

The State of South Carolina's Probate  
County of Abbeville Court

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last Will  
of the within named decedent, 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  
for as his goods and Chattels will therunto extend and the  
law charge me, and that I will make a true and  
perfect Inventory of all such goods and Chattels right and  
Credits. So Help me God.  
Given and Subscribed to before me  
on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 1857.

J. J. Lattimer  
Judge Probate Court

Last Will and Testament  
of A. M. Blake  
Deceased

The State of South Carolina  
Abbeville County

I A. M. Blake  
of Abbeville County in the State of South Carolina do make  
publish and declare this my last will and Testament to wit  
After my lawful debts are paid, it is my will that the  
residue of my property real and personal be kept together  
during the lifetime of my wife Sarah L. Blake, if it is  
not thought to be inconsistent with the interest of my  
Estate by my executors hereinafter named, but if it is  
thought best for the interest of my estate or for the comfort  
and satisfaction of my wife Sarah L. Blake, my executors  
are hereby authorized and empowered to sell all or any part  
of said estate and in the event of the sale of all or any  
part of said estate, since it is my will that the proceeds of  
such sale be kept by my executors for the benefit of  
my wife Sarah L. Blake, whom I desire to have the use  
of the entire property to enable her to advance the interest of

- the family as fully as if I were living.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> After the death of my wife Sarah L. Blake, it is my will that all my children to wit John James, Cecilia Elizabeth, Ellen Black, James, Helena and Sarah Lewis receive equal shares of my estate in accordance with the statement herein made.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> John James has received three hundred dollars for his College course.
- 4<sup>th</sup> I will that Cecilia Elizabeth receive three hundred dollars with interest thereon from sixth May A. D. 1856, which will equate her with John.
- 5<sup>th</sup> I will that Ellen Black receive a credit of three hundred dollars on the principal of the judgment Bond and Mortgage in the matter of the land of T. A. Peay in Fairfield County and also a credit for the interest due thereon up to first January A. D. 1856 - said credits to be made on said judgment Bond & in favor of said Ellen Black.
- 6<sup>th</sup> James Dickens has received his three hundred dollars.
- 7<sup>th</sup> I will that my daughter Sarah Lewis receive her education free of charge and two hundred dollars with interest thereon after she arrives at the age of twenty-one. After she arrives at said age should she not get a position as teacher, she shall have a support so long as she remains on the farm with her mother.
- 8<sup>th</sup> After the death of my wife Sarah L. Blake I will and direct that all of my property, real and personal, be sold and the proceeds of sale be equally divided among my children above named after the foregoing provisions in reference to each of them are fulfilled and if any of them should die, then their children shall take the share to which the demand parent would have been entitled if living: except in the case of John James whose distributive share I give to him in trust for the sole and separate use of his wife Annie M. Blake and her children with full power and authority to sell and invest the same or in his judgment may seem to the best interest of the trust estate.
- I do hereby constitute and appoint Sarah L. Blake, John P. Blake and James J. Blake Executors of this my last Will and Testament.
- In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the sixteenth day of May in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-five.
- A. M. Blake

The above written instrument was subscribed by Abner M. Blake in our presence, and acknowledged by him to each of us, and he at the same published and declared the above written instrument to be his last Will and Testament, and we at the Dictators request and in his presence signed our names thereto.

J. P. Berger  
 W. T. Matthews  
 Emma Blake

The State of South Carolina  
 Abbeville County Probate Court

Present Honorable Fuller Lygon Judge Probate Court

Personally appeared J. P. Berger subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of A. M. Blake late of Abbeville County deceased who being duly sworn deponee and saith that he was present, and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said A. M. Blake and deponee further saith that the said A. M. Blake at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the best of deponee's knowledge and belief of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and that he J. P. Berger the deponee and W. T. Matthews and Emma Blake in the presence of each other and of the said A. M. Blake and at his request signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January  
 one thousand eight hundred and  
 eighty-seven

Fuller Lygon  
 Judge Probate Court

By the Master of the  
 Last Will and Testament  
 of A. M. Blake

Upon due examination of J. P. Berger and of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument

of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament  
of J. S. Blake late of Albemarle County deceased  
did appear to my satisfaction, that the same is the  
true last will of said deceased, it is therefore ordered  
and decreed that it be admitted to probate in  
Common Form and that L. H. B. Blake and J. S. Blake  
Executors.

J. S. Blake  
Judge Probate Court

The State of South Carolina Probate  
County of Albemarle Court

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the  
true last Will of within named decedent, so far as it  
knows or believes, and that we will make well and truly  
execute the same by paying first the debts and then the  
legacies contained in said Will as far as his goods and  
effects will thereto extend and the law charge and  
that we will make a true and perfect Inventory of all  
real goods and chattels, rights and credits, To wit: me

Sworn and Subscribed to before J. S. Blake  
me this 25th day of January 1887.  
J. S. Blake  
J. S. Blake

# Last Will and Testament of Nancy M. Clain, Deceased

Know all men by these Presents, That I Nancy M. Clain of the County of Abbeville, and State of South Carolina, being in usual health and of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Will by me at any time heretofore made.

