

Last Will & Testament
of
Jane Matthews dec'd

The State of South Carolina

Know All Men by these Presents, That I
Jane Matthews, Spinster of the City of Charleston

in the State aforesaid, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

And first: I commend my Soul to the Lord, and my body to the ground.

Item. My female slave Jeannette, and her future issue and increase, if she should have issue and increase, I give and bequeath to John Branch, son of John L. Branch and Margaretta his wife.

All the rest and residue of my estate, whether real or personal, of any and whatsoever kind in possession, or in expectancy, I give devise and bequeath to my two nieces Lavinia Pettigrew, Consort of Doctor William Pettigrew, and Margaretta Branch Consort of John L. Branch, to be equally divided between them; to them, their Heirs, Executors, and Administrators for ever, to their sole, and separate use, benefit, and behoof, free from the debts, contracts or liabilities of their present or any future husbands.

I also give to them, my said nieces, power and authority to dispose of their portions or any part thereof in any manner and form they may see proper to do, either by delivery, deed or will, to which their said husbands have given their assent signified in a written consent hereto annexed.

In the event of its being found impracticable to make an equal division between my said nieces, without a sale of the whole or a part of the property hereinbefore devised; in such case, I do hereby authorize and empower my executor herein after named, to sell and dispose accordingly either at public or private sale, and the proceeds divided in the same manner, as I intend and have expressed, that the property should be divided, with the same limitations and qualifications.

Lastly, I do nominate, constitute and appoint, John L. Branch, husband of my niece Margaretta Branch, Executor to this, my last Will and Testament. Herby revoking and making ^{null and} void all wills by me heretofore made.

Given under my hand and seal, this twenty first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

Jane Matthews 

Signed, sealed, declared and published by the said Jane Matthews, as her last Will and Testament, in our presence,

(who)

who at her request and in her presence have hereto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

W. H. English

P. C. Guerry

W. J. Heriot.

We, William Pettigrew and John L. Branch, referred to in the foregoing will of Jane Matthews, as the husbands of her nieces Lavenia and Margaritta do hereby signify our assent to the character of Estates devised and bequeathed to our wives, and especially as to their sole ownership, free from our liabilities and free from our control.

Witness

W. H. English

P. C. Guerry

W. J. Heriot

J. L. Branch

William Pettigrew

The State of South Carolina } Personally appeared W. H. English one of
Abbeville District } the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing
Will, and being duly sworn, deposes that he was personally present
and did see Jane Matthews, sign and seal, and heard her publish
and declare the said writing to contain her last will and testa-
ment - that the testatrix was then of sound and disposing mind
memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and be-
lief - and that P. C. Guerry and W. J. Heriot together with him-
self, 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 6 Jan'y 1864 } W. H. English
William Hill, C. A. D. }

The State of S. C. } Having examined W. H. English one of
Abbeville District } the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing
writing and being satisfied that it is the true last will
of Jane Matthews decd.

It is therefore "Ordered that it be admitted to Probate
in Common form"

6 Jan'y 1864.

William Hill C. A. D.

The executor John L. Branch was qualified by a "Sedemus Potes-
tatum" directed to Robert H. May & W. J. Pollard of Augusta Ga.
on the 21st day of July 1864 - which see on File in connection,
W. Hill C. A. D.

The Last Will & Testament
of
William A. Sale dec'd

Abbeville District
South Carolina

In the name of God. Amen.

I, William A. Sale of the District & State

aforesaid being of sound mind & memory & knowing the uncertainty of this frail & transitory life, do therefore make, ordain & publish this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following.

first I want my just debts paid.

secondly I give and bequeath to my niece Elvira Ann McKellar, the remainder of my Estate (after my debts are paid) both real & personal & my Executor hereinafter named to hold the same until she becomes of age or marries - & should she die without bodily heirs my estate or its proceeds to revert back & be equally divided between my three Cousins. Josephine R. Lake Ann A. Scott & her brother James Sale. At my death, my whole estate to be sold by my Executors.

I nominate & appoint my Uncle Johnson Sale my true & lawful Executor to this my last will & testament. - this the 15th day August 1861.

W. A. Sale

The subscriber says this is his last Will before us.

Wm F. Andrews

Wm R. McKinney

Wm S. Hutchinson.

The State of S. Co } Personally appeared Wm F. Andrews
Abbeville District } 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 William A. Sale, sign and publish and declare the same to contain his last will and testament - and that the testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief. that Wm R. McKinney and Wm S. Hutchinson 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 to before me this

21 July 1864

William Hill. O. A. B.

Wm F. Andrews

Having examined Wm F. Andrews, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will of William A. Sale dec'd -

Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in common form

21st July 1864.

William Hill. O. A. B.

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared Johnson Sale, the executor
 Abbeville District } named in the foregoing will, and being sworn
 according to law, saith that said writing contains the true last will
 of the said W^m A. Sale 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 and return into the Ordinary office of said
 District a true and correct inventory and appraisement of all
 the estate of the said dec^d

Sworn before me 21 July 1864
 W. Hill C. A. B.

Johnson Sale,

The Last Will & Testament } State of South Carolina
 of } Abbeville District.
Samuel D. Speed dec^d } In the name of God, Amen.

I Samuel D Speed knowing the uncertainty
 of life and the certainty of death and being of sound mind
 but of feeble health do make this my last will and testament
 in the first place I bequeath my soul unto God who gave it.

2^d I desire that my body be decently interred

3^d I make and bequeath unto my wife Mary E. Speed the one fourth
 of my entire Estate after the payment of all of my just debts the bal-
 ance of my estate (three fourths) I will and bequeath unto my three
 children Samuel Jas, Tho^s Wade, and William Ferrell Speed -
 to be equally divided between them share and share alike the
 property to be appraised and divided by lots all except my lands
 which I desire shall remain in full possession of my family
 until my youngest child comes of age then to be divided by sale
 or otherwise as they themselves may agree share and share alike.
 Stock of all kinds to remain on the plantation for the use and
 benefit of the family any surplus of stock of any kind may be
 sold at the option of my executors no division of property to
 take place to the said legacies until they come of age or in
 case said Mary E. Speed do marry again then a full division
 to take place immediately lands excepted which shall not be
 distributed until the youngest child William Ferrell shall
 be of age that the children shall be boarded clothed and well
 educated and shall not be charged therefor inasmuch as their
 portions are all together and I do hereby appoint my Brother
 William G Speed and Ezekiel P Speed sole executors of this
 my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills
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by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the first day of April 1859.

John Cowan
R. C. Beasley
H. F. Cowan

S. D. Speed

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared John Cowan, one of the
Abb. Dist } subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and on
oath says that he was present and did see, Samuel D. Speed, 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 R. C. Beasley and H. F. Cowan 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
31 March 1864

W. Hill, A. & D.

John Cowan.

The State of S. Ca } Having examined John Cowan, one of the
Abb. Dist } subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and
being satisfied that it is the true last will of Saml D. Speed dec'd.
Ordained that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.

31 March 1864,

W. Hill, C. A. & D.

The State of S. Ca } To W. Hill, Ordinary.
Abb. Dist } I am one of the appointed Executors of the last
Will and Testament of Saml. D. Speed dec'd. Circumstances will pre-
vent me from qualifying as such executor, and I now give you notice
that I relinquish now and always my claim to qualify as such
executor, and would wish my friend E. R. McCalla to be appointed
adm'r. with the said will annexed.

31 March 1864.

E. R. Speed

Noted by the Ordinary -

The aforesaid E. R. McCalla not applying for Letters of Adm'r. S. L. Baker
having devised Letters of Adm'r. with the will of the said S. D. Speed annexed
was on this day duly qualified as such Administrator - Citation being duly
published -

W. Hill, C. A. & D.

5 Decr 1865

The Last Will & Testament } The State of South Carolina.
of } In the name of God Amen!
James Crowther } I James Crowther of the District of Abbeville

and State aforesaid being desirous to dispose of
all my Estate, do make this my last will and testament.

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

2nd I give unto my beloved wife Martha Elizabeth Crowther all of
my estate both real and personal during her natural life or widow-
hood

3rd And I do constitute my wife Martha Elizabeth Tutie of this
my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me
heretofore made. Witness my hand and seal this the nineteenth
day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
& sixty three

Signed and sealed as his last
will and testament by James
Crowther in our presence.

James Crowther 

M. M. Lee

Robert Boyd

Robert Stucky

South Carolina } Personally came Robert Stucky 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 James Crowther,
sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare, the said paper to be
his last will and testament, and that the Testator was of sound
and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of
his knowledge and belief. that M. Magee and Robert Boyd
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

2nd August 1864

W. Hill Oct 20

Robert Stucky.

South Carolina } Having examined Robert Stucky one of the
Abbeville District } subscribing witnesses to the within will, and
being satisfied that it is the true last will and testament of James
Crowther decd. "Ordered, that it be admitted to Probate in Common
form."

2nd Aug^r 1864

William Hill Oct 20

South Carolina } Personally came Martha E. Crowther, Executrix
Abbeville District } named in the within 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 Crowther 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
law.

