

The State of S. Ca } In the Court of Ordinary  
 Abbeville District } Personally appeared John Taggart one of  
 the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and being duly sworn according  
 to law, made oath that he was personally present, and did see Paschal @  
 Klugh sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be his last will and  
 testament, and that he the testator, was of sound and disposing mind  
 memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief -  
 That Henry Riley and J. J. Wardlaw, 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1867 }  
 William Hill. o. a. d. } Jno Taggart.

Having examined John Taggart one of the subscribing witnesses to  
 the foregoing writing, and being satisfied that it is the true last will  
 and testament of Paschal D. Klugh dec<sup>d</sup>. It is Ordered that it  
 be admitted to probate in common form.

4 Sept 1867. William Hill o. a. d.

The State of S. Ca }  
 Abbeville District } Personally appeared Henry G. Klugh, the executor  
 named in the within will, and being duly sworn, says that the said  
 writing contains the true last will and testament of Paschal @  
 Klugh dec<sup>d</sup> to the best of his knowledge and belief - that he will  
 well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then  
 the legacies therein contained so far as the goods and chattels will  
 extend and the law charge him - and that he will make and  
 return into the office of the Ordinary of said district a true and  
 correct inventory of all such goods and chattels.

Sworn before me 4 Sept 1867 }  
 William Hill. o. a. d. } H. G. Klugh.

Last Will & Testament } State of South Carolina }  
 of } Abbeville District - }  
 Abraham P. Pool dec<sup>d</sup> } I Abraham P. Pool of the District

& State aforesaid being of sound mind and memory do make  
 this my last Will and Testament - To wit.

1<sup>st</sup> I desire that my just indebtedness be paid, and all debts due  
 me be collected.

2<sup>d</sup> I give and devise to my wife Semima Pool for and during the  
 full term of her natural life the following Land, being a part  
 of my homestead tract known as the Meriwether tract lying

East of the road from Cambridge to Abbeville Court House with so much of the Child tract as may be embraced in the following boundaries. from a corner near the spring that we use to the farthest corner of my new ground fence on the road from my house to Ninety six Themed with said new ground fence to the branch and from said to the school house branch where the road crosses the school house branch which intersects the Meriwether Line at the branch subjected to the following Limitations and restrictions *By* to appropriate to her use during her natural life my dwelling house out houses and every thing appurtenant to the premises above described with the privilege of using or cultivating the cleared land with timber sufficient to keep fences and buildings in repair with fire wood but no additional clearings to be made I also give devise and bequeath to my wife Femima Pool for and during the full term of her natural life the following named Negro slaves Jess. Sam, Lavenia Sam and Sam with the increase of the females. also the Choice of Two horses or mules Three mitch Cows & Calves Twenty head of hogs six sheep my Carriage and harness one road waggon and harness household & Kitchen furniture and provisions for one year and one hundred and fifty Dollars in Cash.

3. I will and direct that the provision made for and in behalf of my wife Femima Pool be in lieu and bar of her dower. I will and do order my Ex<sup>rs</sup> to see that the property both real and personal willed by me to my wife be neither removed or disposed of by sale or otherwise and in the event that an attempt should be made then to take charge of the same allowing my wife the emoluments arising from the rents of the said land and hire of the said negroes and the interest upon moneys at interest accruing from the sale of other property left her with the privilege of occupying the houses and retaining the household and kitchen furniture in her possession.

3<sup>rd</sup> I will and devise the property left in the second clause of this my will to my wife Femima Pool both real and personal of every nature and kind at her death be equally divided between my four children *viz* Sarah Eugenia Lipscomb - Susan Augustus McBride Elliott Euphemina and Emma Ann Pool - to them and their heirs and assigns.

4<sup>th</sup> I give and devise to my Daughter Sarah Eugenia Lipscomb - One tract of Land containing One hundred and four acres (more or less) known as the Templeton place and bounded by lands at present owned by J. R. Tenant Esq. T. G. Carter and J. W. Lipscomb, also the following named negro slaves Carle, Sirius Eliza and Mahalo with the increase of the females, with other articles furnished her




- in One thousand Eight hundred and fifty which I valued at Three thousand four hundred Dollars to her her heirs and assigns -
5. I give and devise to my daughter Susan Augustus McBride the following named negro slaves, to wit Mary Ann and her two children to wit Calula a girl about four years old and Sally Semina an infant girl about three months old and a boy about twenty years old and Benjamin a boy about seventeen years old - also one Girl Matilda with the increase of the females one spotted colt named Penny and a mare named Mary one buggy and harness One Bedstead Bed and necessary bedding reference being had to a deed to be found on Record at Cass Court, Howard Cass County in the State of Georgia Baring date the Twelfth day of January One thousand Eight hundred and fifty Eight said property as deeded and Reverted to in this will I value at four thousand Two hundred Dollars.
6. I will and devise to my two daughters Elliot E and Emma Ann Pool Four thousand Two hundred Dollars each in negro Slaves to them and to their heirs & assigns, to make them equal to the amount deeded and also willed to Susan Augustus McBride.
7. I will and devise to Sarah Virginia Lipscomb Eight hundred Dollars in negro slave or Slaves to her & her heirs and assigns to make her portion Equal to the amt given Susan Augustus McBride as previously specified
8. I will and devise my Executors to select three disinterested freeholders who will appraise and and ultimately allot to Elliot E & Emma A Pool the likeliest and most valuable of my negroes untill they allotment of each amounts to thirty four hundred Dollars, then to appraise to Sarah E Lipscomb Elliott E and Emma A. Pool untill their lots respectively amount to four thousand Two hundred Dollars the amt Given Susan A McBride.
- 9<sup>th</sup> It is my will and I do order and direct that the appraisers are not to be governed by the prices current at the time of appraisement but by the prices fixed by me in making the Estimate on the property already given to Sarah E Lipscomb and Susan A. McBride To wit Nine hundred Dollars for prime young fellows and Eight hundred Dollars for prime young women observing the same proportion for others agreeable to age and Condition
- 10<sup>th</sup> I will and devise to my wife Semina Pool for and during the full term of her natural life after the provisions already made for her and each of my children - for her to select and take from the residue or remainder of my negroes slaves not given off One negro, making her own selection to be governed by and subject to all the restrictions and limitations that restrain the portions of property both real and personal left her in the foregoing clauses of my will.

- 11 I will and devise the Ballance of my Negro Slaves be allotted and appraised by the appraisors previously named or selected by my Executors into four lots and drawn for in the following order, that is first Sarah E. Lipscomb, second Susan A. McBride, third Eliott E. Pool and fourthly Emma Ann Pool those drawing the least valuable lots to be made equal with the highest from other parts of my Estate.
- 12 I will and devise and so order and direct my Executors to to sell all the Rest Residue and remainder of my Estate both real and personall of every nature or kind whatsoever at such time and place as they may think most advisable without petitioning either of the Courts of Ordinary or Equity for the sale thereof on such terms and Conditions as they may think best. Provided nevertheless that they make annual returns into the Ordinarys office untill my estate be finally settled.
- 13 I will and devise to my two daughters Eliott E and Emma A Pool One Pianno for which they to account to my Estate in its final Settlement for Two hundred and twenty five Dollars each agreeable to promise.
- 14 I will and devise to my four children the residue and remainder of my Estate that is to Sarah E. Lipscomb, Susan A. McBride, Eliott E & Emma A Pool after first making them all equal as provided for the moneys arising from the sale of the portion of Estate ordered to be sold by my Executors be equally divid between them share and share alike to them their heirs and assigns.
15. I will and devise that in the Event that if either of my Children should depart this life before they attain the age of Twenty one or many then and in that event I will and devise the property willed to them to the surviving sisters or to my surviving Children, share and share alike.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my son in law James W. Lipscomb, and my friends D. J. C. Blake, and N. M. Carter Executors to this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling all former wills made by me at any time heretofore.

In witness I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the seven tenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty Eight.

