. Amen!

I, Jno. Calhoun Irvin, being of sound mind & calling to mind the uncertainty of life and being desirous to dispose of all my worldly possessions do make this my last will & Testament, that is I give to my mother Mary Irvin, & my sister Isabella B Irvin, all my claims right & title to the tract of land on which my father John Irvin now lies - the same or the proceeds of the same to be divided equally between them, and I do further will and desire that all my other proper or effects of every kind be divided equally with my mother & sister, and to carry this said will into Execution I do hereby appoint James Bailey my Executor.

This the 2nd day of September 1861

Jno Calhoun X Irvin
made

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of

E. R. Calhoun

Wm. N. Blake

J. Bailey

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared Wm. N. Blake, one of the subscribing
Abbeville District Witnesses to the foregoing will, and being sworn on
the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally
present and did see John Calhoun Senior sign (by his mark) 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 and belief, and that J. Bailey & E. R. Calhoun
together with himself in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each
other did witness the due execution of the same.

Sworn before me this 2nd of 1863

Wm. N. Blake.

W. Hill C. & D.

Having examined William N. Blake one of the subscribing Witnesses to the
foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will of the within
named John Calhoun Senior—Ordained that it be admitted to Probate in common
form.

2 Apr. 1863

W. Hill C. & D.

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared James Bailey Esq named in the
Abbeville District Written will and being duly sworn say that said writing
contains the true last will of the said John Calhoun Senior decd—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 thereto extend and the
law charge him.

Sworn before me this

2nd of 1863.

W. Hill C. & D.

J. Bailey.

Last Will & Testament
of
Jane G North decd

In the name of God Amen—

I Jane G North in view of leaving home on a
journey do make and ordain this my last will & Testament.

Item. I give to my sister Mary Peligree on account of the
consideration and affection for her my Carriage & horses

Item I give to my daughter Caroline wife of Charles L. Peligree of Scupper
among the following servants. Viz. Ellen and all the children she has
or may have hereafter, also the servants Pierre John—Fred—Dan and
Paris—also Martha from Evis family—also all the money that I have
in Railroad and Bank stock—also my fine mare Junietta and

(her)

her coll.

Item I give to my daughter Mary wife of Joseph Blythe Allston the following servants- viz: Hannak and all the children she has or may have hereafter, also Felix and Guy-also limping Hannah.

Item I give to my daughter Louise spinster the following servants viz: Jim and his wife Ruth with all her children now or hereafter born- Toney and Phebe and all the children she has or may have hereafter- Susannah & Eve her mother Flora the mother of Jim- also Agnes her waiting maid- and Jim known as little Jim- also the pony Savage, & and my saddle & bridle.

And it is my will that these negroes be her sole and entire possession under all circumstances and not liable to be alienated on any account she always to have the right to make as will and do as she to whom she pleases. But if if she die without a will and without children these said negroes and their issue to be faithfully divided between her surviving sisters with the same rule of sole possession- And I ordain that both my other daughters hold the patrimony herein devised with the same restriction viz: sole proprietorship; and this not for want of perfect confidence in the integrity and good faith of the gentlemen their respective husbands- but entirely upon principles I think right.

Item I give Flora the daughter of limping Hannah to my beloved sister Louise wife of Mr. Forcher of Charleston for her sole possession. I had intended her for my God-daughter Jane and now give her to her mother.

Item- The little girl Georgianna I give to my grand-daughter Jane North daughter of Charles & Caroline Pelligrin the small silver sugar dish and milk pot is also hers.

Item The small tract of land called Bagfield (109) One hundred & nine acres I give to my grandson Charles Louis Pelligrin and hope he will value and retain it as long as any of the family remain in the country. To my other grand children I leave my love and my Blessings.

It is my will that Andrew and his wife Cety having been faithful servants choose which of my three daughters they prefer to live with, and that they be faithful in the discharge of such trust or light labour as may be assigned them- and receive a moderate stipend yearly.

My faithful child nurse Sue will remain with my daughter Mary where her son & grand children are & be cared for by her mistress.

My Books furniture & silver I wish my daughters to divide by agreement among themselves- my white & gold china is for my (daughters)

daughter Caroline, and I appoint her my sole Executrix of this my only will and Testament

Sarah B. Jones

Hiram Palmer

Jas H. Jones

Jane G. North.

Badwell July 31st 1860.

I, Jane G. North, for reasons which I consider good and sufficient do make this Codicil to my will. I revoke the gift of servant Hannah and her children to my daughter Mary Allston. I give the said Hannah and her children to my daughter Louise, with the following conditions. Should Hannah's husband "William" desert it, when he leaves Badwell, he shall be allowed to take her with him; he agreeing and paying yearly hire for her as her mistress shall require of him. Hannah's two children Robert & William shall remain with their mistress until 15 years old when they shall be put out to be taught a trade. It is my wish that their father William be consulted as to the trade they ought to be taught. It is due to his faithfulness and uniformly respectable character.

I revoke the gift of servant Aymer to my daughter Louise and give her to my daughter Mary Allston.

The will of my late brother James L. Petigrew places at my disposal 1/5 part of the sale of the family residence "Badwell" should one of my daughters or any of my grand children become the purchaser, I then give to that purchaser this 1/5 part so devised to me. Should however none of my children or grand children be the purchaser or purchasers, then I leave the devise to be divided equally among my three daughters.

Lastly, I appoint and declare my daughter Louise G. North sole executrix of this my last will and testament and this Codicil thereto.

Signed, sealed and declared in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence, and in the presence of each other, have attached our names, this 29th day of September A. D. 1863.

Jane G. North (Seal)

M. A. Petigrew

J. A. Gilbert

C. P. Allston

The State of St. Charles } Personally appeared Sarah B. Jones, one of the subscribers.
Atchville District } being witnesses to the foregoing will, and a being duly sworn.

sworn, says that she was personally present, and did see Jane G North sign, publish and pronounce the said writing to contain her last will and testament - that the Testatrix was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, to the best of her knowledge and belief - that Hiram Palmer & John H Jones, together with herself, 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.

Sworn before me this 24th Nov 1863

(William Hill o a d }

Sarah B Jones

The State of S. Ca } Having examined Sarah B Jones one of the subscribing
Abbeville District } Witnesses to the foregoing writing and being satisfied
that it is the true last will and testament of Jane G North does

Order that it be admitted to probate in 'Common form'.

24th Nov 1863.

(William Hill o a d }

The State of S. Carolina } Personally appeared J. A. Gibert one of the Sabs
Abbeville District } subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Codicil to the
last will & testament of Jane G North does and being duly sworn
says that he was personally present, and did see Jane G North sign
seal, publish and pronounce the said writing to be a Codicil to her
last will and testament - that the said Testatrix was of sound and
disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his know-
ledge and belief - that Wm A. Pettigrew and C. P. Allston 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 this 24th Nov 1863

(William Hill o a d }

J. A. Gibert

The State of S. Ca } Having examined J. A. Gibert one of the subscribing
Abbeville District } Witnesses to the foregoing Codicil to the last will
and testament of Jane G North, and being satisfied that it is to be
considered as such a Codicil - Order that it be admitted to probate in
Common form.

24th Nov 1863

(William Hill o a d }

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared Louisa G North the Executrix
Abbeville District } named in the foregoing will, and being duly
sworn, on oath says that said writing contains the true last will and
testament of Jane G North does 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 and return a true and correct inventory of all such goods and chattels into the office of the Ordinary of the said District within the time prescribed by Law.

Done to this 24th of 1863
(William Hill ca 8 }

Louise G. Norriss

Last Will & Testament
of
Asbury Hinton dec.

I, Asbury Hinton, of Abbeville District, State of South Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament!

My will is, First - that my funeral charges and just debts shall be paid by my executor hereinafter named.

Second I give and bequeath to my brother Nathaniel Hinton of Jefferson County State of Alabama thirty dollars to be paid to him by my executor as soon after my decease as practicable for his use and behoof.

Third I give and bequeath to Samuel Agnew of Abbeville District South Carolina my saddle and cloth for his use and benefit.