Sworn to before me 2 Aug 1864 }
W. Hill. Clerk }

Martha E. Crowther,

The Last Will & Testament
of
Joshua Wideman dec'd

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

I Joshua Wideman of the State and a
District before mentioned, being sick, and knowing that it is ap-
pointed for man to die and being desirous to dispose of all such
worldly goods as has pleased God to bless me with, do make and
ordain this my last will in manner form as follows.

- 1st It is my will that all my just debts be paid out of the proceeds
of my estate by my Executors hereinafter named
- 2nd It is my will that my beloved wife Sarah Wideman have the
following property to wit, I give her the plantation on which
I now reside and the Tract adjoining known as the McMillan
Tract making with whole about four hundred acres. I also
give her the following negroes Joe a young man Florida a young
girl Patience and her family namely Easter Amanda
Newton and John I give her two mules Mary and Kit
I give all my Corn fodder and all my present crop of what-
soever nature it may consist for her use and the use of my
children also all of my stock of Hogs and Cattle of whatsoever
nature they may consist and all my household and kitchen
furniture.
- 3rd It is my will that the balance of my property not already dis-
posed of by me, be sold by my Executors hereinafter named.
- 4th It is my will after all my just debts are paid, the balance
of the proceeds of my Estate be divided equally between all my
children, each one sharing and share alike.
- 5th It is my will that my Executors have full discretionary power
to sell and dispose of that part of my Estate that has not alrea-
dy been disposed of and to act in the premises as though I
(love)

were personally present. The property to be kept together untill my Executors think proper to dispose of it.

Last. I appoint my wife Sarah Wideman Executrix with my Nephew and friend James T. Horton my Executor to this my last Will and Testament. I hereby renounce and for ever revoke all former wills hitherto by me made, and acknowledge this to be my last Will and Testament.

Signed sealed in presence of
this fourth day of August 1864
in presence of

James McCallan
A. T. Wideman
John C. Hayes

J. Wideman (LS)

South Carolina } Personally came James McCallan 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 Joshua Wideman 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 A. T. Wideman and John Hayes
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 August 1864)
William Hill J. & A. D.

James McCallan

South Carolina } Having examined James McCallan, one of
Abbeville District } the subscribing witnesses to the within paper
and being satisfied that it is the true last Will and Testament
of Joshua Wideman dec'd. Ordered that it be admitted to probate
in Common form.

18 Aug^t 1864

William Hill J. & A. D.

South Carolina } Personally came James T. Horton Executor
Abbeville District } named in the within will, and being sworn on
the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, says that the within paper
is the true last will of the said Joshua Wideman dec'd; and that
he will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts
and then the Legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and
chattels will extend, and the law charge him; that he will make

and return into the office of the Ordinary of the said district a true Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed by law

Sworn to before me 18 Aug¹ 1864

William Hill O.A.H.

James T. Horton,

Last Will & Testament } South Carolina. Abbeville District.
of } In the name of God Amen.

James H. Morris dec^d

I, James H. Morris of the State & District

afforesaid Being sound in Body and mind, calling to mind the uncertainty of life being desirous of disposing of all such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with make this my Last Will in the manner following to wit: I wish all of my property Both Real and personal to remain together untill peace is restored to the Southern Confederacy and then for my Executor or Executors to sell such property as they may think most advisable for the payment of my just Debts. the remaining portion to remain together in the hands of My Beloved Wife for her support and the children of my Body as long as she remains single, or the oldest child becomes of age, in the event of my Wife marrying again before the oldest child becomes of age then I wish My Executor or Executors to cause my estate both real and personal to be valued by five disinterested persons that he or they may choose divided it into as many lots as there are children counting my beloved wife as one child, then for my wife to draw one share to be hers in fee simple the remaining portion to remain in the hands of my Executors for their Benefit, each child to draw its share when it becomes of age, when the first child becomes of age I wish my Executor or Executors to have that portion of my estate belonging to my children to be valued, and the oldest child to draw its part by lot, the remaining portion to remain together, if there should be more than one child of my body, and then as the next comes of age Divide as before taking the first Division as a basis to be governed by. I further Will that each child to receive a Collegiate education at the expense of my estate and if any one refuse to take such Collegiate Education they or it receive nothing of my estate in Lieu of it. And lastly I Constitute and Appoint My beloved wife Executrix with her Father M. O. McCaslan Executor of this my Last will and testament as heretofore made by me in testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the first day of April Eighteen hundred and sixty two signed, sealed, Published and delivered as and for the last will and testament of the

(Above)

Above named James H. Morris
 in the presence of
 Jost James McCaslan
 R. A. McCaslan
 Jas W. Child

Jas. H. Morris (Ld)

South Carolina } Personally came R. A. McCaslan, 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 Jas H. Morris, 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, and that
 James M. Caslan and Jas W. Child - 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
 8th Sept 1864

R. A. McCaslan.

William Hill C. A. D.

South Carolina } Having examined R. A. McCaslan, one of the
 Abbeville District } subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and
 being satisfied that it is the true last Will and Testament of
 Jas H. Morris decd -

Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.

William Hill C. A. D. (Ld)

8 Sept 1864

South Carolina } Personally came M. O. McCaslan 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 of the said Jas H. Morris decd: and that he will well
 and truly execute the same by paying first the debts, and then the
 legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will
 extend, and the law charge him - that he will make and return
 into the office of the Ordinary of the said District, a true Inventory
 and appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within the
 time prescribed by law.

Sworn to before me

8 Sept 1864

W. Hill C. A. D.

M. O. McCaslan.

Last Will & Testament
of
John W. Hutchison

The last Will and Testament of John W. Hutchison
of Abbeville Dist South Carolina.

I John W. Hutchison Considering the uncertainty
of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory (Bless-
ed be Almighty God for the same) do make and publish this my
last will and testament, in the manner and form following - (That
is to say -

First I give and bequeath unto my Beloved wife Martha Elizabeth Hut-
chison one Negro Woman, Julia to be taken at appraisement as part of
her portion of my estate.

Item 2nd My wish is after my death that my Negroes, Patience, Julian, John,
Sam, Chany, William, Rebecca, Ann, Vilet Martha, Jim, Mary,
Alesarah, and all other property, I possess to remain together for the
use and benefit of my wife and children, Emma Lanora Hutchison
Sarah Ida Hutchison and John Wesley Hutchison or during my wifes
Widowhood or untill my oldest child Marys or becomes of age.

Item 3rd If my wife should marry again before my oldest child is twenty one
years of age I desire my negroes to be put into four lots or parcels as
near equal as can be done and my wife to draw one portion or
Childs part including, Julian in her lot

Item 4th If my Executor thinks it to the interest of my family to purchase a
small tract of land to cultivate he is hereby empowered to do so, or if he
thinks it will be more to the interest of the family to hire out a por-
tion of the negroes he can do so.

Item 5th If my Wife Remain my widow untill my oldest child Marys or be-
comes of the age of Twenty one years then my desire is that my negroes
be divided into four lots and my oldest child to draw its portion or
lot, and in like manner each of my other children as they arrive at
the age of twenty one years or marry

Item 6th My desire is that if my Executor thinks it best, that enough of my
property be sold to pay my debts

Item 7th It is my wish if either of my children dies before they are married or
Twenty one years of age that its legacy be equally divided between
my surviving children and wife, if she remains a widow

Item 8 I hereby appoint my Brother Irwin Hutchison my Executor to
this my last Will and testament hereby revoking all other wills
by me made. Witness whereoff, I Hereunto set my hand and seal
this Twenty Ninth of March, In the year of our Lord one thousand
Eight hundred and sixty two.

Witnesses, Lemuel Bell

T. J. Quarts

J. S. Chipley

J. W. Hutchison (Ld)

(In the matter of the will of J. W. Hutchison dec'd.)

The State of S. Carolina } Personally appeared J. S. Chipley, one of the
Abbeville District } Subscribing Witnesses, to the foregoing will
and on oath says that he was personally present, and did see
J. W. Hutchison 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 - that Samuel Bell and J. T. Burr
together with himself, in the presence of the testator, and in the pres-
ence of each other did sign their names as witnesses to the due
execution of the said.

Sworn before me 5 Sept 1864
William Hill. J. A. D.

J. S. Chipley.

Having examined J. S. Chipley one of the subscribing witnesses to
the foregoing writing, and being satisfied that it is the true last
will of J. W. Hutchison dec'd -

Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Com: form

5 Sept 1864

William Hill. J. A. D.

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared Irwin Hutchison the
Abbeville District } executor named in the foregoing will, and
being sworn, says that the said is the true last will of J. W.
Hutchison 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
all such goods and chattels, and return the same into the
office of the Ordinary of said district within the time prescribed
by law.

Sworn to before me
5 Sept 1864

William Hill. J. A. D.

Irwin Hutchison.

Last Will & Testament
of
John Bicket. dec'd

Massaponox Valley Virginia
Camp of the 14th Reg't S. C. V.
May 19th 1862.

In the name of God. Amen!

I John Bicket of Abbeville District South Carolina -
but now a soldier of Compy. G. fourteenth Regiment, South
Carolina Volunteers - calling to mind the uncertainty of life,
and especially in these perilous times of war, but being in

sound disposing mind, memory & understanding, do make & ordain this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made.