Abr. J. Pool 

Signed Executed and acknowledged before us who subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the Testator

Wm. Carter

Alex. McNeill

Simeon p. Chaney  
mark



Not by William H. H. Ramsey  
{ One of the other named Executors. W. H. Ramsey W. H. Ramsey, was on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of Oct. 1867. in qualif. &  
as such and received from me 2 letters Testaments for which see memo. in Book of Letters, Aug. 23, page 6.

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared Simeon Chaney one of the subscr-  
Abbeville Dist } iving witnesses to the annexed will, and being sworn according  
to law, saith that he was personally present and did see Abraham P. Pool  
sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the said writing to contain his last  
will and testament that testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory  
and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief - that William  
Carter and Alex<sup>r</sup> McHale, 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 to before me 15 Oct 1867 } Simeon Chaney  
W. H. H. 0 a 3 } mas

Having examined Simeon Chaney, one of the subscribing witnesses to the  
within will, and being satisfied that said writing contains the last  
will of Abraham P. Pool dec<sup>d</sup> - "Ordered that it be admitted to probate  
in Common form"

15 Oct 1867. William H. H. 0 a 3,

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared Nathaniel McCants, one  
Abbeville Dist } of the Exors named in the within will and upon  
oath saith that said writing is the true last will and testament of  
Abraham P. Pool dec<sup>d</sup> to the best of his knowledge & belief - that he  
will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then  
the legacies therein contained so far as the goods and chattels will  
thereunto extend and the law charge him - and that he will make  
and return into the Ordinarys office of said district a true inventory  
of the Estate of the said dec<sup>d</sup> within the time prescribed by laws.

Sworn before me 15 Oct 1867  
William H. H. 0 a 3 A. McCants.

Last will & Testament of } South Carolina. Abbeville District.  
of } In the name of God Amen!  
William H. Ramsey dec<sup>d</sup> } I, William H. Ramsey of said State  
and District, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, do  
hereby make, ordain and declare this to be my last will and  
Testament in manner and form following.  
First It is my will and I hereby direct that all my just debts, my  
funeral expenses, and the expenses of executing this my last will  
and testament be first paid; and, if necessary, that such of my  
personal property be sold for this purpose, as may seem best to my  
Executors hereinafter named.  
Secondly. I hereby will and bequeath the the remainder of my Estate  
(both

both real and personal, to my wife Eleanor, during the term of her natural life; and at the death of my said wife, I direct that the said Estate be sold by my Executors, upon such terms as to them may seem best; and the proceeds be equally divided among my children, share and share alike, and in the event of the death of any of my said children, prior to such distribution, it is my will that the child or children of such deceased child shall represent the parent.

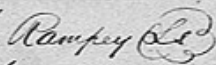
Thirdly

It is my will and intention that the Estate above bequeathed to my wife especially my interest in the Mill on Rocky River known as "Rampsey's Mills" remain so far as practicable, in its present condition during the life time of my wife — giving to my Executors however, and to my wife with their approval, full power and authority to sell and dispose of the same, or any part thereof, whenever, in their judgment such sale, exchange, or disposal will be for the interest of my said wife, or for the benefit of the said Estate.

Fourthly

I hereby nominate and appoint William C. Cady and D. A. J. Speer Executors of this my last will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this sixteenth day of May A. D. One thousand Eight hundred and sixty seven.

William H. Rampsey <sup>his</sup>   
mark

Signed, sealed and declared by the said Wm. H. Rampsey, to be his last will and Testament, in our presence, and we, in his presence, and at his request, have signed our names as witnesses, thereto in the presence of each other.

Wm. A. Giles  
E. W. South  
J. J. Scott.

The State of S. Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

In the Court of Ordinary  
August 31. 1867.

Personally appeared J. J. Scott, one of the witnesses to the foregoing will, and being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he was personally present and did see William H. Rampsey, sign, seal, publish and declare said writing to be his last will and testament that testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that William A. Giles and E. W. South, together with himself in the presence of each other and in the presence of the testator did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Sworn to before me this 31 Aug 1867. William H. Hill oad }

J. J. Scott.



Having examined J. J. Scott, one of the witnesses to the foregoing writing  
and being satisfied that it is the true last will of William H.  
Rampsey dec'd. Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common form  
31 Augt 1867. William H. Hile c. c. 3

The State of S. C. } To William Hile Ordinary.  
Abbeville District } By the last will and testament of and file  
in your office of William H. Rampsey dec'd. late of said State and District  
we the undersigned are appointed by the Testator, as his Executors -  
It is entirely inconvenient for us or either of us to qualify as such  
and we take this method of renouncing now and henceforth as such  
Executors. Respectfully &

A. J. Speer  
W. C. Corbly

Last Will & Testament } State of South Carolina  
of Samuel Reid dec'd. } Abbeville District  
In the name of God. Amen.

I, Samuel Reid of the District and State aforesaid, being at present  
sick in body, but thanks to God of strong and vigorous mind and  
retentive memory, calling to mind the uncertainty of life, do make and declare  
this to be my last Will and Testament hereby abolishing and declaring  
null and void all other will or wills heretofore made by me,

That is to say, in disposing of whatever worldly estate God has  
bestowed upon me, it is my will that after my funeral expenses are  
paid, my Executors, hereinafter to be named, shall pay all my just  
and lawful debts out of any cash on hand and notes due me,  
and should there be a deficiency in cash and notes to meet my liabilities,  
then I direct that my Executors shall sell so much of my personal  
property as may be necessary for said purpose.

I will furthermore that the balance of my property, both real and  
personal be kept together and the proceeds of the farm or any other income  
by investment or interest or otherwise be used in educating and bringing  
up my children and supporting my wife during her life or widowhood.  
my Executors to have the discretionary power to sell from time to time  
such personal property as they may deem beneficial for the above named  
purpose.

I also direct that as my children arrives to the age of Twenty one  
or marries that my Executors, advance to each of them equally in Cash  
or property, appraised by three disinterested persons to whatever amount in  
(justice)

justice to the other children can be spared, and take their receipts for the same to be accounted for as a part of their distributive share in the general division or final settlement of the Estate.

In case of the death or marriage of my wife Sophia W. Reid then I direct a division to take place of my whole estate in manner and form namely, My wife Sophia W. Reid to receive one fourth of my whole Estate and the balance of my estate equally divided among all my children or their heirs as the case may be.

And in case my wife should die before the youngest child is of age, then I direct my whole Estate to be divided equally, by sale or otherwise, between all my children or their legal heirs as the case may be.

I nominate constitute and appoint my beloved wife, Sophia W. Reid and son James A. Reid my sole executors to this my last will and testament and give them such discretionary powers that they may be able to manage my whole estate for the best interest and advantage of my wife and children. And I do publish this to be my last will and Testament.

in the presence of

W. R. White  
J. T. Bastin  
Mr. F. Pearson.

Witness my hand & seal

This January 14<sup>th</sup> 1867.

Lemuel Reid *LS*

The State of S. C.

Abbeville District

Personally appeared W. R. White before me (the said W. R. White being one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will) and being duly sworn according to law, deponeth and saith that he was personally present and did see Lemuel Reid sign, seal, publish and pronounce the same to be his last will and Testament - that testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief - and that J. T. Bastin and Mr. F. Pearson together with himself, in the presence of each other, and in the presence of the testator did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn before me this 7 Oct 1867

William Hill o. a. g.

W. R. White.

Having examined W. R. White, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing writing, and being satisfied that the same is the true last will and testament of Lemuel Reid decd. It is Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common form

7 Oct 1867.

William Hill. o. a. g.