Fourth I give and bequeath to John M. Carlisle of Abbeville District South Carolina, my dress coat, satin vest, necktie and two best shirts and fifty dollars in cash for his personal use and benefit.

Fifth The rest and residue of my effects of which I shall be seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease I leave in the hands of the aforesaid John M. Carlisle to be applied by him to the use and benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South within the bounds of the South Carolina Conference in such way and to such purpose as in his judgement shall be most for the benefit of said Church.

And I do nominate and appoint the said John M. Carlisle to be the sole executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof, I, the said Asbury Hinton, have here subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the 16th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty two.

Asbury Hinton

Signed, sealed, and declared by the said Asbury Hinton, to be his last will and testament, in presence of us, who at his request, and in his presence, have subscribed our names as witnesses hereunto in presence of each other.

J. C. Rasor

Samuel A. Agnew

A. M. Agnew

(Contd.)

The State of S. Ca }
 Abbeville District } Personally appeared A. M. Agnew, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and being duly sworn, says, that he was personally present and did see Abney Hinton sign, seal, publish and declare the said writing to be his last will & testament. That the testator was of sound mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that he together with J. C. Rason and Sarah A. Agnew 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 2^d Nov 1863

W. Hill C. A. & S.

A. M. Agnew

The State of S. Ca }
 Abbeville Dist } Having examined A. M. Agnew one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, & being satisfied that it is the true last will of Abney Hinton dec'd. Ordered that it be admitted to probate in 'Coun. form'

2^d Nov 1863.

W. Hill C. A. & S.

The State of S. Ca }
 Abbeville District } Personally appeared John M. Carlsile, the executor named in the foregoing will, and on oath says that said writing contains the true last will of Abney Hinton dec'd. so far as he knows and believes - that he will well and truly execute the same, by paying the debts, and the legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will thereto extend and the law charge him, and that he will make and return into the office of the Judge of Abbeville Dist a true and correct inventory of the estate of said dec'd. within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn before me

John M. Carlsile

4 Decr 1863

W. Hill C. A. & S.

Last Will & Testament
 of

James Irwin dec'd

The State of S. Carolina. Abbeville District

In the name of God! Amen.

I, James Irwin of the State and District aforesaid being at present in a low state of health, but, thanks God, in the enjoyment of my mind, memory and understanding, have thought proper to make my last will and testament which is as follows - Viz.

- 1st I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid, and to effect that object I wish my Executors hereinafter named to sell off such property as can be best spared.

- 2nd After my debts and funeral expenses are paid and discharged, I will devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Charlotte all the residue of my estate, real and personal, to enjoy the same during her widowhood, and if she should marry again, in that event I direct that all my

(property)

property real and personal be sold and divided as follows. Viz. Equally amongst my children with the exception, that I wish my daughter to receive one and alone an equal share the sum of One thousand dollars each: and also as my son Samuel already owns considerable property bequeathed to him by my father - namely two liberty negroes, on this account I do not desire him to get more from my estate, than any one horse of his own choice which I may own at the time of my death. If this horse herein given to my son Samuel, added to the negroes that he already owns should not make him equal with the rest of his brothers I direct that the deficiency be made up to him out of my estate. In other words I wish the property given to him by my father to count as so much in equalizing him with the rest of his brothers.

3^d Should my wife remain my widow until her death then at her death the same course of procedure will be taken as is directed in the event of her marriage. If any of my children should live to become of age or marry I allow my Executrix the power and privilege to give off to such child, if she should be so inclined, such property as can be spared, and be required by such child, taking care to make no advancements in this manner which would amount to more than an equal share, and the property which may be thus given off I direct to be valued by three disinterested men to be chosen by my Executrix, and the amount to be amount for (without interest) by the child who receives, in the final settlement of my estate.

4th Having Consulted with my wife as to the disposition of my property, and as she has expressed her satisfaction as to the foregoing bequests, and devises; and as nothing is as yet given to her in the event of her marrying again, although she is entitled to claim her dower in my real estate unless she receives an equivalent in lieu thereof. I therefore give to her should she exact it whatever amount in money (or lieu and bar of her dower) it may be worth.

Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my said wife Charlotte the Executrix of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this
25th of November 1863.

Isa. Brewin (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced, and declared by for Brewin as his last will and testament in our presence, and we at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other now subscribe our names as witnesses. (The words "than" "one" initialed on the within page, and the word "each" on the margin of said page placed before signing)

Isaac Branch

John M. Comd

J. C. Cannon

The State of S. Carolina } Personally appeared Isaac Branch, one
Abbeville District } of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing
writing who being duly sworn, says that he was present, and did see
the within named Jas Irwin sign the said, and heard him publish
and pronounced the said writing as 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 Jas McCord
and H. Cannon, 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
1 Decr 1863

(W. Hill. C. & S.)

Isaac Branch.

Having examined Isaac Branch one of the subscribing witnesses to the
foregoing will & being satisfied that it is the true last will of James
Irwin decd. Orders that it be admitted to Probate in Comm. form.

1 Decr 1863.

(Willard Hill. C. & S.)

The State of S. Ca.

Abbeville District } Personally appeared Charlotte Irwin the Executrix
named in the foregoing will, and being duly sworn, says that said
paper contains the true last will of Jas Irwin decd to the best of her
knowledge & belief - that she will well and truly execute the same by
paying the debts and also the legacies therein contained so far as the
goods and chattels will extend and the law charge her; and that she
will make a true and correct inventory and appraisement of all said
goods & chattels, and return a statement of the same into the office of
the Ordinary of said district within the time provided by law.

Sworn before me this

7 December 1863

(W. Hill. C. & S.)

Charlotte Irwin.

Last Will and Testament
of
Samuel W. Cochran decd.

The State of S. Carolina }
Abbeville District }

In the name of God! Amen.

I, Samuel W. Cochran S. of the aforesaid being weak in
body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, and being desirous to
dispose of by Will what God has been pleased to bestow upon me of worldly
estate I do hereby make and establish this as my last Will & Testament in
manner and form following, To wit.

- 1st. I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Frances Cochran whatever of my
household & kitchen furniture which she may desire to keep To her and
her heirs - also three head of Hogs a cow and two sheeps, also thirty Dollars
(worth)

worth of Corn to be purchased for her by my Executor, and as I am in possession of a Note given by James S. Callahan to my wife For Two Hundred & twenty five Dollars dated the 7th October 1853—payable five years after date, bearing interest from date, with a credit of One Hundred & one dollars and nine cents paid the 15 July 1857—by S. W. Callahan Esq of John Callahan's Estate, and whereas that note was given to my wife as an advancement, by her father John Callahan previous to our marriage, my will is that my Executor deliver over to my wife the said Note for her own use and control. I also will and bequeath unto my wife Frances Cochran to her and her heirs a Cow and yearling. My will is that the balance of my property not already disposed of by will be sold by my Executor and the proceeds arising from the sale thereof together with whatever Cash and debts be due me and pay all my just debts and funeral expenses and the balance be equally divided between my wife Frances Cochran my son Samuel W. Cochran my daughter Jane Eleanor Crawford & the children of my son my dear son William and Hamilton Cochran, in four equal shares Nevertheless I devise that out of the Estate to be divided between my wife my son Samuel my daughter Jane Eleanor & the children of my son William and Hamilton Cochran as above stated that they jointly pay my sister Eleanor Cochran annually during her life time the sum of Ten dollars towards her support and last I do constitute and appoint my son Samuel W. Cochran Jr & my brother-in-law Basil Callahan my Executors to execute this my last will and Testament and I do hereby declare this to be my last will and Testament in the presence of these witnesses and in the presence of each other this 13 day of November 1863.

Witness my hand & Seal

S. W. Cochran (Seal)

In the presence of us two the
persons of each other

R. J. Gordon

Mr. J. Newell

Thomas W. Wilson

The State of S. Co } Personally appeared R. J. Gordon, one of the subscribing
Abolition Clerk } Witnesses to the foregoing will, and being sworn, say, that
he was present and did see Samuel W. Cochran sign, seal, publish, pronounce and
declare the same to be his last will and Testament. That the testator was of sound
and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge,
to-wit: that Mr. J. Newell and J. Thomas W. Wilson 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 16 Nov 1863

R. J. Gordon

R. W. O. C.

The State of S. Co } Having examined R. J. Gordon, one of the witnesses to the
Abolition Clerk } foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last
(will)

Will of S. W. Cochran dec^d. Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Con. form
16 Decr 1863. W. H. H. & A. B.