And as to my worldly estate, and all the property real personal or mixed, of which I shall die seized and possessed, or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I devise bequest and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit.

First My Will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall by my executor hereinafter named be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall by law be found convenient.

Then After my just debts and funeral expenses are paid I give, devise and bequest all my property that Personal or mixed, of what character soever, of which I shall die seized and possessed, or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, to my two sisters Lotta M. Clain and Sarah C. M. Clain for and during the term of their joint natural lives, and upon the death of one of them to the survivor for and during the term of her natural life, and upon the death of the survivor of my said two sisters, or if I should survive my said two sisters then upon my death to my niece and grand nieces and grand niece to wit: Nancy Ashley and Mary J. Saffley children of my deceased sister Elizabeth Ashley and Minnie J. Clain Robert J. M. Clain and William C. M. Clain children of my nephew James Clain M. Clain share and share alike and if any one or more of them should die leaving a child or children living at the time of the death of the last survivor of us the three sisters such child or children to take the part to which the parent or parents would be entitled if living.

And I further will and devise and so direct that if any one or more of my said niece and

grand nephews, and grand nieces should die before the last survivor of us the three said sisters without leaving issue living at the time of his, her or their death that the part of my estate heretofore willed to him, her or them shall be equally divided between the survivors of my said nieces, grand-nephews, and grand-nieces. And Lastly I do nominate, call, appoint my said nephew James Oliver McElvain to be the sole executor of this my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I the said Nancy McElvain have to this my last Will and Testament subscribed my name, and affixed my seal this the second day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eighty-three.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Nancy McElvain as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of, us who at her request and in her presence, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Nancy McElvain  
Wife  
Mark

Wm. Grant McAdams  
J. H. McAdams  
J. H. McAdams

The State of South Carolina In Probate Court  
County of Abbeville

Present Hon. J. Fuller Lyon Judge Probate Court.

Personally appeared J. H. Smith subscribing witness to the aforesaid instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Nancy McElvain late of Abbeville County deceased who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was present and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said Nancy McElvain. And deponeeth further saith that the said Nancy McElvain at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the best of deposers knowledge and belief of sound,

and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that J. W. Smith (the deponent), and W. H. Adams and J. M. Adams in the presence of each other and of the said Nancy M. Clain, and at her request signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Read and subscribed to before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April One thousand eight hundred and eighty seven J. Fuller Lyon J. Pr. Ct.

J. W. Smith

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of Nancy M. Clain Deceased.

Upon due examination of J. W. Smith one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Nancy M. Clain late of Abbeville County deceased it appears to my satisfaction that the same is the true last Will of the said deceased. It is therefore ordered and decreed that it be admitted to probate in common form and that letters Testamentary be granted to J. C. M. Clain as sole Executor.

J. Fuller Lyon Judge Probate Court.

South Carolina Abbeville County

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last Will of the within named 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 extend and the law charge me and I will make a true and perfect Inventory of all such goods and chattels rights and credits as help me God

Sworn and subscribed before me April 22, 1887 J. Fuller Lyon Judge Probate Court.

J. C. M. Clain

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 Last Will and Testament  
 of John Robertson  
 Deceased.

In the name of God Amen  
 I, John Robertson in  
 my seventy-fifth year of sound mind, and  
 body, a citizen of the county of Abbeville  
 South Carolina, do make this my last Will  
 and testament which is substantially the same  
 as the one made the 9<sup>th</sup> of May A.D. 1883.

First. I desire my debts to be paid.

Second. I direct my Executor to erect substantial  
 but simple and inexpensive tombstones over the  
 remains of my two deceased wives, and my  
 deceased son Samuel Robertson and also a stone  
 over my remains.

Third. The rest and residue of my property of  
 all descriptions I will and bequeath in  
 equal shares to my six grand children as  
 follows: William Donald Spruell and Spruell  
 and Nancy Spruell children of my daughter  
 Elizabeth Spruell, and Samuel Oscar Batts,  
 Lula Batts and John Batts children of my  
 daughter Catherine deceased, each of the  
 above named six grand children will take  
 one sixth of the estate given.

I appoint my Brother William S. Robertson  
 the executor of this will.

In witness whereof I have this the 20<sup>th</sup> September  
 A.D. 1884. set my hand and seal

John Robertson

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John  
 Robertson as his last will and testament in the presence  
 of us who in his presence and at his request and in the  
 presence of each other have hereunto set our names as witnesses

J. P. Cunningham  
 J. H. Hill  
 G. A. Douglass



The State of South Carolina, Probate Court,  
County of Abbeville

Present: Hon. J. Fuller Lyon, Judge Probate Court.

Personally appeared A. M. Hill, subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John Robertson late of Abbeville County, deceased, who being duly sworn deponent, and said that he was present and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said John Robertson, and deponent further said that the said John Robertson at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the best of deponent's knowledge, and belief of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that A. M. Hill, the deponent, and J. R. Cunningham and S. A. Coyle, were in the presence of each other, and of the said John Robertson, and at his request signed their names, as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn, and subscribed to  
before me this third day of  
May one thousand eight  
hundred and eighty six.  
J. Fuller Lyon  
Judge Probate Court.