The State of South Carolina } Personally appeared James A. Reid,  
 Abbeville District } executor named in the foregoing will, and  
 upon oath said that said writing contains the true last will and testament of  
 Lemuel Reid decd. to the best of his knowledge and belief and that he will  
 well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies  
 therein contained, so far as his goods and chattels will thereto extend and  
 the law charge me, and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all  
 such goods and chattels.  
 Subscribed before me this 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 1867 } J. A. Reid,  
 William Hill, ex. }  
 (William Hill, ex. }

Last Will and Testament } South Carolina, Abbeville Dist.  
 Dr Jno F. Livingston decd } Know all men by these presents that I, John F.  
 Livingston of the District & State aforesaid being of sound disposing mind  
 but knowing the uncertainty of life do make this my last will & Testament  
 in manner & form following,  
 1<sup>st</sup> I wish all my just debts to be paid.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> It is my will that all my property Real & Personal be disposed of by my  
 Executors whom I shall hereafter appoint, in such way as they shall Con-  
 sider most to the <sup>interest of the</sup> whole of my children & I hereby authorize & empower  
 my Exors to execute good & sufficient titles to the same.  
 3<sup>d</sup> To my daughters Sarah & Eliza I give each Five hundred dollars.  
 4<sup>th</sup> The remainder of my Estate (all debts being discharged) I wish to be  
 equally divided between my Five children share & share alike. The shares  
 of my daughters to be for the sole & separate use of them & their children,  
 not subject to the debts Contracts or engagements of any other, and should  
 either of my daughters depart this life intestate leaving no child or  
 children, then it is my wish that the share of such returns to my estate  
 to be distributed amongst the survivors or their children according to  
 the Statute of this State made and provided.  
 5<sup>th</sup> I hereby nominate & appoint J. Brauer & Jas William Livingston, &  
 J. Wardlaw Perin Executors to this my last will & Testament.  
 Signed sealed & declared as my last will & Testament in presence of  
 Joel Smith, W. H. McCaw and Jane Smith who at my request and  
 in my presence and in the presence of each other witnessed the execution  
 of the same the sixth day of September in the year of our Lord Eighteen  
 Hundred and Sixty Six.

Jno F. Livingston (L.S.)

Witnesses 'interest of the' & J. Wardlaw Perin  
 interlined before signing.

W. Joel Smith

W. H. McCaw

Jane Smith

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared W Joel Smith one of the  
Abbeville District } subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and being  
duly sworn, saith, that he was personally present and did see J<sup>r</sup> F. Livingston  
sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the said writing to be his last  
will & Testament that testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory  
and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief, and that W. H.  
McEwen and Jone Smith, together with himself, in the presence of each  
other, and in the presence of the testator did sign their names as witnesses  
to the due execution of the same.

Sworn before me this 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 1867 }  
W. H. McEwen

W. Joel Smith,

Having examined W Joel Smith, one of the subscribing witnesses to the  
foregoing writing, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and  
testament of J<sup>r</sup> F. Livingston do Order that it be admitted to probate  
in Common form.

1 Nov. 1867

William Hill, o. a. d.

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared J. Brown Livingston and  
Abbeville District } J. William Livingston before me they being two of  
the named Executors in the foregoing will of J<sup>r</sup> F. Livingston dec<sup>d</sup>. and  
made oath that said writing contains the true last will of said dec<sup>d</sup>. to  
the best of their knowledge & belief, that they will well and truly execute  
the same, so far as the goods and chattels will thereto extend, and the law  
charge them, viz. by paying first the debts, and then the legacies contained in  
the said will, and that they will make a true and correct inventory of the estate  
of the said dec<sup>d</sup>. within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn before me 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 1867 }  
William Hill, o. a. d.

J. Brown Livingston  
J. William Livingston

Last Will & Testament  
of Elias Ray dec<sup>d</sup>.

The State of South Carolina  
Abbeville District

In the name of God. Amen

I, Elias Ray, of State and District aforesaid being weak in body  
but Blessed of God with sound mind and memory have thought proper  
to make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner  
and form following

1<sup>st</sup> I wish all my just debts and dues to be paid.

2<sup>d</sup> I wish my beloved wife Ursley Mandoline to have the use of the Moor  
plantation and the home place also till the Drinkard Branch and up  
to James Hodges corner by the side of my fresh field near the road



going into the plantation for her maintenance and for the maintenance and schooling of my children that is I wish the younger ones to be made equal in schooling to the older ones, to have and to hold the above named lands during her life time or widowhood And provided when she (my wife) marries or dies for all the said land to fall back to my Estate to be equally divided amongst my children - And also all of the household furniture that is down in the lower story of the dwelling house. And all the kitchen furniture And also four head of horses (viz) my mare Loose one Male Mule and Beck and Loose colt and four head of cattle such as she may select herself and all the hogs and all the sheep and all the plantation tools Flows hoes axes &c. and the wagon. And also the Buggy & Carriage and harness all the foregoing mentioned articles remain for her benefit and the children and not to be squandered or destroyed or made way with for any purpose except for the Benefit of my children and provided all the foregoing named property or that may be by increase to be sold at her death or marriage and Equally divided among my children

3<sup>d</sup> And provided also that three acres of land where Elizabeth A. McCune now lives including the house be leased to her for as long as she lives or remains single and when she marries or dies the same to return back to my Estate.

4<sup>th</sup> The balance of the land not heretofore mentioned I leave in the care of my Executor hereafter named to be rented and the proceeds to be for the use of the family for the schooling of the children and other necessary purposes provided that there are enough of funds to pay all my just debts without selling it. If not I wish it to be sold and after all my debts are paid the balance of the money to be equally divided among my children.

5<sup>th</sup> I also give to my daughter Eliza Ann two beds and clothing and all the other furniture that is up stairs in both the rooms And also that she remain with the family as long as she remains single and have her support free of charge And provided she should marry she then can do for herself.

6<sup>th</sup> I wish the remaining bed that is up stairs after Eliza Ann takes her choice of two to remain with all the other beds in the house for the use of the family -

7<sup>th</sup> I now wish the remainder of my property not heretofore disposed of to be sold after my death and equally divided amongst my children.

8<sup>th</sup> I also wish it to be fairly understood that I wish all of my other children to be made up equal to what my daughter Mary Catherine has already got share and share all alike.

Likewise I make, constitute, and appoint R. L. Williams to be my Executor of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, and  
(affixed)

affixed my seal the fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven

Elias Ray (Ls)

Witness. Robert Stucky  
Hugh M. Prince  
Edward Davis.

The State of S. C. } Personally appeared Robert Stucky, one of the  
Abbeville District } subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and made  
oath that he was personally present and did see Elias Ray, sign, seal  
publish, pronounce and declare the said writing to be his last will &  
Testament that the testator, was of sound mind memory and understand-  
ing to the best of his knowledge & belief - and that Hugh M Prince  
and Edward Davis together with himself in the presence of the testa-  
tor, and in the presence of each other did sign their names as witnesses  
to the due execution of the same.

Sworn before me 25 Nov 1867 }  
W. Hill, o. a. d }

Robert Stucky,

Having examined Robt Stucky one of the subscribing witnesses to the  
foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and  
testament of the above named Elias Ray decd. It is ordered that it be  
admitted to Probate in Common form.

25 Nov 1867

William Hill, o. a. d

The State of S. C. } Personally came R. S. Williams, the executor named  
Abbeville Dist. } in the foregoing will, who being duly sworn, says, that  
the said writing is the true last will and testament of Elias Ray decd. to  
the best of his knowledge and belief; that he will well and truly execute  
the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies therein contained  
so far as the goods and chattels will thereunto extend, and the law  
charge him, and that he will make a true and correct Inventory  
and appraisement of all such goods and chattels,

R. S. Williams

Sworn before me 25 Nov 1867  
William Hill, o. a. d (Ls)



## ( Last Will &amp; Testament of Mary Smith decd )

The State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

In the name of God Amen.

I, Mary Smith of Abbeville District in the State of South Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but weak in body and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with - do make and ordain this my last will in manner following that is to say - That it is my will and desire that the heirs of G. J. Cannon - my deceased husband - will agree with my wish that all the debts that may be owing by or due against me, and my present husband W. C. Smith - at my death - shall be paid out of the funds arising from moneys out of the whole Estate, and also that they the above heirs will consent to the amount of fourteen hundred Dollars be paid over to my husband W. C. Smith - for through my influence, he has paid out that amount for debts due the estate of my deceased husband that he has not got any showing for - but should the above heirs refuse to submit to my request above mentioned - it is my will that he - W. C. Smith shall have that amount paid over to him or his heirs out of money coming to me out of the above estate with interest from the year 1858.