First - I desire all my just debts paid.

Second - I give and bequeath my bay Colt to my son Andrew W. Bicket, his heirs and assigns forever. I also give & bequeath my black Colt to my son John H. Bicket his heirs and assigns forever.

Third - All the rest, residue & remainder of my property real and personal I give, devise and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Sarah and our children - four now living and any to be born hereafter to us,

This provision I desire for a home for my wife & children - I desire the property kept in common as a home for my family, during the life of my dearly beloved wife; and at her death to be equally divided by sale or otherwise as my executor may think best, among my children - the children of any deceased child to take among them the share the parent would have been entitled to if living.

Fourth - If my dearly beloved wife Sarah should marry again, then, in that case I desire the establishment broken up, and the property so divided that my wife shall have one third, and the other two thirds, to be equally divided among my children. The third given to my wife to be hers during her life, and at her death to be divided among my children, as directed in the third clause of this will.

Fifth - I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my friend & father-in-law Andrew Weed, sole executor of this my last will & testament - I rely with the utmost confidence upon him to execute the provisions of this will, and to take care of my wife & children whilst I am absent defending my country from subjugation, and protecting them from insult and all the horrible consequences of a conquered people.

Given under my hand & seal this 19th May 1862. In the Massaponax Valley, State of Virginia.

In presence of
S. McGowan
A. W. W. Weed
S. A. Weed

John Bicket

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Formally came A. W. W. Weed, one of the subscribing
witnesses to the annexed paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, make oath that he was personally present, and did see John Bicket, sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare, the said paper to be his last will and
(testament)

testament, and that the testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, to the best of his knowledge and belief - that J. McGowan, and J. A. Weed, 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

5 Sept 1864.

W. H. Hill S. A. D.

A. W. W. Weed.

South Carolina } Having examined A. W. W. Weed, 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 Bicket
decd. "Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common form".

William Hill S. A. D.

South Carolina } Personally Came Andrew Weed 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 of the said John Bicket decd. - and that he will well
and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then
the legacies therein contained, so far as the good and charges will
extend, and the law charge kind - that he will make and
return into the office of the Ordinary, of the said District, a true
Inventory and appraisement of the estate of the said decedent
within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn to before me

5 Sept 1864

(W. H. Hill S. A. D.)

Andrew J. Weed

The Last Will & Testament
of
Doct. Andrew Dunn decd. } South Carolina
Abbeville District
In the name of God Amen!

I Andrew Dunn of the District & State afore-

said being of sound & disposing mind, memory & understanding,
do institute & ordain this to be my last will & Testament

Item 1st I will, bequeath & devise, that all that tract or parcel of land
known as the Mc Cullough place go to my two nephews, Jas. R.
& John C. Hodges; said land to be sold at the discretion of my
Executors, or their Guardians as the case may be. This I bequeath
to them & their heirs forever.

Item 2nd I will, bequeath & devise that all the balance & residue of
my effects both personal & real go to my beloved wife, Malakala

Dunn, she after paying all just debts & demands against my estate, to have, to hold & possess in the following way - I desire that she have power to dispose of any species of property not answering her purpose, in any way that she may think most advantageous, & apply the proceeds in the same way - this to continue so long as she remains my widow, or until my son James Robert Clarence comes of age - In case of either her marriage or his coming of age, all the property both personal & real, then to be sold, & equally divided between them.

Item 3^d. And I do hereby institute & appoint Samuel Agnew & Mahala Dunn, my Executors to this my last will & Testament.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 19th of Oct. A. D. one thousand eight hundred & fifty four.

Andrew Dunn

Signed, sealed & pronounced
in the presence of

B. F. Moreley.

W. C. Moreley.

J. C. Williams

South Carolina } Personally came John C. Williams one of
Abbeville District } 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, Andrew Dunn
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 B. F. Moreley and W. C. Moreley,
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

19 Sept 1864

William Hill C. A. D.

J. C. Williams

South Carolina } Having examined John C. Williams, one of
Abbeville District } the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper
and being satisfied that it is the true last will and testament
of Andrew Dunn dec^d.: Ordains that it be admitted to probate
in common form -

William Hill C. A. D.

19 Sept 1864

(Contd.)

South Carolina } Personally came Mahala Dunn, Recatrix
 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 Andrew Dunn
 decd. - 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 apprais-
 ment of the Estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed
 by Law.

Sworn to before me 19 Sept 1864 }
 W. Hills, J. A. D.

Mahala Dunn.

Last Will & Testament
 of
 W. C. Scott. decd.

I, W. C. Scott of Abbeville District S.C. being
 of sound and disposing mind and memory, do
 proceed to make this my last will - as follows -

- I give and bequeath to my son William D. Scott now in the war, all my personal and real estate.
- I wish my Executor after my decease to sell my boy May, at public auction, on a credit until after the war, to be paid in bankable money, and this money to be used by my Executor in paying my debts.
- Should my son William D. Scott get killed or die of disease during the war, or before marriage, I will that the following disposition shall be made of my property.
- I wish my slaves Reubin and Sophia, to be purchased by my nephew Robert Montgomery McCaslan, at half the price of their appraisement; Reubin to be appraised, only, as a field hand, and not as a mechanic. Should however my nephew Robert Montgomery McCaslan get killed or die during the war, then I wish my sister Sarah E. McCaslan to have these slaves upon the terms above provided for. This disposition I wish to be made of these servants, because of their faithfulness, and kindness to me, during my long sickness - being desirous that they shall be put where they will be well treated.
- I wish all my household and kitchen furniture, consisting of beds, chairs, tables, Drawers and Contents, And Irons, Calinany utensils, guns, books &c to be put in three as equal lots as can be made, and so to be divided between my three sisters now living Mary D. Crenshaw, Nancy Y. Dickson, and Sarah E. McCaslan. these lots to be drawn for by my sisters.

- 3^d. I wish my niece Jane Young Frasier to have my Gold watch and Chain.
- 4th. I wish all the remaining property of my Estate personal and Real to be sold at public Auction; on a credit, to be paid twelve months after the war closes; or a treaty of peace shall have been ratified, in bankable money. Then it is my will that the proceeds of these sales, my Executor shall employ in the following manner. 1st. he shall cause to be enclosed the graveyard of my family consisting of about three quarters of an acre, with a plain, strong cast iron railing; also he shall cause to be put a head and foot stone to each grave of my family and relations, buried there, not yet provided for; with this inscription "Sacred to the memory of— here add the name, time of death and age. The Tombstones to be purchased in Charleston S.C. and I would suggest that the timber in the graveyard be removed. 2nd. I wish that whatever funds are still in the hands of my Executor, shall be appropriated to the building of a church edifice at Goar a place where the Methodist people worship; near Mt. Carmel in this neighborhood. and should there not be enough to build a neat new house, that the funds be used in the making in the making of such repairs upon the old church, as may be found necessary to make it a neat and comfortable house.
- 5th. In the last place I constitute and appoint Wm. H. Davis Executor of this my last will and testament by me heretofore made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my seal the 25 day of June 1864.

W. C. Scott (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared as for the last will and testament of the above named W. C. Scott in the presence of us

S. R. Morrah

Thos. McAllister

W. M. Sutherland.

South Carolina } Personally came S. R. Morrah one of the subscribing
Abbeville District } 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 W. C. Scott sign, seal, publish, pro-
ounce 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 Thos. McAllister and W. M. Sutherland, together with him-
self, and in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of

(Seal)

each other, did sign their names, as witnesses to the due execution of the same

Seen before me this }
21 Sept 1864
William Hill o.a.d

S. R. Morrah

South Carolina } Having examined S. R. Morrah one of the
Abbeville District } subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and
being satisfied that it is the true last will of W. C. Scott decd.

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

21st Sept 1864.

William Hill o.a.d

South Carolina } Personally came William H. Davis, Esquire
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 W. C. Scott decd. - and that
he will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts
and then the Legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and
chattel 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

Seen to before me this

21 Sept 1864

William Hill o.a.d

(W. H. Davis)

Last Will & Testament
of
Stephen Lee decd

The State of South Carolina
Abbeville District.

In the name of God. Amen

I Stephen Lee of Abbeville District in the
state aforesaid, being of sound and disposing mind, memory,
and understanding, but calling to mind that I must die, and
being desirous of disposing of my Estate, and property do
make and ordain this to be my Last Will and Testament.

1st I desire that my Funeral Expenses and all my just debts
be paid out of my Estate.