The State of S^c Co }

Adm Dist } Personally appeared S. W. Cochran, one of the decedents named
in the foregoing will, and upon oath says, that said writing contains the
true last will of S. W. Cochran dec^d. so far as he knows and believes - that
he will well and truly execute the same by paying the debts and 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 Abbeville District a true Inventory & appraisement of all such
goods and chattels within the time prescribed by law.

sworn before me this

16 Decr 1863. W. H. H. & A. B. }

S. W. Cochran.

Last Will & Testament
of
Joel Manly Walker dec^d

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

In the name of God. Amen.

I Joel Manly Walker being of sound mind and
memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life
do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in the
manner and form following.

Item 1st After paying my funeral expenses and expenses of my last sickness, I
desire that all my lawful debts be paid.

Item 2nd The balance of my estate I will and bequeath to my beloved Father
Peter B. Walker and mother Mary Walker.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my friend Joseph S. Blake Executor of
this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this the Twentyfourth day of October in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three.

Joel Manly Walker J^W

Signed and sealed in the presence of us, who in the presence of each
other and the testator have signed our names as witnesses.

J. S. Blake

J. B. Carson

W. B. McMillan

South Carolina } Personally came J. S. Blake, one of the subscribing witnesses
Abbeville District } to the annexed paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evan-
gels of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally present
and did see Joel Manly Walker sign, seal, publish, pronounce and
declare the said paper to be his last will and testament and that
the Testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and
(understanding)

understanding, to the best of his knowledge and belief—that J. P. Carson and Mr. D. M. Minton together with himself, and in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other, did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Sworn before me this

18 Nov 1863

W. H. L. O. A. S.

J. S. Blake,

South Carolina } Having examined J. S. Blake, one of the subscribers
Abbeville District } being witnesses to the annexed paper, and being
satisfied that it is the true last will and Testament of J. Manly
Waller dec'd. Orderd, that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.
18 Nov 1863. William H. L. O. A. S.

South Carolina } Personally came Joseph J. Baker, Preclear
Abbeville District } named in the annexed will, and being sworn
on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God says that the within paper
is the true last will of the said J. Manly Waller dec'd and that
he will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts
and then the legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and
chattels will extend and the law charge him—that he will make
and return into the office of the Ordinary of the said District a true
Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said dec'd and
within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn to before me

11 January 1864

W. H. L. O. A. S.

J. J. Baker

Last Will & Testament
of
Codrus D. Waller dec'd.

State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District }

In the name of God, Amen!

I, Codrus D. Waller being of sound and disposing
mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this mortal life,
do make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and
testament, in manner and form following, that is to say, First after
all my lawful debts, and funeral expenses are paid and discharged,
the residue of my estate real and personal I give, bequeath and dis-
pose of as follows. Viz. To my brother Edward H. Waller, my secretary,
books, pictures, watch and a mare colt: To my brother Cadmus
G. Waller my Saler mare Bonny: To Wm Waller Wood son of
Wm C. Wood Pontotoc County Miss, five hundred dollars.
To Richard Waller Funk son of A. W. Funk Pontotoc County Miss.

five hundred dollars. To Mt Pleasant Baptist Church Pontotoc County Miss. One hundred dollars. To the Furman University located in the town of Greenville, State of South Carolina, Five thousand dollars for a permanent Scholarship fund, the income alone of which to be used at any time for the purpose of defraying the expenses (tuition board &c) of some worthy indigent youth or young man, in completing his education or obtaining the same at said University. The Candidate for said Scholarship to be elected by the board of Trustees and Faculty of said University. This Scholarship shall be called the "Waller Scholarship".

And should said University cease to exist or be suspended for a term of three or more years except by the necessities of war, then such sum to be paid to the poor as the trustees and faculty may desire. One sixth of the remainder of my Estate I give and devise to Griswell A. C. Waller, Cadmus G. Waller and Edward H. Waller, brothers: To have and to hold the same to themselves their heirs and assigns forever, upon the uses and trusts following namely: In trust to pay my beloved mother J. Elizabeth Waller upon her sole and separate receipts, the interest, income, and revenue of said share of my Estate, and secondly upon decease of my said mother, to pay said share of my Estate into the common fund to be equally divided between my brothers and sister. To Mrs Rhoda E. Kilbourne widow of Wm E. Kilbourne, one sixth of the residue of my Estate; - she has treated me for the past three years most unkindly, and had I the power I would give her a more prudent tongue and a better heart. The remainder of my property I desire to be equally divided between my brothers F. A. Waller, C. A. C. Waller, C. G. Waller, and E. H. Waller: -

I hereby constitute and appoint my brothers C. A. C. Waller, C. G. Waller and E. H. Waller Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others by me made.

Witness my hand and seal, this the third day of April A. D. One thousand eight hundred and sixty three.

C. D. Waller (L.S.)

This Certifies that the foregoing was signed sealed, and delivered by C. D. Waller as his last will and testament, in the presence of the subscribing witnesses, who subscribed our names here in the presence of said testator at his request, and in the presence of each other this the 3^d of April 1863.

J. A. Bailey
J. H. Parks
J. L. Coleman

The State of S. Co } Personally appeared J. A. Bailey, one of the subscribing witnesses
Abbeville District } to the foregoing will and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists
of Almighty God, make oath, that he was personally present, and did see
Codrus C. Waller, sign and seal, and heard him publish, pronounce and
declare the same 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, and that F. G. Parks and P. L. Coleman, together
with himself, and in the presence of each other, and in the presence of the
testator, did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same
sworn before me.

25 January 1864

W. Hill. C. A. D.

The State of S. Co } Having examined J. A. Bailey, one of the subscribing
Abbeville District } witnesses to the foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will
of Codrus C. Waller decd. It is "Ordered, that it be admitted to Probate in Conform"
25 Jan 1864

W. Hill. C. A. D.

The State of S. Co } Personally appeared C. A. C. Waller, one of the Executors named
Abbeville District } in the foregoing will, and being sworn according to law, depose,
and swear that said writing contains the true last will of Codrus C. Waller decd.
so far as he knows and believes - that he will well and truly execute the same by
paying the debts and the legacies therein contained so far as the goods and chattels
will thereunto extend and the law charge him, and that he will make a true
and correct inventory of all such goods and chattels, and return the same into the
office of the Ordinary of Abbeville District to be therein recorded, when he shall
be thereunto required

sworn before me 25 Jan 1864

W. Hill. C. A. D.

C. A. C. Waller

Last Will & Testament } State of South Carolina
of } Abbeville District

Alanson W. Branyon

In the name of God. Amen,

I know all men by these presents, that I, Alanson W. Branyon of State & District aforesaid being now of sound and disposing mind and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and ordain this my last will and testament and dispose of all my property as herein after mentioned.