2. And it is also my will that the above heirs of my deceased husband G. J. Cannon, will agree with my wish in granting the privilege to all the servants in families of choosing their own masters, and then be valued by three disinterested gentlemen and the purchaser to take them at whatever value at. I make the above request for the special reason, that I have sold some of the negroes to pay debts, and gave them the privilege of choosing their masters, and I have raised nearly all the servants that I have, and it is my last wish that all those that may be yet living at my death should have the same privilege &c.
3. And it is my will that my Executor hereinafter mentioned shall grant my boy Jim Weems - the liberty of choosing his master, and his master take him at whatever three disinterested men may value him at &c.
4. And it is my will that my Executor hereinafter mentioned shall let out on interest One thousand Dollars of the money arising from my share of the above Estate that will be coming to me, and pay it over to the Stewards <sup>annually</sup> of the Methodist Church South. <sup>to be</sup> applied to the missionary Society and other necessitous cases, as the Stewards and members of the Quarterly Conference may from time to time

- or from year to year may deem best and prudent during time &c.
5. And it is my will that the remaining part of my property be kept out on interest, and the interest of it paid over to my husband Annually during his natural life.
  6. And it is my will that the two free boys namely Miles and John Cole that I have yet in my possession I give all my claims of them to my husband W. C. Smith.
  7. And it is my will that after the death of my husband W. C. Smith that my Estate then be divided in manner following that one fourth be equally divided between my husband's children &c.
  8. And I also give unto my Sister Martha Ruff one third part of ~~the~~ remaining part of my Estate.
  9. And I do also give the remaining two thirds of my Estate to be equally divided between all the children or heirs of my two brothers namely Samuel, and John Glymph.
  10. And lastly I do constitute and appoint my friend Thomas Thomson Executor of this my last will and testament by me hereunto made in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the seveneenth of April One thousand eight hundred and sixty two.

Mary Smith *LS*

Signed sealed and Published and declared as for the last will and testament of the above named Mary Smith in the presence of us

Jas W. Frazer *LS*

H. J. Sloan *LS*

Robt. Devlin *LS*

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared H. J. Sloan one of  
 Abbeville Dist } the Subscribing Witnesses to the annexed writing  
 and made oath that he was personally present and did see Mary  
 Smith sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the same to contain  
 her last will and testament that Testatrix was of sound and disposing  
 mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief  
 and that Jas W. Frazer and Robert Devlin together with himself  
 in the presence of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other did sign  
 their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Subscribed before me this 26. Nov 1867.  
 William Hill, o.c.d.

H. J. Sloan.

The State of S. Ca } Having examined H. J. Sloan one of the Subscribing  
 Abbeville Dist. } Witnesses to the annexed paper, purporting to be the last will of



Mary Smith decd. And being satisfied that it is the true last will & Testament of said decd. —

It is Ordered that the same be admitted to Probate in Com: foras  
Wells and Hill  
26 Nov 1867.

The State of S. C. } Personally appeared Thomas Thomson the Recor-  
Abbeville District } named in the annexed will and being sworn  
According to law, saith that said writing contains the true last will  
and Testament of Mary Smith decd. to the best of his knowledge and  
belief — and that he will well and truly execute the same, by paying  
first the debts and then the legacies therein contained, so far as the  
goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge him —  
and that he will make a true and correct inventory of said goods and  
chattels.

Sworn before me this 26 Decr 1867.

W. Hill, C. C. R.

Thos Thomson.

Last Will & Testament }  
of J. William Penny decd } South Carolina, Abbeville District.  
In the name of God, Amen.

I, J. W. Penny being of sound and disposing mind and memory  
and calling to mind the uncertainty of life; and knowing that it is  
appointed unto all men once to die, and not knowing how soon I  
shall be called, do ordain and institute this my last will and  
testament.

First — I bequeath my soul to God who gave it to me, and my body to  
the dust from whence it sprang, to be buried in a Christianlike  
manner.

Secondly. After paying all my just debts and funeral expenses, I desire  
that my Executors hereinafter named may sell any of my property,  
that they may think they have no use for on the farm: the balance  
of my property I wish to remain on the place as long as any two of  
my children may remain single, and after one of the two that is left  
single should marry, I desire a public sale to be made of all my  
property, and an equal division to be made among all of my lawful  
heirs. If agreeable to the legates after they all cease to be minors,  
the place and all the other property may be sold at public outcry  
to the highest bidder and an equal division be made among all  
of my lawful heirs.

I hereby constitute nominate and appoint my two sons  
William S. Penny and John W. Penny my sole Executors of this my  
last will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have  
(hereunto)

hereunto affixed my hand and seal this Feb'y 17<sup>th</sup> 1866.

J. W. Penny (L)

Witnesses

D. R. Penny

Salbert Cheatham

W. O. Purley.

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared W. O. Purley, one of the subscribing  
Admiral District } Witnesses to the within will and being sworn says -  
that he was personally present and did see J. W. Penny, sign, read, publish  
and declare said writing to contain his last will and testament,  
that testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and under-  
standing to the best of his knowledge & belief; and that D. R. Penny  
& Salbert Cheatham 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 10 Jan'y 1868.

W. Hill. C. C. D.

W. O. Purley

Having examined W. O. Purley one of the subscribing witnesses to  
the foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will  
of J. W. Penny dec<sup>d</sup>. - Ordered that it be admitted to probate in  
Common form.

10 Jan'y 1868.

W. Hill. C. C. D.

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared William T. Penny one of  
Admiral District } the Exors named in the foregoing will, and  
being duly sworn, says that said writing contains the last will and  
testament of J. W. Penny dec<sup>d</sup> to the best of his knowledge & belief -  
that he will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts  
and then the legacies therein contained so far as the goods and chattels  
will thereunto extend and the law charge him, and that he will make  
and return into the Ordinary's Office of said Dist. a true inventory and  
appraisement of all such goods and chattels.

Wm T. Penny

Sworn before me 10 Jan'y 1868

W. Hill. C. C. D.



The Last Will and Testament of D. Aaron W. Lynch dec<sup>d</sup>

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District }

I, Aaron W. Lynch being of sound & disposing mind & memory but of feeble health do make this my last will & testament.

- First. I desire all my just debts to be paid - my Executors to raise the funds for that purpose from what may be due to me, also from the proceeds of my last crop and from my present growing crops - and also from the proceeds of sale of One hundred & sixty acres of land in Florida which my Executor is authorized to sell for that purpose - and if there be insufficient to pay all my debts then my Executor in his or her discretion to dispose of such personal property as may be most conveniently and properly spared, for that purpose.
- 2<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath to beloved daughter Sarah Jane Lynch my old Homestead place containing about two hundred acres more or less, bounded by lands of Benj. Salmer, James Challing, Joel Cunningham & Benj. Williams, to her & her heirs forever. I also give her my Piano and One thousand Dollars in Cash to be Rec<sup>d</sup>. twelve months after my decease and to be raised in the same manner as the funds for the payment of debts are above directed to be raised.
- 3<sup>d</sup> I also give James W. Crawford the half brother of my said daughter, Mary her children & Grandchildren To wit Margueret & her child Jackson Charles Beckey & her child Squire, Arabella, Lizzy, Martha Annant & Mary Frowena and also Bob, together with all the increase of the females - In Trust for the sole & separate use of my said daughter Sarah J. Lynch for and during her natural life, and at her death I give the said Slaves & their increase to any issue she may leave living at her death to be equally divided between them, if more than one, and if but one child, to that one solely discharged of Trust. If my daughter leave no issue living then she shall have power to dispose of the said Slaves and their increase by will, but if she make no disposition of said Slaves by will, then I give said Slaves & increase to the rest of my children who may survive her equally, to be divided.
- 4<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Lynch the sum of Two thousand Dollars in Cash to be Rec<sup>d</sup>. by her at the time of the sale of my lands hereinafter directed.
- 5<sup>th</sup> All the rest & residue of my property both real & personal I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife Elizabeth, In trust nevertheless for the support & maintenance of herself and children and the education of her said children. I desire all my children both Sons & daughters to receive a good Collegiate education. The

*See Continuation of the will of A.W. Lynet on page 620*



*See continuation of the will of Mr. Lynch on page 620.*

plantation to be kept up, and the income & proceeds of slaves & crops to be applied for said purpose - and if that be insufficient for that purpose, then my said wife Trustee & Executrix to make sale of such property real or personal in her discretion as can be best spared for that purpose.