A. M. Hill

In the matter of the  
last Will and Testament  
of John Robertson  
deceased. Upon due examination  
of A. M. Hill one of the subscribing witnesses  
of the annexed instrument of writing purporting to  
be the last Will and Testament of John Robertson  
deceased. It appears to my satisfaction that the same  
is the true last Will of said deceased. It is therefore  
ordered, that it be admitted to probate in common form  
and that letters Testamentary be granted to M. S.  
Robertson.  
May 3. 1886

J. Fuller Lyon  
Judge Probate Court.

The State of South Carolina Probate  
County of Abbeville Court,

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last Will of the within named 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 so far as the 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 rights and credits. So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed before me

the 32<sup>d</sup> day of May 1886.

J. Miller Lyon }  
Judge Probate Court. } W. S. Robertson

Last Will and Testament,  
of David Wyatt Aiken  
Deceased.

The Will of David Wyatt Aiken of the Town of Sokesbury, County of Abbeville State of South Carolina.

I. I have already given to my daughter Ella wife of Richard D. Smart as much as I feel able to give her, in justice to my wife and my other children: I therefore make no devise or bequest to her.

II. To my son David I have already given property which I valued at two thousand five hundred (2500) dollars, and I desire that at the final division and settlement of my estate, he shall account for that amount as for advancements.


III. To each of my two daughters, Eliza wife of George W. Taylor, and Virginia wife of William S. Skville, I have already given Seven hundred (700) dollars, and I desire that at the final division of my estate they shall account for

that much as for advancements.

IV I give, devise, and bequeath all my property, real and personal in whatever it may consist and wherever situated at the time of my death, to my wife Virginia for and during her natural life, to be by her used for her own maintenance and support, and for the maintenance and support and education of her children in the same manner, as I might do if living; and I give to my Executor, hereinafter named, full power to sell, dispose of and convey any part of my estate real or personal, as in the exercise of a sound discretion they may think to be necessary, in carrying out the purposes, and provisions of this my will; and to exchange, invest, and re-invest the same, as I might do were I living; and I give my executors full power to make out of my testate such, reasonable and moderate advancements, as I myself might make if living, to each of my unmarried children on his or her coming of age, or marriage, being careful not to advance as much as would be such child's share of my estate at a fair valuation thereof; such advancements to be accounted for by such child, at the final division and settlement of my estate; provided that the usual, and reasonable expenses incurred in maintaining, supporting and educating my children shall not be accounted for, as advancements.

V I give, devise, and bequeath all my estate real and personal that shall remain undisposed of by my executors at the decease of my said wife Virginia, to be equally divided among my children, who shall then be living, born unto me by my said wife, and to the issue of any of said children who may then have deceased, such issue taking the share or shares to which such child or children respectively would be entitled if living; - and in such final division and settlement of my estate all advancements made to my respective children shall be by them respectively accounted for.

VII I, appoint my wife Virginia, my son David, and my brother in law W. Joel Smith the executors of this my will. In witness whereof, I have hereunder set my hand, and seal this sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred, and eighty six.

D. Wyatt Aiken 

Signed, sealed, and declared by said testator David Wyatt Aiken, as and for his last will, and testament, in the presence of us who at his request in his sight and presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as attesting witnesses

A. M. Aiken  
W. Joel Smith  
L. Wadlaw Smith.

Last Will, and Testament  
of Dr. A. P. Bogger  
Deceased

I, A. P. Bogger, Doctor of Medicine being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, and ordain the following as my last will, and testament hereby, revoking all former wills by me made.

Art 1<sup>st</sup>. I desire and hereby direct, all of my just debts, and funeral expenses paid, as soon after my decease as practicable.

Art 2<sup>nd</sup>. I desire, and hereby direct my beloved wife Eliza J. Bogger to meet over or around my grave, such monument with such inscriptions thereon as she may desire. I also desire and direct that a like monument be erected over or around the grave of my beloved wife with such inscriptions thereon as her relatives & friends may desire when her decease takes place.

- Art 3. I give, and bequeath unto my wife Eliza J. Booger during her natural life the best Good Watch that may be in my possession at the time of my death, and at her death to my nephew H. P. Lites.
- Art 4. All the residue of my property of every nature and kind I desire, and bequeath unto my beloved wife Eliza J. Booger during her natural life or widowhood with permission to have so much of the personal property sold as she may desire and reinvested or applied to her needs, as she may choose: but should she my wife Eliza J. Booger marry again, then in that case or event I desire and direct my Executrix and Executors to sell all of my personal property for such term as they may think best for the interest of all concerned and they my Executrix and Executors are hereby directed to hold one half of the proceeds of such sale in trust for the use and benefit of my said wife investing the same in some good and safe interest bearing securities and all accruing interest less their commissions to be paid to her (my wife) annually. The principal or corpus to be disposed of at her death, as is provided in the (6) sixth item or clause of this my will. The other half of the proceeds of the sale contemplated in this clause I give, and bequeath unto the child or children of my sister and Brothers, and sister in law, as provided for in the sixth (6) item or clause of this my will.
- Art 5. Should my wife Eliza J. Booger not marry again she is to have, as heretofore provided, all of my property of every nature and kind during her natural life, and at her death I give and bequeath the same unto the child or grand child children or grand children as the case may be of my sister and brothers and sister in law, as provided for in the sixth (6) item or clause of this my will.
- Art 6. My Real Estate is not to be sold during the natural life of my wife Eliza J. Booger, and it is my will, and desire that my my Executrix