2^d It is my will that the property that I got in manage by
my wife Jane Lee to be hers to do and dispose of as she
may think fit and proper

3^d it is my will that the plantation on which Benjamin E
Gilberts now lives on, to be his wife's Sarah Jane and her
bodily heirs and not subject to the debts of her hus^{band} in

- no wife or any future husband
- 4 I will to Caroline Jane Barracotte the plantation on which her husband William J Barracotte now lives to be hers and her bodily heirs not subject to the debts of her husband in no wise or any future husband.
- 5th it is my will that the Balance of my Estate both personal and Real be equally divided between my wife Jane Lee and my sister Susan Martha Forganis, and the part that will be coming to my wife to be hers forever and to dispose of she may think fit and proper and the part that may be coming to my sister Susan Forganis to be hers during her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided between all my Nieces either of my Brothers or Sisters Daughters that may be living at the time of the Death of my sister Susan M Forganis
- 6th it is my will that my Estate be kept together if in the Judgement of my Executors hereinafter named I leave the whole matter with them having full confidence in them, in the event of my wife or my sister wishing the property and the Estate divided and my Executors approving of it, it is my will that there shall be five of the neighboring Freeholders called in to make the division whose Decision shall be final, as though I was personally present
- 7th I leave the whole management of my Estate both Personal and Real entirely to the Judgement of my Executors, and whatever they may do in the management of my Estate shall be as valid as though I was personally present
8. it is my will that my wife Jane Lee have my household furniture and all my silver ware, and Gold watch over and above the half of the property that have been heretofore named
- 9 Lastly I nominate and appoint my wife Jane Lee Executrix with my friend James McCaslan Executor to this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. I hereby ordain and publish this to be my last will and Testament

Signed sealed and acknowledged
this the eleventh day of September 1864
in presence of

D. M. Rogers
James Saggart
M. L. Moragne

S. L. C. D.

South Carolina } Personally came D. M. Rogers, one of the sub-
 Abbeville District } scribing 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 Stephen Lee, 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 James Saggart and M. L. Morgan
 together with himself, and in the presence of the testator and in the
 presence of each other, did sign their names as witnesses to the due
 execution thereof.

sworn before me this

3 Oct 1864

W. Hill. C. A. D.

D. M. Rogers.

South Carolina } Having examined D. M. Rogers, one of the
 Abbeville District } subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper
 and being satisfied that it is the true last will of Stephen Lee
 dec'd - "Ordered that it be admitted to probate in common form"

William Hill. C. A. D.

South Carolina } Personally came James McCallas Executor
 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 Stephen Lee dec'd. and that he
 will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the
 debts and then the legacies therein contained, so far as the
 goods and chattels will extend, and the law charge him -
 that he will make and return into the office of the Ordinary
 of the said District, a true inventory and appraisement of the
 Estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed by law

James McCallas

sworn to before me this

3 Oct 1864

William Hill

C. A. D.

Note. on the 12 Oct 1864. Mr James Lee the named Executor
 was duly qualified by me, to whom was granted Letters of
 Testamentary.

William Hill. C. A. D.

The Last Will and Testament
of
Thomas Harris. deceased

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

Considering the uncertainty of life, and being sound of body and of mind I make and declare this to be my last will and testament: first after all my just debts are paid I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mahuldah A. Harris the sum of Three thousand Dollars: secondly to my nephew Henry F. Fuller I will and bequeath my negro boy Augustus: The balance of my Estate I desire to be equally divided between my nephews Henry F. Fuller and Patrick M. Fuller: should either of my nephews namely Henry F. Fuller, or Patrick M. Fuller die leaving no children then it is my will that the property willed by me to the deceased one shall go to the survivor. I appoint my nephew Henry F. Fuller Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this the 10th day of March in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and sixty four.

Signed & sealed in presence of

J. L. Fennell

A. D. Reynolds

J. W. Hutchinson

Alex^r. McNeill

Thos. Harris (Ls)

South Carolina
Abbeville District

In the Court of Ordinary
15 Oct 1864.

In the matter of the Probate of the will of
Thomas Harris dec^d.

Personally came before me William Hill, Judge of the Court of Ordinary of said District - Bennett Reynolds of said District and made oath, that a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas Harris deceased has been exhibited to him in the Court of Ordinary. That he is well acquainted with the hand writing of two of the witnesses to said paper - namely the hand writing of his brother A. D. Reynolds and Alexander McNeill, having seen them write: and that their signatures to the said paper as witnesses are in their own hand writing and genuine. He further knows that said witnesses are now in the Army in the State of Virginia.

Also appeared in the Court of Ordinary Irvine Hutcherson who being duly sworn faith that his brother J. W. Hutchinson whose name appears as a witness to said paper, is dead, that

(he)

he (the deponent) well knows the hand writing of his said deceased brother, having often seen him write, and knows that his signature to said paper propounded for probate is in his true hand writing and genuine.

Also appeared in the Court of Ordinary, James J. Cooper and on his oath saith, that he well knew the testator Thomas Harris in his life time - that he was killed in Virginia in the battle of the Wilderness, this deponent has seen him write, and knows that his signature to the paper propounded for probate is ^{his} true and genuine hand writing.

sworn to by the above deponents
(each for himself) and subscribed
before me this 15th Oct 1864

William Hill. O. A. D.

Bennett Reynolds

Irvin Hatchison

James J. Cooper.

The State of S. Ca }

Abbeville Dist

Having examined the foregoing deponents, and being satisfied that the annexed paper contains the true last will of Thomas Harris decd. "It is Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common form".

15 Oct 1864.

William Hill. O. A. D.

The State of S. Ca }

Abbeville Dist

Personally appeared Henry F. Fuller the Executor named in the annexed will, and being duly sworn, on oath says that he will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies contained in the said will, 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 & correct inventory and appraisement of the said decd. within the time prescribed by law.

sworn before me this

15 Oct 1864

William Hill. O. A. D.

H. F. Fuller.

Last Will & Testament

of

Richmond S. Cobb decd.

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

In the name of God. Amen.

I, R. S. Cobb of the State of South Carolina and the District of Abbeville being in good bodily health and of sound and disposing mind and memory, and calling to mind the uncertainty of life (more especially that of a soldier in the army do

make and publish this my last will and testament.

First — That all my just debts be paid by my Executors and Executors hereinafter named as soon as they may deem expedient and convenient.

Second That all of my property both real and personal be sold to the highest bidder at such time and place as my Executors and Executors hereinafter named may think best for the welfare of my wife and children (my lawful heirs), and then the proceeds of said sale to be distributed between my lawful heirs according to the laws of the State of South Carolina.

Third. I nominate and appoint my wife Sarah Jane Cobb, Silas Ray and Willis Smith to be the lawful Executors and Executors of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, in the presence of these witnesses, named below, the the twenty-ninth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty four.

R. S. Cobb. 

Henry Riley
L. H. Rykard.
Vachel Hughey

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared Henry Riley, one of the
Abbeville District } subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and
on oath saith — that he was personally present and did see R. S.
Cobb, sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be his last will
and testament — that the testator was of sound and disposing
mind, memory and understanding, to the best of his knowledge
and belief — and that L. H. Rykard and Vachel Hughey, 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 before me 29th Oct 1864
(William Hill Oct. 29)

Henry Riley

S. Carolina } Having examined Henry Riley one of the subscribing
Abbeville Dist } witnesses to the foregoing paper, and being satisfied
that it is the true last will of R. S. Cobb deceased

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

29 Oct 1864

William Hill, C. J.

The State of S. Ca. Abbeville District } Personally appeared Sarah Jane Cobb,
(Silas)

Silas Ray, and Willis Smith, Executors and Executors named in the foregoing will, and make oath that said writing contains the true last will and testament of R. S. Cobb decd. to the best of their knowledge and belief that they will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies therein contained so far as the goods and chattels will extend and the law charge them, and that they will make a just and true inventory and appraisement of the said goods and chattels, and return the same into the office of the Ordinary of the said District in order to be recorded within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn before me 29 Oct 1864

William Hill o.s.l.

S. J. Cobb

Silas Ray

Willis Smith.

Last Will & Testament

of

Sterling Bowen decd.

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Sterling Bowen of Abbeville District and State of South Carolina being of sound mind and

memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament: That is to say—

First. After all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate real and personal I give and bequeath and dispose of as follows. to wit First to my beloved wife Elizabeth Bowen the land and appurtenances situated thereon known and described as the homestead place or the Isaac Bowen place lying in Abbeville District S.C. on Jordans Creek waters of Little River. To have and to hold all during her natural life or widowhood Together with four negroes namely Martha Fishy Margaret & Manda— Together with all the increase of the above named negroes to be taken care of till the death of my wife, or that provided she should marry all of said property shall be sold and the proceeds equally divided amongst my eight lawful heirs (viz) W. M. Bowen, Susan Martin Mary Harden, S. W. Bowen, Elizabeth Hall, Emily Bowen, Josephus Bowen & Sarah Campbell, all of said property except the land which I shall hereafter mention: And one negro which my wife (Elizabeth), shall make choice of to hold during her life time and at her death said negro to return back to my estate.

2^d. To my three grand children the heirs of my son L. B. Bowen deceased To them separately and individually, I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Alice Eugene Bowen three hundred dollars, next to my grandson S. O. R. Bowen three hundred dollars, And to my grand daughter Frances Bowen three hundred dollars,

And to be given at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named without interest so as not to press the estate whatsoever.

3rd Next I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary, the wife of R.L. Harden one negro girl named Rosana about nine years of age

4th Next I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan the wife of Mr. B. Martin one negro girl named Ann about nine years of age.