1st Immediately after my death I desire that my funeral expenses and all of my just debts be paid, and for that purpose I desire that two tracts of land I now own be sold at public sale one tract containing seventy two acres and the other about twenty acres each more or less

(both)

both tracts adjoining S. M. Tribble in said District and also I desire that all surplus property that my wife may not need be sold at the same time and place of the two tracts of land above mentioned also I desire that the property I have mentioned and the debts due me to be collected and all of my Just debts be paid out of the property and funds mentioned should there be an surplus I desire that my executor put it at interest for the benefit of my children or should the property and funds mentioned not be enough to pay all my debts I then desire that such property as can best be spared to be sold until enough is sold to pay all of my debts - then I desire and will unto my wife Manerva Catharine Branyan the tract of land on which I now live on containing about one hundred and eighty one acres more or less together with all the personal property belonging to me such as Household and Kitchen furniture Horses, Cattle, Hops, farming tools all of my property only such as I have before mentioned that I desire shall be sold for the purposes already mentioned - I desire that my wife hold the tract of land and other property during her life time or widowhood, at the expiration of either I desire then that all of my property both real and personal be sold at public sale by my executor and the proceeds be divided as follows provided my wife should marry again I desire her to have a child's part and no more then I desire that my three children (viz.) John William W. Branyan, Lucile Jane Branyan, & Jefferson Davis Gustavus Branyan Branyan, each get share and share alike each to receive the same of all my estate that may be due me in any way and in the event of my wife dying immediately after her death then my property to be sold as before mentioned and the proceeds of my entire estate to be equally divided between my three children provided my wife should bear another child by me I desire that it shall have an equal part with the other three I do not know whether such will be the case I only make this provision, and now for the purpose of carrying out this my last will and testament, I appoint and constitute my wife Manerva C. Branyan executrix and my Brother James F. E. Branyan my executor granting and giving unto them all the powers that is in me vested with full power to sue and collect debts and be sued and to make titles to any and all of my lands and to transact my business entirely according to the provisions of this will and I hereby revoke any or all other wills that I may have made in witness whereof I hereunto affix my name and seal on the seventh day of September A.D. One thousand eight hundred and sixty three in presence of

A. B. I desire and will that my executor shall have full power to sell and make titles without an order from any Court

J. W. Branyan Seal

Witnesses

R. A. Wright

J. W. Branyon

John M. Adams

South Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally came Thos W Branyon one of the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally present, and did see A. W. Branyon sign, seal, publish, pronounced and declare the said paper, to be his last will and testament, and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, to the best of his knowledge and belief, that R. A. Wright and John M. Adams, together with himself, and in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other, did sign their names as Witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Sworn before me this

10 Feb 1864. W. Hill. O. A. D.

J. W. Branyon

South Carolina

Abbeville District

Having examined Thos W Branyon, one of the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and testament of A. W. Branyon: Ordered that it be admitted to probate in common form.

10 Feb 1864.

William Hill. O. A. D.

South Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally came James E. Branyon executor named in the annexed will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God says that the within paper is the true last will of the said A. W. Branyon, and that he will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will extend, and the law charge him, that he will make and return into the office of the Ordinary, of the said District, a true inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn to before me

10 Feb 1864. W. Hill. O. A. D.

J. E. Branyon

Last Will & Testament

of

Elizabeth Cobb. dec'd

The State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Elizabeth Cobb of said State and District being of sound mind and memory but feeble in body make and declare this to be my last will and testament - revoking all others by me made

1st Item. I will all my just debts paid; and for this purpose I direct my Executors

to sell the negro Girl Franc or Frances, and all my Household and kitchen furniture of every kind on such terms ^{and} in such way as they judge best; and the said pay all my debts; and should any thing remain after paying my debts, the same to be equally divided between my two sons Robert and James.

2^d Item: I will that the negro woman Sarah and her child Alice, and the negro woman or girl Mat or Martha be divided in this way and in this proportion between my sons Robert and James: Sarah and her child Alice are hereby given and bequeathed to my son James: Martha is hereby given and bequeathed to my son Robert. After my death the said negroes in this Item are to be appraised by three disinterested men to be chosen by my Executors and of the whole value my son James is to receive two thirds and my son Robert one third and according to such valuation my son Robert shall pay to my son James such a sum of money as will make up to James the two thirds value of the slaves mentioned in this Item. The appraisers are not to assign the slaves, only assess the value. The gift and bequest is already made in this Item.

3^d Item Should there be any residue of my estate of any nature whatsoever it is to be equally divided between my sons Robert and James.

I appoint my friends James A. Norwood and a Thomas Thomson Executors of this my last will and testament

The words "and" in first Item, and "pay" in second Item intended before signature.

Elizabeth Cobb. (L)

Signed published and declared by Elizabeth Cobb as her last will and testament in our presence - she signing first in our presence and then we witnesses signing in her presence and the presence of each other.

F. H. Sanders

Bettie Hile

J. T. ^{his} Cumber
made

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared Bettie Hile, one of the subscribers
Abbeville District } being witnesses to the foregoing will, and being
duly sworn, says that she was present, and did see Elizabeth Cobb, sign
seal, publish and pronounce the said writing to contain her last will
and testament - that she testifies was, of sound and disposing mind
memory and understanding to the best of her knowledge and belief
and that F. H. Sanders and J. T. Cumber, together with herself
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
Witness my hand 24 July 1864. William Hile O. & S. } Bettie Hile

Having examined Belle's Note, one of the witnesses to the foregoing writing and being satisfied that it is the true last will and testament of Elizabeth Cobb dec'd. Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Com. form

24 July 1864

William Hite. C. J. D.

The State of S. C. } Personally appeared James A. Norwood and
Abbeville Dist } Thomas Thomas Executors named in the fore-
going will, and being duly sworn say that said writing contains
the true last will and testament of Elizabeth Cobb dec'd, so far as
they know and believe. That they will well and truly execute
the same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies there-
in contained so far as the goods and chattels will extend and
the law charge them, and that they will make a true and correct
inventory and appraisement of the estate of the said deceased, and
return the same into the C. J. Office for the Dist in due time to be
required within the time provided by law

James A. Norwood

24 July 1864

William Hite C. J. D.

James A. Norwood

Thos. Thomas

Last Will & Testament
of
David Robeson dec'd

The State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District }

I, David Robeson of the District and State

aforesaid, being at present in a low state of health,

but thanks be to God in the enjoyment of my usual strength of
mind, memory and understanding, have thought proper to make
some disposition of the worldly property which a kind providence
hath graciously given to me, and I do now declare the following
to be my last will and testament.

First. I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

Second I will and bequeath to my daughter Rachel Leontina, One hundred
dollars in Cash, The bed, bedstead and clothing which she calls her
own, a Cotton Wheel and Cards, and the Loom and Cackling, inclu-
sive of what pledges she may wish to take.

Third I will and bequeath to my son William, One hundred dollars in Cash,
and the bed and steed, and clothing, which he calls his own.

Fourth I have money in my hands which I hold for the above named two
children, which is embodied in a note against William Magill, and
James Gilliam my sons in law, and also in a note which I hold
against the late Col. J. F. Marshall, the amount of claim which
the aforesaid children Rachel & William have against me. I suppose
(will)

will amount to something like four hundred dollars, this claim is justly due them, and I direct that it shall be honestly paid them.

Fifth The balance of my estate real and personal I direct my executor to sell by public auction, at such time as he may think most proper, on a credit of two years with interest from date, and the proceeds of said sale, with all the residue of my estate, I direct to be equally divided amongst all my children, and the child or children of a deceased child - the child or children of a deceased child to take the share the parent would have taken if living.

Sixth. The share of my estate which goes to my daughter Mary Ann Gillam, the wife of James Gillam, is to be for her own separate use and behoof, and not to be subject in any manner to the debts, contracts, or liabilities of her husband, she to enjoy the use of the same during her natural life (that is the interest on the same) and at her death, to go to her surviving children in equal shares. I appoint my son Thomas as her trustee to manage this legacy, and give him power to invest it in any kind of property which he may think will be most to her interest or advantage.

I nominate, constitute and appoint my son Thomas Robison as the executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixteenth day of February A D 1864

David Robison *(Seal)*

Signed, sealed & acknowledged by D Robison as his last will in our presence, and us at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other now subscribe our names as witnesses to the due execution of the same,

William Hill

James F. Mabry

John Canrough

The State of S. C. } Formally appeared John Canrough, one of the justices
Abbeville District } to the within writing, and being duly sworn, says that
he was personally present and did see David Robison sign, seal, publish
and pronounce the same to be his last will and testament, and that the
Testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding
to the best of his knowledge and belief - that William Hill and
James F. Mabry, together with himself, in the presence of the Testator
and in the presence of each other subscribed their names as witnesses to the
due execution of the same.

John Canrough

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 24 March 1864

(M. Hill. Oct. 3)

The State of S. Co } Having examined John Cantrough one of the subscribing wit-
 Abbeville Dist } nesses to the within writing, and being satisfied that it is the
 true last will and testament of David Robinson dec'd, It is Ordered that it be
 admitted to probate in Common form

24 March 1864

William Hill, C. J. S.