and Executors shall lease or rent the same from time to time, as they may think best for all concerned, giving my beloved wife the preference in any place she may desire to live upon, the whole of the proceeds arising from such lease or rent of my Real Estate I decree, and direct my Executors and Executors to pay unto my wife, annually less their commissions; but should my wife marry again then in that case or event I will, and direct my Executors and Executors to pay one half of the proceeds arising from the Lease or Rent of my Real Estate less their commissions to my wife Eliza J. Borger, annually. The remaining half of the proceeds arising from the lease or rent of my Real Estate, I will, and bequeath unto the child or grand child children or grand children of my sister Sarah W. Lake deceased, and my brother John W. and Thomas N. Borger both brothers now deceased, and of my sister-in-law Frances W. Jennings. Each child or children of a deceased parent to receive or take the portion or share the parent would have taken if living. I also include in the distribution of my property my niece P. Alice Borger who I have raised. She is to have one-fifteenth (15) part of all my property as set forth in this the 6<sup>th</sup> sixth and seventh items or clauses of this my will. What I mean as to the distribution of my property as set forth in this my will given to the children of my sister and Brothers and Sister-in-law, is this viz. Whenever they receive any part of my property as set forth in this my will P. Alice Borger is to receive one-fifteenth part of the same, the balance to be divided into four equal parts one fourth to be given to the children of sister Sarah W. Lake, one fourth to the children of my Brother John W. Borger, one fourth to the children of my Brother Thomas N. Borger & one fourth to the children of my sister-in-law Frances W. Jennings.

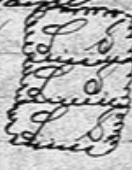
Should my wife not marry again then in that case I will and bequeath unto her during her

natural life, all of my property of every nature and kind, and at her death I give and bequeath the same to the children of my Sister, and Brothers and Sister in law, as before directed set forth in the sixth (6) item or clause of this my will.

Art 7. I hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint my beloved wife Eliza J. Booger, Executor, and my Brother in law Joel M. Leno, and my Nephew George A. Booger, Executors of this my last will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the fourteenth day of May A.D. Eighteen Hundred and Eighty Four.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged by the testator as his last Will and Testament in our presence who in the presence of each other and in his presence have signed our names and affixed our seals hereto as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

A. P. Booger 

J. W. Greene 

H. E. Bailey

W. W. Major

The State of South Carolina Probate  
County of Abbeville Court  
Present Hon. J. Fuller, Sqr. Judge Probate Court.

Personally appeared J. W. Greene subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of A. P. Booger late of Abbeville County deceased, who being duly sworn, deposes and saith that he was present, and did see the said instrument of writing, duly executed by the said A. P. Booger. And deponent further saith that the said A. P. Booger at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that J. W. Greene

(The defendant) and J. S. Bailey and P. W. Major in the presence of each other, and of the said A. P. Boggs and at his request signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Done and subscribed to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June One thousand eight hundred and eighty seven

J. Fuller Lyon  
Judge Probate Court

J. W. Greene

In the matter of the  
Last Will and Testament  
of Dr. A. P. Boggs  
Deceased.

Upon due examination of J. W. Greene, one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of A. P. Boggs late of Abbeville County deceased, it appears to my satisfaction that the same is the true last Will of said deceased. It is therefore ordered, and decreed that it be admitted to probate in Common Form and that Letters Testamentary be granted to Elijah Boggs, Jas. Greenish and Jas. M. Liles and George H. Boggs, ad. Executors.

J. Fuller Lyon  
Judge Probate Court



The State of South Carolina Probate  
County of Abbeville Court.

I do solemnly swear that this writing con-  
tains the true last Will of the within named  
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 his goods and chattels will thereunto  
extend and the law charge me and  
that I will make a true and perfect  
Inventory of all such goods and chattels  
rights and credits.

Sworn and subscribed  
before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
June 1897.  
J. Fuller Lyon  
J. Pro. Court.

E. J. Rogee.  
G. St. Lites  
George A. Rogee.

Last Will and Testament  
of Basil Callahan  
Deceased

In the name of God: Amen,  
I Basil Callahan of the state and county afore-  
said, being of sound mind, and memory, yet  
knowing the uncertainty of life, and the certan-  
ty of death have thought proper to make  
and publish this my last Will and testa-  
ment, in manner and form following.