6th As each of my sons or daughters of my said wife come of age or marry, they are to receive such part or number of slaves, as in the discretion of my said Trustee may be best and most proper and most conveniently spared consistently with keeping up the plantation. - Provided that in the allotment thus to be made by my said Trustee - The following slaves, I desire to be a part of the number to each - To wit to my beloved daughter Eliza L, I especially desire my Trustee to allot, Maniah & her child Emma and also Georgiana & any increase they may then have. To my Beloved daughter Martha O. Lynch - Amanda & Franky & any Servants they may have - To my beloved son Benj. T. Lynch Gus & Anna, & any increase of Amanda. To my Beloved son William Elzabet Jane & Catherine - and any increase of said Catherine. To Addison W. Lynch Eliza & Eugenia and any increase of said Eugenia - The said slaves when allotted to be appraised & to be taken as part of their portion or share of my Estate - as I desire to make them all equal.

7th And at the arrival of age of my son Addison Watson, or if he dies under age, at the arrival of <sup>age</sup> my son William Edward my land, to be sold, and after payment to my wife of the proceeds of sale, the sum of two thousand dollars mentioned in 4th clause the balance of the proceeds to be equally divided between my said wife and her children by myself above named - and the remaining slaves also to be equally <sup>divide</sup> between my said wife and her <sup>children</sup> by myself, in such manner as taking into the estimate the slaves that may have been allotted previously may make the share of each equal in value.

8th The share of my daughters Eliza & Martha to be settled on them respectively to their sole & separate use for life, at their death remainder to their issue respectively. Should either of them die without issue I empower them in that event <sup>if of age</sup> to dispose of their shares by will the consent of the Trustee being given - If no disposition by will be made then remainder to the rest of my children who may be surviving. I empower my wife & Trustee to appoint by deed or will another Trustee who after her death will have the same power & control of the property as she has under this will. Should any of the above named children of my wife die under age & unmarried, the share or shares of such to be equally divided between my said wife if living, and my children who may survive.



9th The one thousand Dollars to my daughter Sarah J. instead of being rec<sup>d</sup>. in twelve months after my decease not to be rec<sup>d</sup> or raised untill the time of the sale of the lands mentioned in 7th Clause. I empower my daughter Sarah J. to appoint with Consent of her brother another Trustee

10 I appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth the Executrix of this my last will. Signed by the Testator this the 7th day of June 1862. in the presence of us, who witnessed in Testator's presence

The words on last page "If of age & V the consent"

A. W. Lynch

of Trustee being given "intentioned before signing"

J. H. Cobb - W. H. Gaines

Jas. W. Black.

State of South Carolina } Codicil to my will

Abbeville District } Executed the 7th June 1862.

1st I hereby alter the 7th Clause of my said will in this particular - Instead of the sale of of lands in the said Clause directed at the arrival of age of my son Addison Watson, or in case of his death the arrival of age of William Edward. I authorize and empower my Beloved wife Elizabeth as Trustee and Executrix in her discretion at any time to sell said lands and invest the proceeds of sale in the purchase of other lands, subject to the same trusts and limitations.

2nd I also hereby alter the third (3) Clause of my said will in this particular - Instead of Bob therein willed to my beloved daughter Sarah J. at a immediately after my death, I desire & hereby direct that Bob. belong to my beloved wife Elizabeth, as Trustee for the same purposes as mentioned in the 5th Clause of said will - to wit for the support and maintenance of herself and children - untill the arrival of age of my son Addison, or if he die under age - till the arrival of age of William Edward, and after that time the said Bob to be the property of my daughter Sarah J. Executed this of A. D. 1864.

In the presence of

A. W. Lynch

W. H. Gaines

Herling B.

S. M. Bowers

The State of S. Co }

Abbeville Dist }

Personally came Jas H. Cobb, one of the witnesses to the foregoing will, and being duly sworn says - that he was personally present and did see A. W. Lynch sign, publish and declare said writing to contain his last will & Testament that testator was of sound and disposing

mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief  
and that W. A. Gaines, and Jas. W. Black, together with himself in the  
presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other did sign their  
names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn before me 4 Jan'y 1868.

W. Hill c. a. d.

Jas. H. Cobb

Also personally appeared Sterling Bowen one of the witnesses to the  
Codicil attached to the foregoing will, and being sworn says that he was  
personally present and did see A. W. Lynch sign, and publish the same  
to be a Codicil to his last will dated 7 June 1868, and that the said  
A. W. Lynch, was of sound mind memory and understanding to the best  
of his knowledge & belief - that W. A. Gaines, and S. M. Bowen together  
with himself in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of  
each other did sign their names as witnesses of the due execution thereof.

Sworn before me 4 Jan'y 1868.

W. Hill c. a. d.

Sterling Bowen,

Having examined Jas. H. Cobb, and Sterling Bowen, two of the witnesses  
to the foregoing Will and Codicil, and being satisfied that the same  
contains the true last will of A. W. Lynch do

Ordain that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.

4 Jan'y 1868.

W. Hill. c. a. d.

The State of S. C.

Abbeville Dist } Personally appeared Elizabeth Lynch, Executrix  
named in the foregoing will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists  
of Almighty God, makes oath that said writing contains the true  
last will of the said Dr. A. W. Lynch to the best of her knowledge  
& belief - that she will well and truly execute the same as far as  
the goods and chattels will extend and the law charge her - and that  
she will make a true and correct inventory and appraisement of  
said goods and chattels, and return the same into the Ordinary's Office  
in order to be rendered within the time prescribed by laws

Sworn before me 4 Jan'y 1868

William Hill. c. a. d.

Elizabeth Lynch,



(Last Will & Testament of William Lesly dec<sup>d</sup>.)

I William Lesly of the District of Abbeville and State of South Carolina being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of life do make ordain publish and declare this to be my last will and testament: That is to say after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate real and personal I give bequeath and dispose of as follow: to wit:

- 1<sup>st</sup> I give a small boy Ned aged five years (son of Caroline) to my grand-daughter Martha Lesly Norris.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> I give a small girl Lucy aged three years (daughter of Caroline) to my grand daughter Lucy Riak Norris.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> I give Caroline and her children not herein or previously disposed of to C. J. W. Norris for the benefit of my granddaughters Martha L. and Lucy Riak Norris
- 4<sup>th</sup> I give Harriet and Eliza together with their future increase to my daughter Virginia E. Montgomery.
- 5<sup>th</sup> I give a small girl Sally aged two years (daughter of Eliza) to my grand-son William A. Montgomery
- 6<sup>th</sup> I give Lucy and Henry to my son Alpheus E. Lesly
- 7<sup>th</sup> I give Rose and Beckey together with their future increase to my son John Joseph Lesly
- 8<sup>th</sup> I give my plantation on which I now reside, the plantation tools and implements, the household and kitchen furniture, together with all the stock of horses cattle &c of which I am or may be possessed to my sons A. E. & J. J. Lesly
- 9<sup>th</sup> I give my Rail Road stock to my sons A. E. & J. J. Lesly provided they pay all my just debts and take care of my faithful old servants Pompey and Lelly.
- 10<sup>th</sup> I give to the Bible Society twenty dollars
- 11<sup>th</sup> If I have any money on hand at my death I give one half of the same to my grand daughters M. L. and Lucy Riak Norris the other half to my daughter Virginia E. Montgomery.

And I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my sons Alpheus E. & John J. Lesly Executors of this my last will and testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the fourth day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty.