The State of S. Co } Personally appeared Thomas Robinson the Executor
 Abbeville Dist } named in the within will, and made oath that said
 writing contains the true last will and testament of David Robinson 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 thereto extend and the law charge
 him, and that he will make a true and correct inventory and apprais-
 ment of all the goods & chattels, rights and credits of the said dec'd and
 return the same into the Office of the Ordinary of the said County in
 order to be recorded within the time prescribed by laws

Sworn to before me

Thos Robinson

24 March 1864

Wm Hill, C. J. S.

Last Will & Testament
of
John McLaren dec'd

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

I John McLaren being of sound and dis-
 posing mind and memory, but in feeble
 health, do make this my last will.

- 1st After the payment of my debts, I will and devise to my beloved
 sister Jennett H. McLaren the whole of my estate and property
 both real and personal, Cash on hand, and choses in action, for
 and during her natural life, both in this state and Georgia.
- 2nd I will & bequeath to my beloved sister Margaret G. Williams
 a legacy of two thousand Dollars. Also to my beloved sister
 Agnes J. Chovin two thousand Dollars. Also to my sister Eliza
 H. Robinson the sum of two thousand Dollars. And also to her
 two sons Arthur & Clarence Robinson five, five hundred Dollars
 each. Also to my beloved sister Julia Jane Baker a legacy of two
 thousand Dollars and also to her daughter Mrs. Agnes G. Seawell,
 the sum of five hundred Dollars - the last two legacies are given
 for the express purpose and upon the condition that the legacies
 remove from this state to Virginia, and if not accepted with
 that condition, and used for that purpose, the removal to Virginia,
 or elsewhere, the legacies are not to vest or be received by them.
 Also the bequest of five hundred Dollars to Mrs. Agnes G. Seawell

is to her sole and separate use.

- 3rd I will and bequeath to my nephew Adolphus A. Williams my mulatto boy Tom. Also to my nephew Robert James McBride I will and bequeath all the rest of my negroes and the increase of the females to him absolutely and forever at the determination of the life estate above given to my sister Jennett - also all my stock of mules, Horses, Cattle, Hogs, and also all my waggons plantation tools, Harness also all the Household & Kitchen furniture on my plantation.
- 4th After the determination of the life estate to my sister above given I will & devise to my Nephew John M. McBride all my real estate both in this State and Georgia to him and his heirs forever, also all my Household & Kitchen furniture except that on the plantation already bequeathed to Robert - also my buggy & Harness, Carriage & Harness, also whatever monies may remain and proceeds of crops on hand, after the payment of Cash legacies above given, and expenses of administration of my estate.
- 5th My purpose and object in the two last legacies is to make my two Nephews equal, to wit my nephews John & Robert McBride - that is that the legacies to them shall be of equal value - and in the event when the remainder falls in it may be found that either one has the advantage of the other - that one shall account to the other and make his share equal in value to his own.
- 6th I request that my sister Jennett, if in her discretion she should think it best so to do, will advance the cash legacies herein given, or any or all of them as she may think proper.
- 7th I also will and desire that my sister Jennett shall have power, and I hereby so authorize her, to make sale of any lands either in this State or Georgia, in her discretion; also of my house & lot in the Village, and to reinvest the proceeds in other lands, or in any manner that she may think best for the remaindermen.
- 8th I hereby constitute and appoint my sister Jennett A. McLaren and my nephews John M. McBride and Robert James McBride the executors of this my last will.

John A. McLaren.

Signed and executed this 19th day April 1864 in our presence
also attested by us in his presence

B. P. Hughes

P. S. Rutledge

John McBride

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared B. P. Hughes, one of the subscribing
Abbeville Dist } witnesses to the foregoing writing, and being sworn on the
Holy Evangelists of Almighty God makes oath that he was personally
present and did see John M. Larcen, sign, publish, pronounce and declare
the same to contain his last will and testament, that he was then
of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the
best of his knowledge and belief. - that B. P. Rutledge and John
M. Bryde 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

Sworn to before me this
2nd May 1864

William Hill C. & D.

B. P. Hughes

The State of S. Ca } Having examined B. P. Hughes, one of the
Abbeville Dist } subscribing witnesses to the foregoing writing
and being satisfied that it is the true last will of John M. Larcen
decd. It is therefore Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in
Common form.

2 May 1864

W. Hill C. & D.

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared Jennette M. Larcen
Abbeville Dist } Executrix named in the foregoing will, and
being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God makes oath
that said writing contains the true last will of John M. Larcen
decd. so far as she knows and believes: 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
thereunto extend and the law charge her; and that she will
make a true and correct inventory and appraisement of the
Estate of the said decd. and return the same into the office of
the Ordinary of said district in order to be recorded within the time
prescribed by laws

Sworn before me
2nd May 1864

W. Hill C. & D.

Jennette M. Larcen.

The Executors named in the foregoing will of John M. Larcen
viz. John M. McBryde, and Robert James McBryde, were each sworn as
such by me, and to whom Letters Testamentary were given

William Hill C. & D.

Last Will & Testament
of
Alexander Austin de

The State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District }
In the name of God, Amen!

I, Alexander Austin of the district and state aforesaid calling to mind the uncertainty of life, and being of sound, disposing mind, memory and discretion and being desirous of disposing of all such worldly estate as it has pleased god to bless me with do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. Viz:

- First. I will and direct my executor hereinafter appointed, as soon after my death as practicable, to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses out of money on hand such debts as may be owing to me, the crop of the last year of my life, and out of such personal property as he may think can be best spared.
- Second. I give, devise and bequeath all the residue of my estate of whatever description it may be to my beloved wife Isabella during her life and at her death I will and direct that my executor divide the same by appraisement or sale as he may think best into nine ^{equal} shares, five shares of which I give, devise and bequeath severally and respectively to my five sons, John, Robert, Matthew J., Samuel and William Austin share and share alike, the four remaining shares or parts I give, devise and bequeath to my son John Austin in trust for the sole and separate use of my three daughters now living, to wit, Susan, Sarah & Martha, and my grand daughter Letitia Ann Ragsdale, to be shared equally and in severalty by them respectively; but should my said grand-daughter die without leaving issue then her share is to be divided equally amongst my surviving children including the child or children of any deceased child who will take the share of the deceased parent. And I do hereby vest the said trustee with full power and authority to manage the said shares of my daughters and grand-daughters in such way and manner as he in his discretion may think most beneficial for them, either by permitting them respectively to have the possession and use of their said shares, or by hiring out the property and paying them the income annually or putting the funds to interest and paying them the interest annually, or by investing the funds in property and permitting them to have the possession and use of the same with power to sell and reinvest or exchange as he may deem best and as often as may think expedient.

Lastly. I do hereby appoint my son John Austin executor of this my last will and testament made in manner and form aforesaid.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed

my seal this 23rd day of January A.D. 1860 and in the 84th year of
American Independence.

Signed, sealed, published and
declared as and for the last
will & testament of Alex^r Austin
in the presence of us, who subscribe
in the presence of the testator & in
the presence of each other

J. H. Inby

W. DeWalt

John W. DeWalt

Alex^r Austin 

South Carolina } I Alexander Austin of said District having executed
Abbeville District } my last will and testament bearing date the
23rd day of January 1860 and now being of sound mind and disposing
memory and being desirous of making some alterations to said last will
and testament do make this Codicil to my said last will and testament
Item having given all the residue of my estate to my beloved wife Isabella
Austin during her natural life I hereby give my executors power should
any of the property not be suitable or prone to be so to change the same
for such as will be suitable by a sale or exchange as to them shall
seem best and I further authorize and empower my executors to see
that the property be not wasted or squandered during the natural
life of my said wife Isabella so that no sale or entire division
may take place during the life of my said wife.

And I do hereby appoint my Brother Robert C Austin executor
jointly with my son John Austin of this my last will and hereby
ratifying and confirming my said last will and testament in every
respect except where altered by this Codicil to the same

In witness whereof I have hereunto assigned my name and
affixed my seal the 23rd day of February one thousand eight hun-
dred and sixty four.