- 1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath my soul to God  
and my body to the dust in the blessed hope  
of a glorious resurrection.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved wife  
Elizer A. Callahan my home tract of land  
containing one hundred and eighty six  
acres, also a tract of land joining the Home  
tract known as the Burton tract containing  
about thirty acres, to have and to hold

to use and possess during her natural life or widowhood, but in the event that she should marry, or if she lives single until she dies in either case, it is my will that the above named land be sold by my Executor hereinafter to be appointed, if either of them be living, and if neither of them be living then by other proper authorities in Law and the proceeds of sale of the land be divided in the following manner, One third to her or her heirs, and one third to the children of my son John William Callahan now dead One third to my daughter Mary Jane Robinson now the wife of Hight Robinson, or if she be dead to her children that may be living all to share and share alike.

3<sup>rd</sup> I also will and bequeath to my beloved wife Eliza K. Callahan the following property for her own use and to do as she sees proper with, namely two first choice feather beds, bedsteads and furniture and one first choice mattress, the sitting chairs in the house, one Wheeler and Wilson Sewing Machine, the cupboard and dishes knives and forks such as she may make choice of, also two first choice Horses, two first choice Cows and Calves, one first choice sow and pigs, and five first choice sheeps, also one wagon, one buggy and harness, one collar gun and running gear, one cooking stove, and three vessels, also one year provisions for herself and stock.

4<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath unto the children of my son John William Callahan now dead three in number, a certain tract of land in the neighborhood of Leesportville in the County of Abbeville and State of South Carolina which I purchased from Dr. C. S. Sunday containing two hundred and sixty nine and eight tenths acres, the said tract of land to be sold at such time and in such manner as my Executors hereinafter to be appointed may think will be for the best interest of the afore said children, and the proceeds of the same be equally divided between the said children all to

share and share alike.

5<sup>th</sup> I will, and bequeath, to my daughter Mary Jane Robinson name the wife of Hugh Robt. Robinson three tracts of land, one known as part of the Stucky tract containing on hundred and four acres, one tract known as the Shaw tract containing sixty acres, one tract known as the Waddam tract containing one hundred and twenty five acres to have hold use and possess during her natural life, and at her death the same to be sold by the Executors of my Estate, and the proceeds of the sale of the same be equally divided between her children all to share and share alike.

6<sup>th</sup> It is my will, that the remainder of my property, both real and personal that I may die, legally seized, be brought to sale at such time as my Executors may think for the best interest of my Estate, and the proceeds thereof applied first to the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses, second of paying of Tombstones to my grave, the balance one half to the three children of my son John William Callahan now dead, all three to share and share alike, the other half to my daughter Mary Jane Robinson, name the wife of Hugh Robinson, or if she be dead to her children all to share and share alike.

7<sup>th</sup> I do hereby make constitute my true friend J. N. Garville, and my beloved wife Eliza S. Callahan my Executors to carry into effect this my last will and testament. And they are hereby authorized and empowered to make all Bills of Sale Deeds of conveyance and all other acts that may be necessary to carry into effect the same.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the twenty fourth day of January in the year of our

Lord, one thousand eight hundred  
and eighty seven, and in the one  
hundred and eleventh year of the  
sovereignty and Independence of the  
United States of America.

Signed, sealed and published  
in presence of

J. R. Dumm } Basil Callahan ES  
J. H. Vance }  
J. M. Bryant }

The State of South Carolina Probate  
County of Abbeville Court.

Present: Hon. J. Fuller Lyon Judge Probate Court.

Personally appeared J. R. Dumm subscribing  
witness to the annexed instrument of writing  
purporting to be the last Will and testament  
of Basil Callahan, late of Abbeville County,  
deceased, who being duly sworn depose and  
said that he was present and did see the  
said instrument of writing duly executed by  
the said Basil Callahan. And deponent further  
saith that the said Basil Callahan at the time  
of executing the said instrument of writing was  
in the best of deponent's knowledge and belief  
of sound mind, memory and understanding, and  
that J. R. Dumm (the deponent), and J. H. Vance  
and J. M. Bryant in the presence of each other  
and of the said Basil Callahan, and at his  
request signed their names as witnesses to the  
said execution thereof.

Dumm, and subscribed to  
before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
June, one thousand  
eight hundred and eighty  
seven

J. Fuller Lyon  
J. No. etc.

J. R. Dumm

In the matter of the  
Last Will and Testament  
of Basil Callahan  
Deceased

Upon due examination of J. R. C. Quinn one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Basil Callahan late of Abbeville County deceased, it appears to my satisfaction that the same is the true last Will of said deceased. It is therefore ordered and decreed that it be admitted, to probate in common form, and that Letters Testamentary be granted to J. St. Carville and Eliza A. Callahan as Executor and Executrix.

J. Fuller Lyon  
Judge Probate Court.

The State of South Carolina Probate  
County of Abbeville Court.

I do solemnly swear that the writing contains the true last Will of the within named deceased, so far as I know or believe, and that I will well and truly execute the same by first paying the debts and then the legacies contained in said Will so far as the same will extend, and the law charge me, and that I will make a true and perfect Inventory of all such goods and chattels rights and credits. So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed to  
before me this 15 June  
1887

J. St. Carville  
E. A. Callahan  
J. Fuller Lyon  
Judge Probate Court.

The State of South Carolina  
County of Greenville

The Will of Robert Henry Wardlaw.