5th Next I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah the wife of John L. Campbell one negro girl named Mary, and all her increase, to have and to hold for the sole benefit of her and the heirs of her body and not to be subject to any claims or demands, debts or contracts made by J. L. Campbell or any future husband whatsoever.

6th Next I give and bequeath unto my daughter Emily one negro girl named Elor about four years of age.

7th Next I give and bequeath unto my son G. W. Bowen one negro boy named Cato about five years of age and also one hundred & sixty acres of the Sumner tract of land to be run off square across the plantation including the thirteen acres that was added to the same on the lower end joining lands of Mr. L. Campbell & W. H. Cochran.

8th Next I give and bequeath unto my son Josephus Bowen one negro boy named Saul about five years of age and also all the homestead tract of land and the remainder of each of the other two tracts after my sons Mr. W. & G. W. Bowen get their respective shares, each one hundred & sixty acres as before ^{and after} named and to come fully into possession of said land at the death or marriage of his mother as before stated

Next I give and bequeath unto my son Wm. W. Bowen one negro boy named Antony (if not his already) accord to a deed that I give to my son John now deceased - And also one hundred & sixty acres of the old Mr. Campbell tract of land including all the houses and buildings

Next I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Hall the wife of Fleming Hall one negro girl named Julia about eleven years of age and any increase provided she (Julia) should have and to hold for her sole benefit and the heirs of her body including Logan an illegitimate son of said Elizabeth Hall who shall have and to hold the first living child of said Julia the same and none of the increase of said Julia shall in no wise be subject or liable to any debts or contracts of said Fleming Hall or any future husband whatsoever.

Next I now in the last clause of my will and testament I leave one negro girl named Maniah not previously mentioned to be sold or appraised and equally divided between my son Williams

(and)

and my daughter Emily at my death, in addition to what they have already been allowed.

Likewise I make, constitute and appoint my sons William and Georg, and my wife Elizabeth to be executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the 30th day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred sixty four.

Stirling Bowen (Seal)

Signed and sealed as his last will and testament by Stirling Bowen in our presence; the words (and after) in the sixth line of the eighth paragraph was interlined before signed.

H. H. Scudgoy

Mrs. Mann

W. D. Mann

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came up W. D. Mann, one of the subscribing witnesses to the within paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally present, and did see Stirling Bowen 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 H. H. Scudgoy and Mrs. Mann 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

8 Sept. 1864

W. D. Mann

W. D. Mann

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Having examined W. D. Mann, one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and testament of Stirling Bowen deceased, and that it be admitted to probate in common form.

8 Sept 1864

William Hills (Seal)

W. D. Mann

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came William Bowen & Elizabeth Bowen, Son & Daughter 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 Stirling Bowen deceased and that they will well and truly execute the same by paying just

the debts and then the legacies therein contained so far as the goods and chattels will extend and the law charge them, that they will make and return into the office of the Ordinary of the said District a true inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn to before me 1st Nov 1864
William Hills O. A. D.

W. M. Bowen
his
Elizabeth X Bowen
maid

The Last Will & Testament of William N. Mattison dec'd } Corinth Mississippi. Army of the West.
In the name of God Amen.
I William Newton Mattison 3^d Lieut

Company I. 19th Reg^t S. C. Volunteers do make this my last will and Testament, disposing of my property as follows -

- 1 I direct my Representatives hereinafter appointed to discharge all my just debts with the sale or disposal of such property as they may think best, provided my choses in action are not sufficient for that purpose.
2. I will and bequeath my entire real and personal Estate of all sorts to my dear wife Nancy Elvira Mattison and my dear child Sue Elvira Mattison for their common support and maintenance to remain together during their joint lives, unless otherwise directed in subsequent clauses of this will, My child is to receive the best education my estate can afford.
- 3 Should my wife marry again upon that event happening it is my will that she take absolutely one third of my estate, to be divided off to her or the value of one third, to be determined by sale if my representatives should so choose. The remainder of my estate my said child shall take.
4. Should my wife die my widow, my child surviving, my child is to take the whole estate, should my child die before her mother leaving issue, such issue is to take as the parent would have taken if alive.
5. Should my child die under age (21) and without issue my wife surviving, she is take the whole Estate for life, and at her death she is authorized to dispose by will of one third part of it as she chooses.
5. The remainder I direct to be divided among my brothers and sisters or their respective issue - the issue to take as the parent would have taken if alive.
6. I appoint my wife Executrix and my brother W. J. Mattison Executor of this will, empowering them or the survivor of them to sell or otherwise dispose of any part of or all of my Estate at such time and in such manner as they or the survivor of them may think most beneficial.

(all)

deal to the objects of my bounty. The proceeds of sale or property purchased or acquired in place of the original estate shall be subject to the several clauses of this will in all respects. All increase of my property and annual income over and above what is necessary for the support of my family and the education of my child shall be considered part of my estate and incorporated in it. It is my wish and direction that the interpretation of this will and the meaning of its several clauses shall be subject to the laws of South Carolina in the same manner as if it had been there executed.

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name this the sixth day of May Anno Domini 1862.

W. M. Matteson

Executed by the Testator in our presence who witnessed his signature and who subscribed as witnesses in his presence and in presence of each other

Edward Noble

W. M. Hammond

J. C. Seawright.

South Carolina } Personally came Edward Noble, one of the
Abbeville District } Subscribing Witnesses, to the annexed will
and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes
oath that he was personally present and did see William M.
Matteson 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 W. M. Hammond and
J. C. Seawright, together with himself, and in the presence of the
Testator, and in the presence of each other did sign their names
as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Sworn before me this

7 Oct 1864

William Hill c. d.

Edward Noble.

South Carolina } Having examined Edward Noble, one of the
Abbeville District } Subscribing Witnesses to the annexed paper -
and being satisfied that it is the true last will and Testament
of William M. Matteson decd. Ordered that it be admitted to
probate in common form -

William Hill c. d.

South Carolina } Personally came Nancy Elvira Matteson
 Abbeville District } Reciting 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 Legitimate & Matteson
 decd., 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.

Subscribed before me
 & sworn to
 N. H. H. G. & C.

Nancy Elvira Matteson

Last Will & Testament
 of
 James F. Crawford decd.

State of South Carolina, Abbeville District.

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Jas. Franklin Crawford, being in sound mind

and calling to mind the uncertainty of life, and being desirous to dispose
 of all such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with, do
 make and ordain this my last will in the following manner.

The property all to remain together during the life time of my
 wife except such as may be necessary to pay all my just debts, and
 property may be sold for that purpose, that my wife may select, except
 the land on which I now reside. She is further empowered to sell
 any such property as stock, horses, cattle, plantation tools, that she
 may find to the interest of the said farm to be sold, and with the
 proceeds after paying all my just debts, to make such purchases,
 or investments as she may think advisable.

I further desire and request, as each child arrives at the age
 of twenty one years, that my wife will give them off in property or
 money whatever amount she can at that time spare, so as not to
 injure or inconvenience her & the other children - whatever property
 she shall so give to be valued by three disinterested parties, the
 child or children so receiving it to give her their receipts for
 the amount so received whether in money or property, which
 amount each child shall finally account for in final settle-
 ment of my estate. At the death of my wife I desire all my
 property sold and equally divided between my children.

In case Mrs Anna Hawthorn, my wife's mother, should fail to
 recover her home, she can if she chooses make my house her home
 during her life time, or whether she recovers her home or not she
 can make her home at my house if she chooses to do so as long as
 she lives

I do hereby appoint my wife Executrix & my Brother Saml A Crawford my Executor to carry this my last will into full effect.

in presence of

Robt P Buchanan

A. T. Bell

J. Bailey

James F. Crawford.

South Carolina } Personally came Robt P. Buchanan, one of the sub-
Abbeville District } scribing 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 James F. Crawford sign, publish
pronounce and declare the within paper to be his last will and
testament, and that the testator was of sound and disposing mind
memory and understanding, to the best of his knowledge and belief,
that A. T. Bell and J. Bailey, together with himself, and in the
presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other, did sign
their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Sworn before me this

7th Nov 1864. W. Hill. o.a.d.

Robt P. Buchanan.

South Carolina } Having examined Robt P. Buchanan, one of
Abbeville District } the subscribing witnesses to the within paper;
and being satisfied that it is the true last will and testament
of James F. Crawford decd - Ordered that it be admitted to
probate in common form

7th Nov 1864.

William Hill. o.a.d.

South Carolina } Personally came Amayles E. Crawford &
Abbeville District } Saml A Crawford Esq. & Esq. named in the
within will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty
God, say, that the within paper is the true last will of the said
James F. Crawford 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 thereof - that they will make and return into
the office of the Ordinary of the said District, a true inventory
and appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within the
time prescribed by law

Sworn to before me

7th Nov 1864

W. Hill. o.a.d.

Amayles E. Crawford

S. A. Crawford

Last Will & Testament
of
James C. Reid dec'd

The State of S. Carolina }
Abbeville District }

In the name of God Amen.