Alex^r Austin 

Signed, sealed, declared and published as a Codicil to the last will
& testament of the said Alexander Austin in his presence and we
witnessed the same in his presence and in the presence of each other

Robinson Cobb.

W. Erwin

J. M. Matteson.

South Carolina } Personally came J. M. Matteson one of the undersigned
Abbeville District } witnesses to the annexed paper, and being sworn on the
Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally present
and did see Alexander Austin sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare the

(said)

said paper to be his last will and Testament. and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, to the best of his knowledge and belief - that Robinson Cobb, & M. Erwin, together with himself, and in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other, did sign their names as Witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Sworn before me, this

12 May 1864

William Hill o.a.g.

G. M. Matheson.

South Carolina } Having examined G. M. Matheson, one of the said
Abbeville District } Scribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being
satisfied that it is the true last will and Testament of Alexander
Austin - "Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form"

William Hill o.a.g. (Seal)

South Carolina } Personally came John Austin Decent named in
Abbeville District } the annexed will, and being sworn on the Holy Evan-
gels of Almighty God, says that the within paper is the true last
will of the said Alexander Austin, and that he will well and truly
execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies
therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will extend and
the law charge him - that he will make and return into the office
of the Ordinary of the said district a true Inventory and appraisement
of the Estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed by Law
Sworn to before me

12 May 1864

William Hill o.a.g.

John Austin.

Last Will & Testament
of
Sarah Robertson decd

The State of South Carolina
Abbeville District

In the name of God. Amen!!

I, Sarah Robertson widow of Reuben Robertson deceased of the
District and State aforesaid, being weak in body but of sound dis-
posing mind and memory do ordain this my last will and
Testament, hereby revoking all others wills by me made.

Item First.

I wish all my just debts paid out of the personal property which
I have received from my son Wesley Robertson Administrator of the
Estate of my late husband Reuben Robertson.

Item Second

I give and bequeath unto the children of my son Wesley Rob-
son as follows - To Reuben Abner Robertson one negro boy named
Hoah - to Lucien Robertson one negro boy Caspar and Girl
named Hannah - to Wesley Marion Robertson one negro boy
named Pinckney - to Augustus Lafayette Robertson one

negro boy named Robert - and if either of the above named children of my son Wesley Robertson should die without leaving children living at the time of his death - then the negro or negroes given to such child by this clause of my will, with their increase if any shall be equally divided amongst the survivors share and share alike - the children of any deceased child to represent the parent, and take the share such parent would be entitled to if living.

Item Third All the remainder of my estate both Real and personal I give devise and bequeath unto my son Wesley Robertson for and during his natural life, and after his death to such child or children as he may leave ~~surviving~~ him - the child or children of any deceased child to represent the parent and take the share such parent would be entitled to if living.

Item Fifth If from informality or other cause the provisions or any part thereof herein made for my beloved son Wesley Robertson should be set aside or not take effect to him, then and in that case I will the same to the children of the said Wesley Robertson subject to the same restrictions as to survivorship as is provided in Item Second of this my will.

Item Fifth I do hereby appoint my son Wesley Robertson the sole and only Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty six

ku
Sarah D. Robertson (Ld)
mark

Signed, sealed and delivered as the last Will and Testament of Sarah Robertson in the presence of -

A. H. Magee Jr.

Hardy Clark

Marshall Sharp

The State of S. Ca }

Abbeville District } Personally appeared Marshall Sharp, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally present and did see Sarah Robertson sign, seal, publish and declare the said writing to be her last Will and Testament; that the testatrix was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief - and that A. H. Magee Jr., Hardy Clark and himself, in the presence of each other, and in the presence of the said testatrix, signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same

Subscribed 2 May 1864

M. Hill, Dist. D.

Marshall Sharp

The State of S. Ca } Having examined Marshall Sharp one of the subscribing
Abbeville Dist } witnesses to the foregoing will, and being satisfied that it
is the true last will of Sarah Robertson dec^d.

"Ordered that it be admitted to probate in common form."

2 May 1864.

William Hill. C. J.

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared Wesley Robertson, the Executor named
Abbeville District } in the foregoing will, and makes oath that the said writing
contains the true last will and testament of Sarah Robertson 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
and chattels will extend and the law charge him - and that he will
make a just and true inventory and appraisement of the estate of the
said dec^d and return the same into the office of the Ordinary for said
District in order to be recorded within the time prescribed by law

Sworn to before me

this 14 May 1864

William Hill C. J.

Wesley Robertson.

Last Will and Testament
of

John Belton O'Neill dec^d

State of South Carolina

Laurens District, May 28th 1863

In the presence of Almighty God, Amen.

I, John Belton O'Neill of the State and District aforesaid,
being sound in mind and body, do make this my last will and testament
revoking all others. First I will my soul unto God who gave it and
my body to the dust and after my funeral expenses are paid I will that
my property be disposed of as follows.

- 2^d To my sister Martha Day I will six hundred dollars. I furthermore
will that she take one negro woman Lizzie, present children and
future increased at their appraised value, if she wants them.
- 3 To my sister Paulina C. O'Neill I will three hundred dollars
- 4 To my brother Jesse O'Neill I will three hundred dollars
- 5 To my nephew Henry Belton Babb I will three hundred dollars, if
he be living, if not, the same to his brother and sister
- 6 After just claims have been canceled I will that my entire
property, real and personal, excepting that which has been disposed
of be sold and equally divided between Martha Day, Paulina C.
O'Neill, Jesse O'Neill and Sideon P. O'Neill
- 7 I furthermore will that the property I have given to Martha Day be
to her and to her children - hers for the term of her natural life and
then to become the property of her children.
- 8 The property I have given to Paulina C. O'Neill, I will to be had in

his own right for the term of his natural life and then to become the property of his lawful heirs.

- 9 I furthermore will that Gideon P. O'Neill act as Trustee of all the property I have willed to Martha Day and Paulina C. O'Neill, and if consistent with the judgement of the Trustee he will invest the monies as they may wish. I also request of Gideon P. O'Neill that he take no remuneration save the two and one half per cent for receiving and the two and one half per cent for all monies paid out.
- 10 That my will may be carried out in accordance with its spirit, I will that Gideon P. O'Neill be, and he is hereby appointed my sole executor.

Signed in the presence of
R. B. Ligon
John W. Ferguson
A. E. Carter

J. B. O'Neill

South Carolina } Personally came R. B. Ligon, one of the subscribers
Abbeville District } being witnesses to the annexed paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God makes oath that he was personally present, and did see J. B. O'Neill sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare the said paper to be his last will and Testament, and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, to the best of his knowledge and belief; that John W. Ferguson and A. E. Carter together with himself, and in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other, did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof

Sworn before me this

13 May 1864

W. Hill O.A.D.

R. B. Ligon

South Carolina } Having examined R. B. Ligon, one of the subscribers
Abbeville District } being witnesses to the annexed paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally present and did see J. B. O'Neill sign, and is satisfied that it is the true last will and Testament of J. B. O'Neill, and that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.

12 May 1864.

William Hill O.A.D.

South Carolina } Personally came Gideon P. O'Neill Executor, named
Abbeville District } in the annexed will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God says that the within paper is the true last will,

Will of the said J. B. O'Neal, and that he will, well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will extend and the law charge him - that he will make and return into the Office of the Ordinary of the said District, a true Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed by law.

Shown to before me

13th May 1864.

William Hill o.a.d.

J. B. O'Neal

Last Will & Testament
of
Hannah McComb

S. Carolina

Abbeville District

In the name of God. Amen

I, Hannah McComb of the State and District

aforesaid being old and infirm in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory and being desirous to dispose of by will what what worldly estate God in his Providence has bestowed upon me do make this as my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. To wit: First I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann Stephenson my slave Jude and her future increase to her, and for her use and benefit during her natural life and at her death the same to be sold and the proceeds be equally divided among her children. I also will and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann Stephenson to her and her heirs one good bed and furniture my Loom and also, the sum of One Hundred Dollars in Cash.