I appoint my sons Andrew Bowie Wardlaw and William Clarke Wardlaw the executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I authorize them or either of them in the exercise of as sound discretion to sell and convey any part of my property real or personal.

I will and bequeath to my son Andrew Bowie Wardlaw the balance due me by him on his promissory note which will be found among my papers.

I will bequeath and direct my executors to give up to my son William Clarke Wardlaw all his notes which may be found among my papers, except his note for One Hundred Dollars made by him to my deceased wife.

I will and bequeath and direct my executors to pay to my son Thomas Quinn Wardlaw the sum of One Hundred Dollars.

I will and bequeath and direct my executors to give up to my son Charles Coffin Wardlaw his promissory note for Five Hundred Dollars made by him to me, which note will be found among my papers.

I will and direct that what may remain of the nettle property I shall leave after payment of my debts and the four bequests above mentioned shall be equally divided amongst my five sons Andrew Bowie Wardlaw, Samuel Nath Wardlaw, William Clarke Wardlaw, Thomas Quinn Wardlaw & Charles Coffin Wardlaw and my grand daughter Eliza Bowie Wardlaw the child of my deceased son James Alfred Wardlaw without account of advancement made in my lifetime.

If any of my said sons or my said grand daughter should die before my death I direct that his or her share shall be distributed amongst his

or their next of kin, according to the Statute  
of Distributions.

In the disposition of my real property, it  
is my hope and desire that my house in  
which I have lived so long will with  
suitable and sufficient land adjoining remain  
in the possession of some one or more of  
my sons: and as my son Andrew Bowie  
Wardlaw has so long occupied it in  
common with me, I desire that should  
he so wish, he shall be allowed to become  
the owner of it, on such terms, and at such  
price, as may be agreed upon by my  
above named legatees, or by appraisers each  
of my said legatees appointing one appraiser  
I direct that the silver plate which has not  
already been distributed shall be divided in  
accordance with the desire of my deceased  
wife Eliza Bowie Wardlaw as expressed by her  
in a memorandum she left in her handwriting

Executed in the presence of us, who in the presence of the testator, and of each other have severally subscribed our names as attesting witnesses, my name in the presence of attesting witnesses, on this fourth day of July 1855.

J. H. Garrison  
J. C. McGowan  
J. Wardlaw Smith

Robt. H. Wardlaw

The State of South Carolina Probate  
County of Abbeville Court

Present Hon. J. Fuller Lyon Judge Probate Court,

Personally appeared J. C. McGowan subscribing  
witness to the annexed instrument of writing  
purporting to be the last Will and testament  
of Robert H. Wardlaw late of Abbeville County  
deceased, who being duly sworn, deposed and  
said that he was present and did see the  
said instrument of writing duly executed by  
the said R. H. Wardlaw. And deponent further

saw that the said Robert H. Wardlaw at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the best of deponents knowledge and belief of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and that W. C. M. Gowen (the deponent) and L. W. Perrin and L. W. Smith in the presence of each other and of the said Robert H. Wardlaw and at his request signed their names as witnesses thereto.

Sworn and subscribed to  
before me this 29 day of  
July one thousand eight  
hundred and eighty seven  
J. Fuller Lyon  
Judge, Probate Court

W. C. M. Gowen

In the matter of the last  
Will and Testament  
of Robert H. Wardlaw  
Deceased.

Upon due examination of W. C. M. Gowen one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Robert H. Wardlaw late of Abbeville County deceased it appears to my satisfaction that the same is the true last Will of said deceased. It is therefore ordered and decreed that it be admitted to probate in common form of law and that Letters Testamentary be granted to the Executors therein named.

J. Fuller Lyon  
Judge, Probate Court.



The State of South Carolina In Probate Court  
County of Abbeville

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last Will of the within named decedent, 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 thereto extend and the law charge me and that I will make a true and perfect Inventory of all such goods, chattels, rights and credits. So Help me God

Sworn and subscribed to  
before me this 29. day of  
July 1887.  
J. Fuller Lyon  
Judge Probate Court

W. C. Hardlaw,  
A. B. Hardlaw,

Last Will and Testament  
of Berry Deason  
Deceased.

In the name of God, Amen.

I Berry Deason of the county of Abbeville in the State of South Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but frail in body, do make publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other last wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

Impiuris. It is my will that my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my Executors hereinafter named.

Item. It is my will that my beloved wife Julia Ann Deason have the use, benefit, rents and profits of the following described tract of land, surrounding the Homestead, be the area what it may, to and for her, now

proper use, benefit, and behoof, during her natural life. That is to say: Begin at the corner in Public Road north of dwelling on which parcel of Rev. A. G. Kearney's land also comes, and thence on a direct line to the Jno. Deason Run Stone thence along the line of fence, as it now is west and north to a certain ledge row, thence along said ledge row to within thirty yards of Pasture Branch, thence by a direct line to pine trees in Cedar Spring thence by a direct line across Public Road to "Earnest" patch uniting at that point with line of Jno. Deason's land, thence along line of my lands as now located to point of beginning. Provided, however, that in event of remarriage of my said wife, then the devise shall be voided, and be utterly null and void.