W<sup>m</sup> Lesly (LS)

At the request of the testator & in his presence & in the presence of each other, we have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses of the signing and sealing of the foregoing instrument — Samuel Reid, Tho<sup>s</sup> Lesly, John W. Lesly.

(In the matter of the last will of Wm. Lesly, decd.)

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

Abbeville District } Personally appeared John W. Lesly, before me and made oath that he was personally present and did see Wm. Lesly sign, seal, publish and pronounce the foregoing writing to be his last will & testament - that the testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief - and that Lemuel Reid and Thos. Lesly, 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.

Subscribed before me 28 Decr 1867

J. W. Lesly

William Hill, o. a. d.

Having examined J. W. Lesly, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will & testament of William Lesly, decd. - Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Com. form.

28 Decr 1867.

William Hill o. a. d.

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

Abb. Dist } Personally appeared before me - A. E. Lesly one of the Executors named in the foregoing will, and made oath that said writing is the true last will & testament of William Lesly, decd., so far as his knowledge extends - and that he will well and truly execute the same, by paying 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 Ordinarys office a true and correct inventory and appraisement of the estate of the said decd. and return the same into the Ordinarys office within the time prescribed by law.

Subscribed before me 10 Jan'y 1868.

A. E. Lesly.

W. Hill, o. a. d.

Last Will & Testament

of

Weldon Pearman decd.

Will.

I, Weldon Pearman of the State of South Carolina Abbeville District do make and publish this my last will

and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and first I direct that my body be decently interred in the burying ground at little river Meeting house according to the rites and ceremonies of the said Church, and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate and situation in life and as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to intrust me with I



dispose of the same as follows.

first I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my executor from any portion of my estate real or personal all so I direct that a fair valuation or appraisement be made by three judicious neighbours of all my said estate including my household furniture and after being signed with their names that a copy of the same shall be given by them to each of my executors. I all so direct that my wife Elizabeth shall have the house of the home stead place and the house of so much of it as might be required for a decent mantans during her wider hood or life time all so one horse and small wagon and farming implements sufficient for one plow all so what house hold and celcten furniture as shall be necessary I all so direct that at her death or wider hood the abov named land and other property be sold and equal divided among my severl ears sheen and sheen a like

I all so direct that my other land ninty acre mo. or less call the Williams place and all my other property monyes notes and Acounts be appraised and sold after my decessed and an equal distribution made among my severl ers sheen and sheen a like and I do here by make and adain my son Benjamin Peaman executor of this my last Will and testament in witness where of I Weldon Peaman the testator have to this my will written on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this the twenty ninth of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty eight.

J. G. E. Branyon

W. Peaman (sf)

E. O. Pruitt

H. C. Shirley

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us who have subscribed in the presence of each other.

The State of Va. } Personally appeared J. G. E. Branyon one of the  
Abbeville Dist } Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing writing and  
being <sup>duely</sup> sworn says that he was personally present and did see W. Peaman  
sign seal, and publish the same to be his last Will and testament - that  
testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding  
to the best of his knowledge & belief - that E. O. Pruitt and H. C. Shirley  
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.

Witness my hand 18 Feb. 1868

W. H. Bell 008

J. G. E. Branyon.

Having examined J. E. Whang on one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing writing, and being satisfied that it is the true last will of W. Peerman decd. "Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form."

18 July 1868

To Hill & Co.

The State of S. Co } Personally appeared Benjamin Peerman & to  
Abbeville Dist. } named in the foregoing will and made oath that the  
same writing contains the true last will of Weldon Peerman decd. 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  
good and chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge him - and that  
he will make and return into the Ordnance Office of the said District a true  
and correct Inventory and appraisement of the estate of the said decd. within  
the time prescribed by laws.

Sworn before me 18 July 1868

To Hill & Co.

Benjamin Peerman.

Last Will & Testament  
of  
John Charles, decd.

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville District. }

In the name of God Amen.

I, John Charles of the District and State  
aforesaid, Farmer, being feeble in body, but of sound and  
disposing mind and memory, praised be God for the same,  
do make this my last will and Testament in manner and  
form following: First I will, and desire that I may be  
decently buried, and that all my funeral expenses be paid  
as soon as they can be conveniently done after my decease.  
I also, give devise, and bequeath to my daughter Mary  
Dixon all that portion of my plantation on which my dwelling  
house, and other buildings are situated, lying south of a  
line to be run, starting from a black oak station near the  
edge of my old field, and on the line between my land  
and John S. Reid's Bellefonte plantation, and running with  
the road until it strikes the corner in the road where the land of  
Robert Keaton and a small tract which I gave off to my  
daughter Henriette comes to her, for her use, benefit, and  
support, for and during her natural life, without let or  
hindrance, and after the death of my daughter, Mary  
Dixon, then this portion of my plantation to be divided between  
and among the rest of my children as herein after to be named,  
Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Dixon, all  
(my)



my personal property of every kind, stock, household, and kitchen furniture, and all my plantation tools, together with all the money either on hand, or that may be coming to me, to her, her heirs, administrators, executors, or assigns forever.

That part of my plantation not devised to my daughter Mary Dixon, to be rented out by me or <sup>her</sup> hereinafter to be named, and the proceeds to be accounted for on a final settlement of my estate, after the decease of my daughter Mary Dixon.

It is my will, and I direct my executor hereinafter to be named to dispense with any inventory and appraisement of my estate of any kind whatever, or any application to the Ordinary for that purpose.

It is my will, and I direct my executor hereinafter to be named, after the death of my daughter Mary Dixon, to sell all my plantation at such time, and on such terms, as he may think best, and I hereby authorize and empower him to make good and sufficient titles to the purchaser or purchasers of the same, and it is my will, and I direct that the proceeds of the sale and rent of that part above not devised, be divided share and share alike among and between my other children.

And I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son in law Robert S. Dixon executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof, I, the said John Charles have hereunto set my hand and seal, this twelfth day of March one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight, and in the ninety second year of the Independence of the United States.

Signed, sealed, published, and delivered, by the above named John Charles, as for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who bear at his request, and in his presence subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Test

J. S. Reid

Francis Wilson

Rebecca Thornton

his

John S. Charles (S)

mark

The words "until it strikes the corner in the road, was interlined before signing, on the space between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> lines from the bottom on the first page.

The State of S. Ca

Abbeville Dist

In the Prof Ordinary.  
Personally appeared John S. Reid before me, he being one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing writing, and being duly sworn, sayeth, that he was personally present and did see John Charles sign (by making his)

his mark) publish, pronounced and declared said writing to be his last will and testament - that testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief - and that Francis Wilson and Rebecca Thornton, together with himself, in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Sworn before me 15 June 1868

William Hile o.a.d. }

J. S. Reid

Having examined J. S. Reid, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing writing, and being satisfied that it is the true last will of John Charles duval - Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Com. form.

15 June 1868

William Hile o.a.d. (Seal)

The State of S. C. }

Abbeville Dist. }

Personally appeared Robert S. Dixon, the son named in the foregoing will, and being duly sworn by me declares on oath that the said writing is the true last will of John Charles duval so far as he knows and believes - that he will will and truly execute the same by paying first the debts, and then the legacies therein contained so far as the goods and chattels will extend and the law charge him.

Robert S. Dixon.

Sworn before me 15 June 1868.

W. Hile o.a.d.

Last will & Testament  
of  
Mrs Elizabeth C. South decd

South Carolina

Abbeville District

I, Elizabeth C. South, widow of the

said State and District, hereby make, ordain and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form following.


First

I give and bequeath all my Estate of whatsoever kind and description to my son Elias W. South. In Trust to and for the use and benefit of my Grand daughters, Virginia M. A. South and Florentine Savannah South, the daughters of my said son Elias W. It is my will and I hereby direct, that the said bequest, or part of it, be expended by the said Trustee at his discretion, for the benefit of my said Grand daughters, and the remainder, if any, be equally divided between them share and share alike, at their marriage, or upon their arriving



at the age of Twenty one years.  
 second I hereby appoint my said son E. W. South, sole Executor of this my last will and Testament.