Second I will and bequeath unto my son-in-law Jackson McKee to him & his heirs my slave Sarah and her future increase in Trust nevertheless, for my daughter Mariah McComb, for her sole and separate use and benefit during her natural life and to any child, or children she may leave, but should she die leaving no children, then the said negro and her increase to be sold and equally divided among my daughters, Mary Ann Stephenson Eliza McKee Nancy McWilliams & Hannah Haddon or their heirs, as the case may be. Third I will and devise to my son John McComb to him & his heirs my tract of Land in Greenville District, on which he is living containing upwards of Two Hundred acres.

Fourth I will and bequeath to each of my granddaughters, Hannah Stephenson, Hannah Haddon, Hannah McKee, and Hannah McComb, to them & their heirs the sum of Fifty Dollars each. Fifth I will and bequeath to my daughter Nancy McWilliams, to her & her heirs, my Carriage. Sixth my will is that all my other property both Real & Personal, not already disposed of by will, be sold by my

(Executors)

executors, and the proceeds of the sale together with all my cash notes & accounts be added together, and after paying my just debts, and the legacies before mentioned to be paid in cash, and erecting a stone to my memory the balance to be equally divided between my children as follows. to my son James McComb one share to my son William McComb one share to my son John McComb one share out of this, however he shall amount two hundred dollars, for the land I have willed him - to them & their heirs. To my daughters Nancy McWilliams, Eliza McKee, Hannah Haddon & Mariah McComb, each an equal share with my sons subject however to the following residuum, viz. my daughters, Nancy, Eliza & Hannah shall each receive out of what would be their distributive share the sum of Four Hundred dollars & the balance shall be placed at Interest by my Executors, and the Interest of the same paid to them during their natural life & at their death the principle to be equally divided among their respective children. The share which my daughter Mariah, would be entitled to, my will is that the whole sum be put at Interest by my Executors, and the Interest applied to support her should she require more, however, my will is that the principle be used to support her will, and last I do constitute and appoint Jackson McKee & Thomas Crawford my Executors to execute this my last will & testament, and I do hereby declare this to be my last will & testament, and in the presence of these witnesses I do hereby set my hand and seal this second day of April 1860

assigned as witnesses in presence of each other

Elizabeth A. Reid

William P. Keeton

J R Willson

Hannah McComb, Seal

The State of S. Carolina } Personally appeared John R Willson one of the
Abbeville District } subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and
being duly sworn, says that he was personally present and did see
Hannah McComb, sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the
same to be her last will and testament - that the testatrix was of
sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best
of his knowledge and belief. - that Elizabeth A. Reid and William
P. Keeton, 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 to before me

this 6th day of June 1864

W. Hill. a.d.

J. Rosemon Willson.

The State of S. Ca } Having examined John R. Willson one of the Subscri-
 Abbeville District } bers Witnesses to the within will, and being satisfied
 that it is the true last will & testament of Hannah McComb decd.

"Ordeed that it be admitted to Probate in Com. form"

6 June 1864.

William Hill C. A. D.

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared A. Jackson McKee & Tho Crawford
 Abbeville District } for the named Executor in the within will, and
 being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God make oath
 that said writing contains the true last will of the said Hannah
 McComb decd. and that they will well and truly execute the same
 by paying first the debts and then the legacies therein contained
 so far as the goods and chattels will extend and the Law charge them
 and that they will make and return into the office of the Ordinary
 of said district a true and correct inventory of all and singular the
 said goods & chattels.

Subscribed before me this
 6th day of June 1864

William Hill C. A. D.

A. J. McKee
 Tho Crawford.

The Last Will & Testament
 of
 John C. Purley decd.

The State of South Carolina }
 Abbeville District }

In the name of God. Amen!

I, John C. Purley of the State and District
 aforesaid having volunteered in the service of the Confederate States
 of America during the present war, and knowing that life at all
 times is uncertain, have concluded to make some disposition of
 my estate in the event of my death, and now declare the follow-
 ing to be my last will & testament.

1st I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be punctually
 paid.

2nd Believing that I have enough of money owing to me to pay
 all my debt, I desire that none of my property be sold, unless the
 assets due me are insufficient to pay all just demands, and
 I therefore will and bequeath whatever may remain of my estate
 of every kind and nature whatsoever, to my beloved wife Frances
 E. during her natural life or widowhood; and in the event of her
 marriage, or at her death I desire that all my property be turned
 into money and equally divided between my said wife and child-
 ren share & share alike.

I appoint and nominate my Father-in-law Silbert Chantreux
 and my Cousin John A. Wier the executors of this my last will & testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this
twentyseventh day of March A. D. 1862.

John C. Pusley, *(Seal)*

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us, who at the request
of the Testator, and in his presence, and the presence of each other, have sub-
scribed our names as witnesses to the same.

Jos. W. Liles

William M. Newell

J. Haddon.

South Carolina } Personally came William M. Newell one of the
Abbeville District } subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and
being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that
he was personally present and did see John C. Pusley, sign, seal, pub-
lish, pronounce and declare the said paper to be his last will and
testament and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind,
memory and understanding, to the best of his knowledge and belief -
that Jos. W. Liles and J. Haddon together with himself, and in the
presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other, did sign
their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Sworn before me 6 June 1864.

W. Hill. O. A. D.

W. M. Newell.

South Carolina } Having examined Wm. M. Newell one of the sub-
Abbeville District } scribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being
satisfied that it is the true last will and Testament of John C.
Pusley dec^d - 'Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form'
6 June 1864.

William Hill. O. A. D.

South Carolina } Personally came Tolbert Cheatham & John A. Wier
Abbeville District } having named in the annexed will, and being sworn
on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, say that the within paper
is the true last will of the said John C. Pusley, dec^d - and that they
will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and
then the Legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels
will extend and the law charge therein; that they will make and
return into the office of the Ordinary, of the said District, a true
Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within
the time prescribed by laws.

Sworn to before me

6 June 1864

W. Hill. O. A. D.

T. Cheatham

John A. Wier

The Last Will & Testament
of
William Young dec^d.

The State of South Carolina
Abbeville District.

In the name of God. Amen.

I William Young planter of said

State and District being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding do make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament. hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made.

Item 1st I devise all my just debts to be paid.

Item 2^d I have made advancements of different kinds to my children which I desire shall remain in their hands without any accounting therefore, or being brought into any division directed by this will.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my four children Mahala Latimer wife of ~~James M.~~ Latimer. Elizabeth Norwood wife of Andrew P. Norwood. Beulah Latimer wife of Clement Latimer, and James M. Young at my death four thousand dollars worth of negro property and stock: that is one thousand dollars worth of negroes and stock to each of my said children: Five appraisers, one chosen by each of my said children and one chosen by my wife Sarah shall separate from my personal estate as many negroes and what stock will not be needed or can be spared as will amount in value to the sum of Four thousand dollars and then make an equal and just division of this separated property between my four ~~said~~ children.

Item 4th After taking out the legacy of four thousand dollars worth above bequeathed I devise give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah the tract of land on which I now live containing seven hundred and thirty five acres more or less which with some small parcels not now owned by me was purchased from Elijah Hunt and also all my personalty of every description consisting of negroes money and choses in action horses stock of all kinds household and kitchen furniture, grain and provision of every kind farming utensils in short all my personal estate for and during the term of her natural life without any account on the part of her estate at her death for the waste or use of what is called perishable property - that is other property than lands and negroes. This devise and bequest are to be in lieu and bar of my wife's dower in my real estate.

Item 5th After the death of my wife Sarah I will give and bequeath to my six children namely Elizabeth Norwood Mahala
(Latimer)

Latimer, Beulah Latimer, James M. Young, Joseph P. Young and Caroline A. Young all the slaves and negroes and their increase given as aforesaid to my wife Sarah during her natural life, share and share alike to be divided between them.

Item 6th. After the death of my wife Sarah I give and devise to my two children Joseph P. Young and Caroline A. Young the tract of land aforesaid which I have devised as above to my wife Sarah during the term of her natural life, to be equally divided between my said two children Joseph P. and Caroline A. share and share alike, and to their heirs: and I wish this partition to be actual if possible, and not effected by a sale if the same can be avoided: and I further give and devise to my son Joseph P. Young and Caroline A. Young the tract of land my son Joseph P. Young now has containing Two Hundred and Twenty Two acres more or less purchased by my son Joseph P. Young from James M. Latimer bounded by my tract of seven hundred and thirty five acres described aforesaid and lands of Isabella Hardin, to be equally divided between my son Joseph P. Young and Caroline A. Young share and share alike in same manner as the tract of seven hundred and thirty five acres is to be divided as above and as if said tract of Two hundred and twenty two acres were a part of the tract of seven hundred and thirty five acres.