I, James C. Reid, resident of the State of Mississippi being in low state of health, very feeble in body but of sound & disposing mind and memory, and being desirous to dispose of by will what God has bestowed on me as worldly estate. I do hereby make and establish this as my last will and testament in manner and form following -

To wit: 1st I will my body to the dust and my spirit to God who gave it.

2nd My will is that after my decease there be so much of my property sold as will be necessary to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses should there not be cash in hand to pay them, my Executors to judge of what property can best be spared for that purpose. The balance of my property both real and personal I desire that it remain together, and will be conducted under the control of my Executors in order to support my wife Fannie A. Reid and raise & educate my children, and I desire that they all be well educated according to their means, and I desire that the property be kept together for the purpose before mentioned until my youngest child becomes of age; my wife having the right to control the income of the estate up to that time, and use it as she thinks best for the interest and comfort of herself & children, and my will is that at the time specified my whole estate both real & personal be sold or appraised & divided equally between my wife & my children then living or should any of them be dead leaving children, the child or children to receive the share to which their parent was entitled. These provisions are made subject however to the following contingencies. Should my daughter Annie Reid marry previous to the time specified or my daughter Susan either then and in that case I desire that they receive a portion of what they would be entitled at the general division, and this amount to be advanced of by my wife, my Executors taking a Receipt for the same for the value of whatever advancement be made in property taken at appraisement another contingency is that should my wife die or marry again previous to the time specified for a general division then my will is that my Executors have the property sold or divided by appraisement according to the provisions already made, equally between my wife F. A. Reid and my children, and I do hereby authorize and empower my Executors to change any of my property either Real or personal as they may think best or most for the interest of my estate may sell my lands in Mississippi or

(any)

any of my personal Estate, and reinvest the same in S. Carolina or any other State they may think best according to their judgment keeping a correct account of all changes which they may make in sale or exchange of the property and last I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Fannie A. Reid & my brother Lemuel Reid Executors to execute this my last will and Testament, and in the presence of these witnesses I do hereby declare this to be my last will & Testament Signed & sealed this 26th April 1864. in the presence of us & in the presence of each other.

Mary V. Willson

J. C. Reid (Seal)

Mary Willson

J. Rosemon Willson

South Carolina } Personally came John R. Willson one of the
Abbeville District } subscribing witnesses to the paper within, and
being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath
that he was personally present, and did see J. C. Reid 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 knowl-
edge and belief that Mary V. Willson and Mary Willson, together
with himself, and in the presence of the Testator, and in the pres-
ence of each other did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution
of the same.

Sworn before me this
12 Nov 1864.

J. Rosemon Willson

W. Hill oad

South Carolina } Having examined J. Rosemon Willson, one of
Abbeville District } the subscribing witnesses to the within paper
and being satisfied that it is the true last will and Testament
of Jas C Reid decd. Ordained that it be admitted to probate in common
form.

12 Nov 1864.

William Hill OAD

South Carolina } Personally came Fannie A. Reid Executrix, named
Abbeville District } in the within 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 C Reid decd. 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 Proving of the said District a true Inventory of the
Estate of the said decedent within the time prescribed by law

from to type me

Benjamin B. Reid -

12 Nov 1864

William Hall O & B

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

William M. Hughey } I, William M. Hughey of the District
and State aforesaid, having volunteered as a soldier in
the service of the Confederate States of America, and knowing
that life at all times is uncertain, and being at this time in the
enjoyment of my usual health of body, strength of mind, memory
and understanding have thought proper to make disposition
of my worldly estate - to take effect in case of my death
and now declare the following to be my last will and testament.

1st I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be punctu-
ally paid.

2nd After my debts and funeral expenses be paid and discharged
I will devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth I
Hughey, all the balance of my estate, real and personal, or
of whatsoever nature or kind it may be, to be enjoyed by her
during her natural life, or widowhood.

At the happening of either of these events (viz. her marriage
or death), I direct that whatever there may be remaining of
my property be equally divided, either by sale or otherwise, and
One half to go to my brothers and sisters, to be equally divided
among them; the Child or children of any of my deceased brothers
or sisters to take the share their parent would have taken if living.
The other half I give and bequeath to my wife to dispose of as she
may think proper. But if she should not dispose of her share
at her death, then I direct that it shall go to my brothers and
sisters in the same manner as I have above devised as respects
them and their children.

The share of my estate herein given by me to my wife is to be con-
sidered by her as in lieu and bar of any dower she may be other-
wise entitled to.

3rd I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Benjamin P. Hughes
as the Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name
and affixed my seal the twelfth day of April in the year of our
Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty two.

W. M. Hughey (S)

signed, sealed & published and declared by W. M. Hughey as his last will & testament, in our presence, who, in his presence, & in the presence of each other do now subscribe our names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Armistead Bent

A. L. McCasland

W. L. McCord.

Codicil to the foregoing will.

I William M. Hughey, having executed my last will and testament dated the 12th of April, 1862, and on reflection it has occurred to me that it may be necessary to sell some of my property in order to raise funds to pay the balance of my debts.

Therefore I hereby authorize my Executor to sell as much property of whatsoever kind belonging to my estate as may be thought most advisable for the said purpose, and whatever surplus there be (if any) to pay over the same to my wife Elizabeth S. Hughey.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this 12th day of April, 1862.

W. M. Hughey

Signed, sealed & published by the said William M. Hughey, as a Codicil to his last will and testament in our presence

Armistead Bent

A. L. McCasland

W. L. McCord.

The State of S. C. } In the Ct. of Ordinary.

Abbeville District } Personally appeared Armistead Bent, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing writing, and made oath that he was present and did see William M. Hughey, sign and acknowledge the same to be his last will and testament, that the testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that A. L. McCasland, and W. L. McCord, together with himself, and in the presence of each other, and in the presence of the Testators did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same sworn to and submitted

before me this 2^d Dec. 1864

William Hill, Notary

Armistead Bent.

The State of S. C. } Having examined Armistead Bent, one of Abbeville District } the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing writing (and

and being satisfied that it is the true last will of William and
 Hughy dec^d. "Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common form"
 2 Dec^r 1864. W. Hile. c. a. d.

The State of S. C. } Personally appeared B. F. Hughes, the executor named
 Abbeville District } in the foregoing will and made oath that the said
 writing contains the true last will of William M. Hughy 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 contained in
 the said will, so far as the goods and chattels will thereto extend
 and the law charge him - and that he will make a just and
 true inventory and appraisement of the said goods and chattels
 and return the same into the Office of the Ordinary of said District
 in order to be recorded on or before the seventh of February next

Sworn to before me

the 7 Dec^r 1864

William Hile c. a. d.

B. F. Hughes.

The Last Will & Testament

of

Mary Kay deceased

In the name of God. Amen.

I Mary Kay of the District of Abbeville
 and State of South Carolina, being of sound
 mind & memory, but weak in body and considering the
 uncertainty of human life, and wishing to dispose of my
 worldly estate, do make this my last will and testament
 as follows.

First I desire that my Executors hereinafter named pay all my
 just and lawful debts.

Second I give and bequeath to Larkin Barmore, Fernelia Rasor
 wife of Ezekiel Rasor, Polly Hawthorn wife of A. C. Hawthorn
 Nancy Sharp wife of Marshal Sharp, Margaret Donald
 wife of William Donald and Eugenie Brownlee wife of Hugh
 Brownlee dec^d, my two negro slaves Sophronius and Henry to
 be equally divided share and share alike, also I give to Larkin
 Barmore, Fernelia Rasor, Polly Hawthorn, Nancy Sharp and
 Margaret Donald my silver spoons, to be equally divided be-
 tween them.

Third - I give to Lucinda Bell wife of William Bell five Hundred
 Dollars.

Fourth - I give unto Mary Tribble wife of Dr. George Tribble my
 Cloth Cloak.

Fifth. I give unto Rev^d. Valentine Young one note of of One hundred
 Dollars that I hold on him.

Sixth I give unto John Edward Hoages five hundred Dollars.
 Seventh After the distribution enumerated above all the residue of my
 estate of whatever kind I give unto John Belton Hoages, the
 children of Dr Charles Hoages, and Nicholas Ware Kay, to
 be equally divided between them share and share alike
 Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my two friends A. C. Hawthorn
 and J. B. Kay sole executors of this my last will and testament
 hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In testimony
 whereof I do hereby affix my hand and seal the twenty fifth
 of November One thousand eight hundred and sixty four.
 Mary Kay. *LS*

Sign^d. sealed and declared
 by the testator to be her last will, in our presence, who at her request
 and in her presence, and in the presence of each other have subscribed
 our names as witnesses.

John Pratt

Sarah E. Wright

E. P. Johnson.

South Carolina } J. H. W. Hawthorn (Justice for Mary Kay do
 Abbeville Dist^{ct} } hereby certify, and declare, that I consent to, and
 approve of the above will executed by Mary Kay the 25th Novemb^r 1864
 J. H. W. Hawthorn. Just^{ice}.

The State of S. Ca

Abbeville Dist^{ct} } Personally appeared John Pratt one of the
 subscribing witnesses to the within writing and being sworn on the
 Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally
 present and did see Mary Kay, sign, seal, publish & pronounce the
 same to be her last will and testament, that she was of sound
 and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his
 knowledge and belief, and that Sarah E. Wright, and E. P.
 Johnson 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 to before me this
 8 Dec^r 1864. W. Hill. o. & d.