Witness my hand and seal this thirty first day of January A. D. One thousand, Eight hundred and sixty eight.

Elizabeth C. <sup>her</sup> South   
 mark

Signed, sealed, and declared by the said  
 Testatrix to be her last will in our presence

J. M. White

J. M. Ramsey

W. C. Cozby

The State of South Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally appeared James McWhite  
 one of the witnesses to the foregoing will, and being duly sworn, says  
 that he was personally present and did see Elizabeth C. South  
 sign (by making her mark) seal, publish and declare the same to  
 be her last will & Testament - that she was of sound mind  
 memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief,  
 that J. M. Ramsey and W. C. Cozby, together with himself  
 in the presence of the testatrix and in the presence of each other  
 did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same  
 sworn before me 26 March 1868

William H. H. o. a. g.

J. M. White.

Having examined J. M. White one of the subscribing witnesses to the fore-  
 going writing and being satisfied that it is the true last will  
 of Elizabeth C. South deceased. Ordered that it be admitted to  
 Probate in Common form

26 March 1868.

William H. H. o. a. g.

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will  
 of the within named Elizabeth C. South deceased so far as I know  
 or believe, and that I will well and truly execute the same by  
 paying first the debts and then the legacies contained in said will,  
 as far as the goods and chattels will therewith extend and the law  
 shall require, and that I will in all respects perform the duty  
 of all such goods and chattels. So help Me God.

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this

13<sup>th</sup> day of September 1872

J. C. Woodman Jr.

C. C. Fox, J. C.

E. W. South.

( Last Will and Testament  
of James W. Mitchell dec'd )

In the name of God Amen. I, James W. Mitchell of the State of South Carolina and Abbeville District being of sound mind memory and understanding and calling to mind the certainty of death and being desirous of disposing such worldly estate as it pleased God to bless me with do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, in manner following (viz) —

- 1<sup>st</sup> I will my body to the ground from whence it came and my soul to God who gave it.
- 2<sup>d</sup> I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid
- 3<sup>d</sup> I will devise give and bequeath to my Niece Cloak, E. Spruell all my Estate both real & personal consisting of Seven and three quarters acres of Land situate in Abbeville District S.C. On Turkey Creek, also all my Stock of horses Cattle Hogs, and all my notes & accts all my House hold & Kitchen furniture and every other article of property that I am possessed of to be hers forever — & that the same be hers without sale.
- 4<sup>th</sup> And Lastly I appoint & constitute my Brother Benjamin S. Mitchell my Executor to this my last will & Testament to execute & carry out the same. Witness my hand & Seal this Twenty fifth day of September A.D. one thousand eight hundred & fifty seven.

Signed sealed & delivered  
published & declared

James W. Mitchell (Seal)

In presence of

W. P. Martin

Jas F. Donaldson

A. E. Ray

The State of S. Co

Abbeville County

Personally appeared J. F. Donaldson one of the subscribing witnesses to the within will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God saith that he was personally present and did see James W. Mitchell, sign, seal publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament — that testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief and that W. P. Martin and A. E. Ray together with himself in the presence of each



others and in the presence of the Testator did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Subscribed before me 6 July 1868 }  
(W. Hill, o. c. & s.)

J. F. Donnell.

St. Co. Abbeville County.

Having examined J. F. Donnell one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true, last will and testament of Jas. W. Mitchell decd. —

Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in common form.

6 July 1868.

(W. Hill, o. c. & s.)

The State of S. Co. } By William Hill Ordway

Abbeville County The Testator named in the foregoing will having conceived the appointment of Letters of Administration with the will annexed was on this day granted to Charles Pruitt, the only legatee

18 Sept 1868

William Hill Ordway

Last Will & Testament }  
of "  
Margaret R. Wardlaw.

South Carolina

Abbeville County.

I, Margaret R. Wardlaw of the

County of Abbeville, do make and publish this my last will and testament in the fear of God and being in possession of a good understanding & a sound mind.

First I direct that my just and lawful debts be first paid out of my Estate. Secondly I will and bequeath unto my son Thomas M. Colom deceased or his bodily heirs, two hundred and fifty dollars. I also will and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah, Mrs. Scott (when last heard from in the State of Texas) or to her bodily heirs, two hundred and fifty dollars. I will and bequeath to my remaining three children Wanda J. Wardlaw, Jane B. Foster and Margaret L. Moore, the balance of my real & personal Estate, to be divided equally betwixt them. — I direct that my Executors, sell my tract of land, lying on the waters of Reedy branch, known as the old place, containing three hundred acres more or less, the proceeds of which sale, is to be divided equally betwixt the three last mentioned children, Wanda J. Wardlaw, Jane B. Foster and Margaret L. Moore, or their bodily heirs.

I further direct that my house I now live in, together with all the out buildings, and one hundred acres of land most convenient to said buildings (a part of what is called

(my)

my McKittick tract) be valued and apportioned to my daughter Jane B. Foster as so much of her part of my Estate. The balance of my McKittick tract of land I direct to be equally divided, or as much so as possible, into two tracts for my son David J. Wardlaw, and my daughter Margaret L. Moore, which tracts are to be valued or sold as may be agreed on between my son David J. Wardlaw and my son-in-law Mr. A. Moore which valuations or sales is to be received & accounted for by them as so much of their parts of my Estate. I also direct that the balance of my property, consisting of household & kitchen furniture, plantation tools & stock Horses, Mules, Cows & hogs, be lotted off, valued or sold as may be agreed on between my son David J. Wardlaw, Jane B. Foster and son-in-law Mr. A. Moore, and to be divided equally between them, and by each of them to be accounted for as so much of their parts of my Estate. Lastly I do ordain, constitute and appoint my son David J. Wardlaw and son-in-law Mr. A. Moore, Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said Margaret R. Wardlaw have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal on this the fifth day of May in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and sixty eight.

Signed, sealed & delivered  
in presence of—

Jest. L. D. Connor.

Mr R. Buchanan

Jas. F. Smith

Her  
Margaret + R. Wardlaw  
mark

The State of S. Ca

Adair County

Personally appeared L. D. Connor, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and made oath that he was personally present and did see Margaret R. Wardlaw, sign (by making her mark) publish, pronounce and declare the same to be her last will and testament—that testatrix was of sound & disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief—that Mr R. Buchanan and Jas. F. Smith, together with himself, in the presence of the testatrix and in the presence of each other did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn before me this 9 Sept 1868.

(William Hills, oag)

L. D. Connor.

The State of S. Ca —

In the Court of Ordinary.

Having examined L. D. Connor one of the subscribing



witnesses to the foregoing writing and being satisfied that it is the true last will and testament of Margaret R. Wardlaw dec'd -

It is Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common form.

9 Sept 1868.

William Hill. C. A. & L. S.

The State of S. Ca }  
 Abbeville County } Personally appeared D. J. Wardlaw and  
 W. A. Moore Executors named in the foregoing will, and being duly  
 sworn say that said writing contains the true last will of  
 Margaret R. Wardlaw dec'd so far as they know and believe, that  
 they will well and truly execute the same by paying first the  
 debts and then the legacies therein contained so far as the  
 goods and chattels will extend and the law shall require, and  
 that they will make and return into the office of the Ordinary  
 of said County a true inventory of the Estate of the said dec'd  
 within the time prescribed by law.

Dated J. Wardlaw.

Wm. A. Moore

Subscribed and sworn to this 18 Sept 1868.

W. Hill. C. A. & L. S.

Last Will and Testament  
 of Alexander Branyon dec'd.

State of South Carolina  
 Abbeville County.