Item 7th. I will devise and bequeath that all the stock, household and kitchen furniture, plantation tools, horses, in short all the personalty (the negroes excepted) bequeathed as above to my wife Sarah during her natural life be equally divided between my son Joseph P. Young, and my daughter Caroline A. Young share and share alike at the death of my wife Sarah.

Item 8th. I give and devise to my son-in-law Clement Latimer the tract of land of seventy four acres more or less purchased from the estate of John B. Black deceased bounded by lands of said Clement Latimer Joseph P. Young and others - To said Clement Latimer and his heirs.

Item 9th. I do not wish any devise or legacy aforesaid shall fail or lapse by the death of any of my children: Should any of my children die leaving children, such children shall take (or child) the part, devise, or legacy my child would have taken if living.

Item 10th. I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my son-in-law James M. Latimer and my sons James M. Young, and Joseph P. Young the executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
(and)

and seal this seventeenth day of March Anno Domini One thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

William Young *(Seal)*

Signed, sealed, published, acknowledged, and declared by William Young to be his last will and testament in our presence he having called us to be witnesses, and having signed and declared the same to be his will in our presence, and we having signed as witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other.

Thos. Thomson

M. M. Donald

R. A. Fair.

South Carolina

Abbeville District

I, William Young of the State and District aforesaid, being of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this Codicil to my foregoing last will and testament in manner and form following to wit: In addition to my bequests to my wife Sarah Young, contained in the body of my said will, I hereby will and bequeath to my said wife my House and Lot in the Village of Lowndersville during her natural life, and at her death, I bequeath the said House and Lot, to my daughter Caroline A. Young and her heirs, In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of June Anno Domini One thousand eight hundred and sixty four.

William Young *(Seal)*

Signed, sealed and declared, by the said William Young in our presence, to be a part of his last will and testament, and we at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other have signed our names as witnesses thereto.

Wm. A. Giles

A. Walker

C. V. Barnes. Secy.

The State of S. Ca.

Abbeville District

Personally appeared Thomas Thomson, one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will and being sworn according to law, make oath that he was personally present, and did see William Young, sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament. That the testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief - and that M. M. Donald and R. A. Fair, together with himself, in the presence of each other, and in the presence of the testator, did sign

(them)

their names, as witnesses to the due execution of the same
Thos. Thomson.

Sworn to before me this 20 June 1864 }
William Hill. D. & D. }

Also personally appeared A. Walker, one of the witnesses to the codicil in connexion with the said will, and being sworn says, that he was present and did see the said William Young, sign, seal and publish the same as a part of his last will and testament, and that he the said William Young was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief - that Wm. A. Siles and C. V. Barnes, stood 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 20 June 1864 }
William Hill. D. & D. }

A. Walker.

Having examined Thos. Thomson & A. Walker, witnesses to the annexed writing and being satisfied that the same is the true last will & testament of William Young decd.

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

20 June 1864

William Hill. D. & D.

The State of S. Ca }

Att. District } Personally came James M. Latimer, one of the Executors named in the annexed will, and being duly sworn says that the same is the true last will of the said William Young decd. 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 said District a true and correct Inventory and appraisement of all such goods and chattels.

Sworn to before me 20 June 1864 }
William Hill. D. & D. }

Jas. M. Latimer

The Last Will & Testament
of
George B. Clinkscales

State of South Carolina
Abbeville District

In the name of God amen.

I, George B. Clinkscales of the District and State aforesaid, being sick in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, declare, and publish this to be my last will and testament in manner and form, as follows, namely.

First. It is my will that at my death, and as soon thereafter as practicable, my Executors and Executrix shall pay all my just debts out of such funds, bonds or other choses in action of which I may die possessed.

Second It is my will that my beloved wife Eliza A. Clinkscales, shall remain in possession of all my Estate both real and personal, and raise and educate my children and support my surviving family, during the lifetime or widowhood of my said wife, and that in the event of her death or again intermarriage, all of said property shall be sold at public sale and the proceeds arising therefrom divided share and share alike among my children, the child or children of any deceased child taking the share to which his, her, or their parent would have been entitled if living. This second clause is not intended to interfere with the special arrangement hereinafter to be mentioned as to certain negro property to be portioned off to my children.

Third As each of my children shall have attained the age of Twentyone years he or she shall receive negroes & other property in proportion to the negroes & other personalty already given off by me to my daughters Mr^{ss} Martha A. Prince & Mrs Barbara A. Clement and my daughter Sarah J. Clinkscales to the latter of whom I have given a negro woman Phillis and her three children ranging from five to one year of age and a girl Dinah by name ten or twelve years of age and their future increase.

Fourth I bequeath to my son Francis William Clinkscales, should he survive the present war, the following negroes to wit Henry, Mack, Harvey & Gracy the daughter of Rose & her future increase, but should my said son die before coming into possession of said property then the same shall be held by my surviving Executor or Executrix until the surviving child or children of my said son attain

(the)

the age of twenty one years, when the said property shall be delivered to such child or children equally among them.

Fifth It is my desire that my Executors and Executors herein after mentioned do act as Guardians or Guardians for my children who are minors or unmaried until their attaining the age of twenty one years or becoming married, and I do hereby appoint said Executors & Executors Guardians as above specified, and I do further convey unto them in trust such property so portioned off as stated in third clause hereof, which property shall not hereafter be liable for the debts or contracts of any kind of any of them present or future husbands, but the proceeds & income therefrom shall enure to the sole & separate use & benefit of each of my children during their natural lives, after my death my Executors & Executors or the survivor of them may, if it shall be found most conducive to the interests of my family, sell my plantations in the State of Mississippi, or any of my negroes in this State or in Mississippi, and reinvest the proceeds arising from such sale in negroes or other property as may be most advisable & most to the benefit of all my family.

Sixth Should my said wife again intermarry it is my will and I do hereby bequeath unto her in fee simple, the one sixth of the proceeds of the sale of all my estate of every description which sale shall take place at the time of such intermarriage.

Seventh. Should it be found expedient to sell my home tracts in South Carolina, on account of, and to promote the best interests of my children, I hereby confer the legal power of so doing upon my Executors and Executors, hereby giving them full power to make and execute valid legal titles to any of my estate whether real or personal.

I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my beloved wife Eliza A. Clinkscales Executor and my son Francis W. Clinkscales, and my son-in-law Washington L. Prince Executors of this my last Will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twenty first day of May A.D. One thousand eight hundred and sixty four.

G. B. Clinkscales 

Signed, sealed published and declared as the last Will & Testament of the testator in the presence of us, who in his presence and in the presence of each other, and at his request have witnessed the due execution hereof

J. J. Cummings, Jas. W. Black, J. B. Ray.

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came James W. Black, one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, make oath that he was personally present and did see George B. Clinkscales sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the said paper to be his last will and testament, and that the testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, to the best of his knowledge and belief - that J. F. Cunningham and L. B. Ray together with himself and in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other, did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Sworn before me 24 June 1864.

William Hill C. A. D.

Jas W. Black.

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Having examined James W. Black, one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and testament of George B. Clinkscales. Ordained that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.

24 June 1864.

William Hill C. A. D.

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally ^{appeared} Eliza A. Clinkscales, Executrix named in the annexed will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, says that the within paper is the true last will of the said George B. Clinkscales, and that she will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will extend, and the law charge here that she will make and return into the office of the Ordinary of the said District a true Inventory and appraisement of the estate of the deceased within the time prescribed by law

Sworn to before me

24 June 1864

W. Hill C. A. D.

Eliza A. Clinkscales
J. W. Clinkscales

J. W. Clinkscales qualified before me as Executor on the 10th of August 1875.

Thos. J. Hillford

J. W. C. A. C.
August 10th 1875