John Pratt.

The State of S. Ca

Abbeville Dist^{ct} } Having examined John Pratt, one of the
 subscribing witnesses to the within writing
 and being satisfied that it is the true last will of the said
 Mary Kay dec^d. "Ordered that it be admitted to probate in
 Common form"

W. Hill. o. & d.

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared A. C. Hawthorn, one of the
 Abbeville Dist } Appointed Executors in the within Will, and being
 sworn, on oath says that said writing contains the true last will of
 Mary ~~Haff~~ ^{Ray} 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 contained in said will, so far as the goods and chattels
 will extend, and the Law charge him, and that he will make and
 return a just & true Inventory and appraisement of the goods and
 Chattels of said Estate, and return the same into the office of the
 Ordinary of said district in order to be recorded within the time
 prescribed by Law.

Sworn to before me this

8 Decr 1864. W. H. H. 203

A. C. Hawthorn

Qualified Jas. B. Ray, as Co. Executor of this will, on the
 15 Decr 1864. & Granted him Letters Testy thereof

W. H. H. 204

The Last Will & Testament
 of
 William Butler dec'd

State of S. Carolina }
 Abbeville Dist }

In the name of God Amen.

I, William Butler of State and Dist. aforementioned
 being weak of body yet sound of mind and memory calling to mind
 that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my
 last will and testament. After my just debts being paid from the sale of
 property that my Executors hereafter named may deem best, the remainder
 that God has blessed me with I wish disposed of in following manner
 First I wish all my property herein not after named to remain with my
 family on the farm for the support of my wife and children My children
 to be raised and Educated from the proceeds of the same and should my
 wife die it is my desire that my Executors should ^{out} as they deem best,
 and most advantageous to my children and should my wife Mary it
 is my desire that my estate should be equally divided with my wife
 and children either by sale or appraisement as my Executors may
 deem proper my wife drawing an Equal share with my children
 day share and share alike

Second I do hereby will and Bequeath to my son Wm. H. Butler
 my negro boy Walker.

to my son Jas. M. Butler my negro boy Peter

to my son Thompson S. Butler my negro Sym.

to my daughter Mary E. Butler negro Girl Adaline

to my daughter Susan E. Butler negro Girl Mary

(Contd.)

to my daughter Sarah A. C. Butler nee ~~Gil~~ Laura
 and to my daughter Margaret M. Butler nee Boy Williams to them
 and their Heirs and should either of my Children die without an
 lawful issue of their Body their portion is to return and be equally
 divided among my surviving Children share and share alike
 and I do hereby appoint my son Wm. H. Butler and my friend
 John L. Devlin my Executors and it is also my desire that when
 my son Thompson J. Butler becomes of age that my Est be brot to
 a close either by sale or appraisement as my Executors may think
 best and I do also empower my Executors to sell my land whenever
 they may think best and most advantageous to my family, signed
 sealed and delivered in the presence of us this August the 5th in the
 year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty four.

Test

Wm Butler (L.S.)

H. T. Sloan

John M'Creay

J. H. M'Creay

The State of South Carolina } Personally appeared John M'Creay one of
 Abbeville District } 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 Wm. Butler, sign, seal, publish
 and acknowledge the same as his last will and testament - that
 testator was of sound mind memory and understanding to the best of
 his knowledge & belief - that J. H. M'Creay and H. T. Sloan, 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 to before me 20 Dec 1864 }
 M. Hill. o. a. d }

John M'Creay.

Having examined John M'Creay, one of the subscribing witnesses
 to the foregoing writing, and being satisfied that it is the true last will
 & testament of Wm. Butler dec'd. -

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

20 Dec 1864.

William Hill. o. p. d.

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared W. H. Butler one of the Executors
 Abbeville Dist. } named in the foregoing will, and being sworn on
 the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that the same is the
 true last will of Wm. Butler dec'd, so far as he knows and believes
 that he will well and truly execute the same, by paying just the

debts and then the legacies therein contained so far as the goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge him - and that he will make and return into the office of the ordinary of said District a true Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said dec^d - within the time prescribed by laws

Subscribed me 20 Decr 1864

W. H. H. o. p. d.

Wm H. Butler,

Last Will & Testament

I

William Jay dec^d

In the name of God Amen.

I William Jay of the District of Abbeville and State of South Carolina being of sound mind memory

and understanding praise be God for the same and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

I give and bequeath unto my wife Huldah Ellenor Jay my whole Estate both Real and Personal that I may be possessed of at my death, after my debts are paid, to be possessed by her during her life or widowhood and my children to be supported and educated from the proceeds of the farm. I desire in case my wife should marry again that my whole estate both Real and Personal be brought to sale and my wife receive a child's portion.

I desire furthermore that in case my executors should think it best to sell the plantation I now live upon they have the power to do so and purchased elsewhere.

I hereby appoint my wife Huldah E Jay and my father Tivy Jay Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the 27th day of August One thousand eight hundred and sixty three.

William Jay (L)

Signed Sealed and declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament, who at his request and in his presence subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto.

Test. W. G. Keller

Test. A. J. Ferguson

Test. Louisa Jay.

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came W. G. Keller, one of the subscribers 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 William Jay, sign, seal, publish pronounced and declared 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, and that A. S. Ferguson & Fannie Jay 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
20 February 1865.
W. Hill. o. a. d.

W. F. Keller

South Carolina } Having examined W. F. Keller, one of the Subscri-
Abbeville District } bers, witnesses to the annexed paper, and being
satisfied that it is the true last will and testament of William
Jay - Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.
20 February 1865 William Hill o. a. d.

South Carolina } Personally came Tiry Jay & Huldah E. Jay.
Abbeville District } Pro. & P. t. 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 William
Jay, 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 laws
charge them - that they will make and return into the office
of the Ordinary of the said District, a true Inventory and
appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within the time
prescribed by law.

Sworn to before me
20 Feby 1865.
W. Hill o. a. d.

Tiry Jay
H. E. Jay.

Last Will & Testament
of
Samuel A. Wilson

South Carolina }
Abbeville District }

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Samuel Allen Wilson of the District and
State aforesaid, being advanced in life, and in a declining state
of health; But of sound and disposing mind and memory (for
which I am thankful to God) do make and ordain this my
last Will and Testament, viz. First I Commit my soul into the
of God who gave it and my body to the earth from whence it was
taken. And as to the worldly estate it hath pleased God to
bless me with, I dispose of the same as follows.

First It is my wish and desire that all my just debts be paid.

Secondly. I leave and bequesth unto my wife Nancy the plantation on which I now reside and also the whole of my personal estate during the term of her natural life, and at her death to be divided between my two sons William Wilson and Francis A. Wilson share and share alike

Thirdly & lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons William and Francis A. Co Executors of this my last Will and Testament. And I do hereby disannul and utterly disallow and make void any former will by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and seal the _____ day November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three and in the eighty eighth year of the Sovereignty and Independence of the State of South Carolina.

Signed sealed and acknowledge
in presence of

John Skillito
John R. Martin
Andw. W. Skillito

Samuel A. Wilson (S)

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came John Skillito 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 Samuel A. Wilson 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 John R. Martin and Andw. W. Skillito, 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

6 Feby 1865.

(M. Hill o.a.d)

John Skillito.

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Having examined John Skillito, one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last Will and Testament of Samuel A. Wilson decd. Ordered that it be admitted to probate in

Common form "

6 Feby 1865

William Hill, o.a.d.

South Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally came William Wilson & F. A. Wilson Executors, named in the annexed will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almightly God say that the within paper is the true last will of the said Sam^l. A. Wilson dec^d - and that they will will and truly execute the said by paying first the debts and then the legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will extend and the law charge them - that they will make and return into the office of the Ordinary of the said district, a true Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed by law

Sworn to before me

6 Feby 1865

W. Hill. o.a.d.

William Wilson.

F. A. Wilson.

Last Will & Testament

of

Samuel A. Wilson

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

I, Samuel A. Wilson of the District and State aforesaid, being now about to enter the service of my Country, as a soldier in the existing war, and knowing that life is uncertain at all times, and peculiarly so under the circumstances in which I expect soon to be placed, have thought proper to make some disposition of the worldly property which a kind providence has blessed me with, do now declare the following to be my last will & Testament.

- First. I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.
- Second. Should it be necessary to sell any of my property to liquidate my debts, I leave it discretionary with my Ex^{rs}. and Ex^{rs}. hereinafter named to sell such as they think can be best spared.
- Third. The remainder of my property, Real & Personal, after my debts &c. are paid off, I leave in the hands of my wife, to be managed by her to the best advantage for her during her natural life, or widowhood; she to raise and educate my children from the profits thereof. Should she marry again my will is that my estate shall be appraised by three disinterested men, and I give and bequeath to her an equal share with a child, and this share to be given in property and without making a general sale to determine the amount.