Item. It is my will that my horse "Don" and buggy shall be, and I hereby devise them to my said wife, as her own.

Item. It is my will that my daughter Emma Louisa Smith be paid the sum of thirty (30) dollars in lieu of a horse, that I have given each of my other children. This sum to be paid her by my Executors hereinafter named out of the proceeds of my estate in addition to her distribution of my estate.

Item. It is my will that the entire share of my estate due the children of my son Geo. J. Deason dec'd shall be paid them the said children, to wit: Julia Amanda Deason, Lirona Bellinger Deason, James Donald Deason and George Deason (or those surviving) at their majority.

Item. It is my will that the residue of my estate both real and personal shall be exposed for sale at public outcry by my Executor hereinafter named within twelve months after my decease and distribution of proceeds made among my lawful heirs in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

Item. It is my will that my Executors hereinafter named shall expose for sale my house

and lots in the town of N<sup>o</sup>. 100 in the fall of the present year, in the event of my death before that time.

Item. It is my will that my said wife Julia Ann Deason be paid her distributive share (one third) of the proceeds of my estate in addition to the tract of land above devised.

Lastly. I hereby nominate and appoint John T. Deason, S. C. Hicks, and N. J. Brown to be the Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty second day of June A. D. 1887.

Berry Deason

The foregoing instrument of one sheet was nowhere subscribed by the testator Berry Deason in our presence, and at the same time was declared by him to be his last Will and Testament, and we at his request subscribe our names as attesting witnesses

J. H. Edmunds  
John Deason  
R. J. Robinson

In State of South Carolina Probate Court  
County of Abbeville

Deputy Henry Fuller Esq. Judge Probate Court

Personally appeared J. H. Edmunds subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Berry Deason state of Abbeville County deceased who being duly sworn deponeath and saith that he was present and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said Berry Deason. And deponeath further saith that the said Berry Deason at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief of sound and disposing mind memory and

understanding, and that J. W. Edmunds  
(the deponent), and John Reason and  
N. Robinson in the presence of each  
other, and of the said Berry Reason  
and at his request signed their names  
as witnesses to the due execution of the  
same.

Sworn and subscribed to  
before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day  
of August One thousand  
eight hundred and eighty  
seven.

J. Fuller Lyon  
Judge Probate Court

J. W. Edmunds

In the matter of the last  
Will and Testament  
of Berry Reason  
Deceased

Upon the examination of J. W. Edmunds  
one of the subscribing witnesses to an annexed  
instrument of writing purporting to be the last  
Will and Testament of Berry Reason late  
of Abbeville County deceased. It appears to my  
satisfaction that the same is the true last  
Will of said deceased. It is ordered and  
decreed that it be admitted to probate  
in Common form, and that Letters Testa-  
mentary be granted to J. W. Edmunds and  
N. S. Brooker.

J. Fuller Lyon  
Judge Probate Court

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The State of South Carolina Probate Court  
County of Abbeville

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last Will of the within named decedent 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 thereto extend and the law charge me and that I will make a true and perfect Inventory of all such goods and chattels rights and credits. So help me God  
Sworn and subscribed  
before me this 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of August 1887

J. Fuller Lyon  
Judge Probate Court

J. N. Deason  
N. G. Brown

Last Will and Testament  
of David W. Wardlaw.  
See

The State of South Carolina  
County of Abbeville

In the name of God Amen,  
I David W. Wardlaw of the County and State  
afore said being of sound and disposing  
mind, memory, and understanding, but  
being admonished of the uncertainty of life  
do make and ordain this my last will  
and Testament hereby revoking all former  
wills by me made.

1<sup>st</sup> It is my will and I so direct that all  
my just debts and funeral expenses be  
paid in full.

2<sup>nd</sup> I will and bequeath to my beloved wife  
Elizabeth Jane Wardlaw, to be hers for and

and during her natural life One Hundred acres of my land which I now live, said tract to be taken from the South eastern portion of my entire tract of land and formed by a line beginning at a point where the road leading from my house intersects the public road in front of the house and running thence in a south westerly direction in a straight line until it strikes the line somewhat in rear of my house so as to form a tract of One hundred acres.

3<sup>d</sup> In addition to the foregoing bequest I give to my said wife Elizabeth Paul all my household and kitchen furniture, plantation and farming implement not otherwise disposed of in this my last will, also a mare and cow and calf such as she may prefer and select from those which I may possess at the time of my death the same to be hers and for her exclusive use and benefit during her life.

4<sup>th</sup> It is my will and I hereby direct that the tract of land of one hundred acres with all the appurtenances thereto bequeathed to my wife in the foregoing clause of this my will, to be hers during her life, shall go to my daughter Mary Ann Wardlaw at the death of her mother and that she my said daughter shall have and enjoy the exclusive use and benefit of said tract of land for and during her natural life.

5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann Wardlaw a bedstead and bedding such as she may select from such as I may have at my death.