I, Alexander Branyon of said State and County  
 being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my Last  
 will and Testament in manner and form following. viz. I will my  
 soul to God who gave it and my Body to the dust from whence it came.  
 I will to my Beloved wife Anne Branyon during her natural Life my  
 entire Estate of all kinds except what she brought with her when we  
 were married and those Articles which she had when we were married.  
 I desire that she have them in fee simple. I desire that my said  
 wife have the right to dispose of whatever articles she thinks  
 best to pay my just debts and to make any compromise with Creditors  
 or Debtors that she can I desire that at the Death of my wife Anne  
 whatever there may be of the Life Estate given to her by my will shall  
 be equally divided between the Eskine College at One west, and  
 the Baptist Church at Bethel to be used by them as they think best.  
 Lastly I appoint my wife Anne Branyon Executrix of this my  
 Last will and Testament hereby Revoking all other wills by me  
 made Witness my hand and seal the third day of September  
 one Thousand eight hundred & sixty eight.

Alexander Branyon (S)

Signed in his presence and in the presence of each other as the  
 will of Alexander Branyon.

J. M. Matteson, Wm. A. Bigby  
 J. S. Matteson

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared Thomas S. Matteson,  
 Abbeville County } one of the subscribing Witnesses to the fore-  
 going will, and made oath, that he was personally present, and  
 did see Alexander Branyon sign, seal, publish, pronounce and  
 declare the same to be his last will and testament - that testator  
 was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding  
 to the best of his knowledge and belief - and that G. M. Matteson  
 and Wm A Bigby - 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 14 Sept 1868.  
 (W. Hill o. a. d.)

Thos S. Matteson.

Having examined Thos S. Matteson, one of the subscribing Witnesses  
 to the foregoing will, and being satisfied that the same is the true  
 last will of Alexander Branyon decd —

Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Com. form  
 14 Sept 1868

(W. Hill. o. a. d.)

The State of S. Ca }  
 Abbeville County } Personally appeared Anne Branyon the  
 Executrix named in the foregoing will and made oath that  
 said writing is the true last will of the said Alexander  
 Branyon decd - so far as she knows and believes - that she will  
 will and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and  
 then the legacies therein contained so far as the goods and  
 Chattels will thereunto extend, and the law charge her; and  
 that she will make a true and perfect Inventory of all such goods  
 and Chattels, and return the same into the Ordinarys Office of  
 said County within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn before me 14 Sept 1868  
 (W. Hill. o. a. d.)

Anne <sup>her</sup> X Branyon  
 mark

Last Will & Testament  
of William O. Pursley

In the name of God, Amen.

I, W. O. Pursley of the State of South Caro-  
 lina, and District of Abbeville, being of sound mind and  
 memory, but calling to mind the uncertainty of life, and being  
 desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased  
 God to bless me with do make and ordain this my last will  
 and Testament in the manner following. Viz after all my



just debts shall have been paid, I leave and bequeath unto my beloved wife Narcissa my tract of land consisting of Two hundred and eighteen acres more or less, bounded by James Purley on the North and West and James Williams on the East and David Knox on the South. And in addition to this I leave and bequeath unto my beloved wife Narcissa the whole of my personal property. And lastly I do constitute and appoint my brother David Ephraim Purley sole Executor of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred <sup>and</sup> fifty eight.

W. O. Purley (L)

James Purley  
David Knox  
L. J. Johnson

The above instrument was now signed by W. O. Purley the testator in the presence of each of us, and was at the time declared by him to be his last will and Testament, and we, at his request, sign our names hereto, as attesting witnesses

James Purley  
David Knox  
L. J. Johnson

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared L. J. Johnson, one of the  
Albion District Notary Public, to the within will, and on oath says that he was personally present and did see Wm O Purley sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament that testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief and that James Purley and David Knox together with himself in the presence of each other, and in the presence of the testator did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same

Subscribed before me this 17 Sept 1868

(William H. Hill, Ord)

Abk County

L. J. Johnson.

Having examined L. J. Johnson, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and testament of Wm. O. Purley deceased

Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Com: for

W. H. Hill, Ordg. Abk. Co.

17 Sept 1868.

Letter of adm: with the will of Wm O Purley deceased was granted to A. A. Edwards on the 24 Oct 1868 W. H. Hill, Ordg.

Last Will & Testament  
of  
Elizabeth Black decd

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

I, Elizabeth Black of the District and State aforesaid being in usual health and of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make declare and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills, by me at any time heretofore made; and as to my worldly Estate, and all the property both Real and personal of which I shall die seized and possessed. I devise bequeath and dispose thereof in manner following, to wit. First my will is that my just debts and funeral expenses shall by my Executors hereinafter named, be paid out of my personal Estate, as soon after my decease as convenient. Item, It is my will that my Executors do sell all of my personal property (except as hereinafter excepted) and out of the proceeds arising from such sale, pay over the sum of Two hundred Dollars, to my grandson Pickens R Black son of James W. Black, if my said grandson shall then be of lawful age, and should he be then under the age of twenty one years my Executors shall hold and expend the same for his education, or in any other manner most to his benefit, according to the best of their judgment. I also will, give, devise and bequeath unto my said Grandson one good bed and bedclothing, and a good bedstead to be delivered to him at my decease. Item: After the payment of my debts and the special legacies above mentioned, it is my will that the balance of the money arising from the sale of my personalty above directed, shall be equally divided into five shares, of which one share shall be paid to my daughter Mrs Eliza A. Clinckscals, and a share each to my daughters Mrs Mary Kay widow of F. L. Kay deceased and Sarah L. Blake wife of A. Milton Blake, and also one share each to the children of my son John C. Black deceased and of my son Dr. William P. Black deceased, the child or children of any deceased daughter, or grandchildren above named, to take the share of his, her or their parent would have taken if then living.

My Real Estate being the plantation on which I now live, containing four hundred and fifty acres more or less, situate, lying, and being on Johnson's Creek in the District and State aforesaid, bounded by lands of S. W. Bowen, George Milford & M. M. Lee & others, I give and devise to my nephew James Augustus Black in trust to receive the rents and profits thereof, and in his discretion to apply the same to the maintenance of the wives and children of my two sons James W. Black, and Joseph Ramsay Black, during the lives of my said sons, and the life of the survivor; and at



the death of both of my said sons, the said plantation or tract of land shall go absolutely and forever in fee simple to the children of my said sons, equally share and share alike freed from any further trusts whatsoever.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my said son James L. Black (except in so far as relates to my real estate over which he is to have no control) and my nephew James Augustus Black Executors of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I, the said Elizabeth Black have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty second day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven

Elizabeth <sup>her</sup> Black <sup>mark</sup> (Seal)

signed, sealed and published and declared by the said Elizabeth Black as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us, who at her request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Wm. F. Pearson

Wm. Ashley

Wesley A. Black

The State of S. Ca }

Abbeville County } Personally appeared Wesley A. Black, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and being duly sworn, says that he was personally present and did see Elizabeth Black sign the same (by making her mark), seal, publish and pronounced the same to be her last will and testament - that testatrix was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief - that Wm. F. Pearson and Wm. Ashley - together with himself, in the presence of the Testatrix, and in the presence of each other did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Subscribed before me 17 Oct 1868

William Hill - Ordinary.

Wesley A. Black.

Having examined Wesley A. Black, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will. I am satisfied that it is the true last will of Elizabeth Black, and it is therefore Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.

William Hill - Ordinary

17 Oct 1868.

(Cont. on)

The State of S. C. }  
 Abbeville County }

Personally appeared James Augustus Black  
 one of the Executors named in the foregoing will, who being duly  
 sworn according to law saith - that said writing is the true last  
 will of Elizabeth Black - 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 thereunto extend, and the law charge him,  
 and that he will cause to be made a true Inventory of all such  
 goods and chattels, and return the same into the office of the  
 Ordinary of said County within the time prescribed by law.

Jas A Black

Sworn before me this 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 1868

( W. Hill. Ordinary )

Personally appeared J. Wm Black, one of the Exrs named in the  
 within will, and being sworn according to law says that the said  
 writing contains the true last will of Elizabeth Black dead - to the best  
 of his knowledge & belief, and that he will well and truly execute the  
 same by paying first the debts, and then the legacies therein contained so  
 far as the goods and chattels will extend and the law charge him

Sworn before me 30 July 1869

Jas W Black

( W. Hill. J. Pro A. B. )