The remainder of my estate (after the share of my wife in case of her again marrying is stricken off) I desire and direct shall be kept together and managed for the general benefit of my children, and as they respectively come of age, or marry, I direct that each one shall receive his or her respective share at valuation, and in property - so as a sale will not necessarily have to be made to ascertain such share.

Fourth. The share given to my wife is to taken by her as in lieu and for of her dower in my real estate.

Fifth. I direct that the sum of Seventy five dollars per year be paid from the profits and income of my property, for the support of my father Robert C. Wilson during his life - this money only to be paid for that object, if my Exrs and Exrs think that his Circumstances really need such assistance.

Sixth. I give my Exrs and Exrs. the right and power to sell property of any kind belonging to my estate, but with the proceeds they are required to buy property and annex to my estate - and in short they have full power to transact any kind of business in buying and selling or exchanging that they may think beneficial to the interest of my wife and children.

I hereby appoint my beloved wife Virginia C., and my friend Willis Smith Executor and Executrix of this my last will and testament.

I revoke all other wills, by me heretofore made.

In testimony of the foregoing I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my seal this 24th August 1863.

S. A. Wilson. (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published & declared by S. A. Wilson, as his last will & Testament in our presence, and we, at his request, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other do now sign our names as witnesses the day and year above written.

A. S. McCaslaw
J. H. Cobb
Jno Taggart.

South Carolina } Personally came J. H. Cobb, 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 Samuel
A. Wilson, 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 A. L. McCaslaw, and John Saggitt, 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
14 April 1865

(William Hill oag)

L. H. Cobb

South Carolina } Having examined Jas H Cobb, one of
Abbeville District } the subscribing witnesses to the annexed
paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and
testament of Samuel A Wilson decd - "Ordered that it be
admitted to probate in Common form"

14 April 1865.

William Hill. oag

South Carolina }

Abbeville District } Personally came Virginia C Wilson &
Willis Smith, 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 Saml A Wilson - 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 good and chattels will extend and the law
charge them, that the 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
14 April 1865.

(William Hill oag)

Virginia C Wilson
Willis Smith.

Last will & Testament
of
William M. Sluiss

The State of South Carolina
Abbeville District.

In the name of God? Amen.

I, William M. Sluiss of the District

and State aforesaid being about to join the Army in defense
of my Country, and as life at all times is uncertain, and
peculiarly so under the circumstances in which I will
soon be placed have thought proper to dispose of my
property, and now declare the following to be my last
(will,

- will and testament - viz,
- First. I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid;
- Second. I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret Jane McIlwain all the balance of my estate, real and personal during her natural life or widowhood. But should she marry again in that event I direct that my whole estate be sold by public outcry, and the proceeds divided according to the statutes of the state of S^c Carolina.
- Third. Should my wife remain my widow until her death she is to enjoy my whole property, and if she so pleases she may give off to any of my children as they come of age or marry, such property as she can spare, and as she may think will be to the advantage of such child, said property thus advanced, is to be valued by three disinterested neighbors, and the child receiving it to be charged with the same at the final settlement of my estate.
- Fourth. At the death of my wife, I direct that my estate real and personal be sold, and equally divided amongst my children and the child or children of a demand child to take the share the parent would have taken if living.

I nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved wife Margaret Jane, and my brother-in-law Henry B. Kiekles Executors and Executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 27 day of August 1863.

William McIlwain (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by (Mr. McIlwain, as his last will and testament in our presence, and we at his request, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other now subscribe our names as witnesses of the same.

M. McDonald

Jno Taggart

T. B. Crews.

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came John Taggart, 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 William McIlwain sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the said (paper)

paper to contain his last will and testament, and that the testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief, that Mr. McDonald and J. B. Crews - 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,

20 April 1865

(McMillan)

Mr. Taggart.

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Having examined John Taggart one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and testament of William McIlwain - Ordered that it be admitted to probate in common form.

20 April 1865. McMillan

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came Margaret Jane McIlwain & by name 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 William McIlwain and that she will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies therein annexed, 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 law.

Margaret J. McIlwain

Sworn to before me

20 April 1865.

(McMillan)

Last Will & Testament

of

Benjamin S. Fulliam

disposing mind & memory make this my last will and testament to wit.

I desire that all my estate both personal

State of South Carolina

Abbeville District.

I Benjamin S. Fulliam being of sound

and real, be kept together and managed by my wife Frances Pulliam for the use & benefit of my ~~last~~ wife & children. During her natural life time or widowhood, should she marry I desire that all my estate both personal & real be sold and equally divided between my wife and all my children that there may be living, each share alike in the distribution of my entire estate. Should my wife not marry I desire that as my eldest child becomes of age the property shall be valued and he be entitled to draw his equal share, and so on in like manner down to the youngest. I furthermore desire that all debts due me by notes Judgements or otherwise may be managed or collected as may be best, except one Judgement against Charles Cunningham for One thousand dollars which Judgement shall not be collected during the life time of Belinda Cunningham wife of said Charles Cunningham, unless there should be danger by so delaying of losing the said claim. I desire that all sums due me, money in hand or cotton not sold together with any other means that may be on hand, to be appropriated to the payment of my just debts.

I furthermore nominate constitute and appoint my wife Frances Pulliam Executor to this my last will - to act during her natural life time, or widowhood, and should she marry I nominate and appoint my friend J. W. Tarrant to take charge of all business and act as my executor to this my last will & Testament.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this 24th day of March in the year of our Lord One, thousand eight hundred & sixty Two.

Signed sealed & declared

in the presence of

B. S. Pulliam (Ls)

W. B. Tarrant (Ls)

A. E. Tarrant (Ls)

A. M. Tarrant (Ls)

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came A. M. Tarrant one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that she was personally present, and did see B. S. Pulliam 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

of her knowledge and belief - that R. B. Samant, together with herself 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.

From before me this 3rd Apr 1865. } Annie M. Samant.
W. Hill. oad.

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Having examined A. M. Samant one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and testament of R. B. Fulliam decd. 'Orders that it be admitted to probate in Common form'

3rd Apr 1865

William Hill. oad

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally called Frances Fulliam & 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 R. B. Fulliam decd, 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 law.

Sworn to before me

3rd Apr 1865. W. Hill oad

Frances Fulliam

The Last Will & Testament

The State of S. Ca

Abbeville District.

Abram Haddon decd

In the name of God! Amen.

I, Abram Haddon of the District and State aforesaid being about to join the Army of the Confederate States, and as life is uncertain at all times, but more especially under the circumstances in which I will soon be placed, and as I am at present in the enjoyment of my usual health of body and strength of mind, for which I am thankful to God have thought proper to make some disposition of the worldly property which a kind providence has blessed me with do now declare the following to be my last will and testament.

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

- 2^d I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Hannah Haddon, during her widowhood all the residue of my Estate real & personal, of every kind and nature whatsoever, for her own and my children's use, but if she should marry again, then my will is that the same be sold on a credit of twelve months with interest from date of sale, and divided between her and my children as the law directs.
- 3^d Should my wife remain my widow until her death she may enjoy the benefit of all my Estate during her life, and at her death I desire that the same be sold and divided equally amongst my children.
- 4th I give my wife the privilege of advancing to any child of mine, as such child comes of age or marries, such property as she can spare, and the child may need, having the same valued by three disinterested men, and the child so receiving, must account for the same at such valuation in the final settlement of my Estate.

I nominate, constitute and appoint my brothers-in-law A. J. McKee, and James C. Stevenson, the executors of this will.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 23rd February 1864.

Abram Haddon, test.

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said A. Haddon, as his last Will & Testament in our presence, and we, at his request, in his presence and the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses.

R. Jones

W. B. Roman

Mr. M. Slevin

South Carolina } Personally, came Robert Jones 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 Abram Haddon, 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 W. B. Roman and Mr. M. Slevin 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

21. April 1865.

(M. Hill, oad)

R. Jones

South Carolina } Having examined R. Jones, one of the subscribing
Abbeville District } witnesses to the annexed paper, and being satisfied
that

that it is the true last will and testament of Abraham Haddon decd.
 "Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form"

21 April 1865.

(William Hill Sch.)

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came James C. Stephenson & John
 J. McKee, who 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 Abraham Haddon 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 decedent
 within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn to before me 5 June 1865

(William Hill Sch.)

J. C. Stephenson

A. J. McKee

Last Will & Testament

of
Charles C. Pinckney Sr.

In the Name of the Triune God. Amen
 The State of South Carolina
 Abbeville District.

I hereby direct my Executors to arrange &
 distribute whatever estate I may leave, real & person-
 al in such manner as they shall believe most conducive
 to the interests of my heirs, hereby revoking a former
 will. I appoint my sons, Charles C. Pinckney & Thomas
 Pinckney, and William C. Bee, Executors of this my
 last will & Testament.

Executed, published & declared by the Testator C. C.
 Pinckney Senr. as his last will & Testament in our
 presence, who in his presence & in the presence of each
 other, have hereunto set our hands & seals this fourteenth
 day March in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred
 & sixty five.

C. C. Pinckney Senr. (Ld.)

G. W. Hodges

J. M. Crews

M. M. Stansell

Whereas in my will executed within the present year
 (1865) I omitted the name of my valued friend Wm. C.