6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Lenora Jane Wardlaw as a special bequest in order that she may be equalized with the rest of my children the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars in cash also one cow and calf and a bedstead and bedding.

7<sup>th</sup> It is my will and I do direct that the remainder of my estate of whatever kind both real and personal not disposed of hereinbefore be equally divided among my sons William P. George S. H. Samuel M. David A. and John L. Wardlaw and my daughter Lenora Jane Wardlaw and the children of my deceased daughter Isabella C. Berlin

the said children of my deceased daughter taking among them and in the aggregate a share equal to that received by any one of my children mentioned in this the Seventh clause of my will.

5<sup>th</sup> I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my sons George H. and David A. Wardlaw executors of this my last will and testament, enjoining upon them the duty of faithfully carrying out to the best of their ability the provisions and bequests therein contained.

In witness that the foregoing is my last will and testament I have herewith subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the ninth 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 1854

David W. Wardlaw

Signed, sealed and acknowledged by David W. Wardlaw the testator in our presence to be his last will and testament and we in his presence and in the presence of each other signed the same as witnesses thereto

L. D. Connor  
W. S. Zigler  
S. C. Hill

State of South Carolina  
Abbeville County Probate Court

Present Honorable Fuller Lyon, Judge Probate Court

Personally appeared L. D. Connor subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of David W. Wardlaw, late of Abbeville County, deceased, who being duly sworn deponeth and saith that he was present, and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said David W. Wardlaw,

And deponeth further saith that the said David W. Wardlaw, at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the best of deponee's knowledge and belief of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and that he L. D. Connor (the deponee) and W. S. Zigler and S. C. Hill, in the presence of each other and of the said D. W. Wardlaw and at

his request, signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.  
 I saw and subscribed to before me this 3<sup>d</sup> day of October last thousand eight hundred and eighty seven.  
 J. Fuller Lyon  
 Judge Probate Court

In the matter of the  
 Last Will and Testament  
 of David W. Wardlaw

Upon due examination of L. D. Connor one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of D. W. Wardlaw late of Abbeville County deceased, it appears to my satisfaction that the same is the true last Will of said deceased, it is therefore ordered and decreed that it be admitted to probate in common form, and that Letters Testamentary be granted to D. A. Wardlaw, & Geo. H. Wardlaw.  
 J. Fuller Lyon  
 Judge Probate Court

The State of South Carolina } In the  
 County of Abbeville } Probate Court.

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last Will of the within named 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 his goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge me and that I will make a true and perfect Inventory of all such goods and chattels, rights and credits, So help me God.  
 I saw and subscribed to before me this 3<sup>d</sup> day of Oct. 1887.  
 J. Fuller Lyon  
 Judge Probate Court

D. A. Wardlaw  
 Geo. H. Wardlaw



# Last Will and Testament of W. S. Waterfield Deceased

In the name of God Amen,

I, Cynthia Ann Waterfield  
of the District of Abbeville State of South Carolina  
considering the uncertainty of <sup>my</sup> transitory life and  
being desirous of disposing of my worldly estate do make  
this my last will and testament in the following form  
to wit,

First. I desire that all my just and lawful debts be  
paid by executor herein after named my will is that  
I give to my daughter Isabella Pauline Ellis and  
her bodily heirs my entire Interest at my death in a  
tract of land on which I now live and bought by John  
C. Ellis from W. H. Parker Commissioner in Equity the  
third day of October Eighteen hundred and fifty nine  
known as the Bronner tract of land it being a  
part of the Real Estate of J. C. Ellis dec'd and containing  
two hundred and thirty two and  $\frac{1}{4}$  acres more or less  
by survey by J. S. Young bounded by lands of  
W. J. Stephenson, H. Stephenson, S. W. Ellis, George  
Wickles, J. Maddon, Wmmy Kemp and others  
of which I have and Interest to the amount of  
four hundred and twenty five dollars this  
amount of money was paid by me to John C. Ellis  
to pay for the aforesaid land and said John C.  
Ellis has give and Interest to the amount of  
four hundred and twenty five dollars in solid  
land and I have now in my possession that  
Interest conveyed to me by John C. Ellis in  
writing and witnessed. I also give to my daughter  
Isabella Pauline Ellis and her bodily heirs all  
my household and kitchen furniture  
I give and will the aforesaid described land  
and personal property to my daughter Isabella  
Pauline and her bodily heirs for and in  
consideration of the care she has taken and will  
take of me during my natural life and  
should my daughter Isabella Pauline Ellis die

before her Husband John C. Ellis I appoint said  
 John C. Ellis trustee for my daughter Isabella  
 Emeline Ellis bodily heirs to receive the rents  
 or money arising from the aforesaid property by Sale  
 or otherwise and to have entire control of the same  
 during his natural life and at John C. Ellis <sup>death</sup> the money  
 or property that may be in John C. Ellis possession  
 be delivered share and share alike to each one of my  
 daughter Isabella Emeline Ellis bodily heirs living  
 at that time and lastly I do hereby appoint John C.  
 Ellis Executor of this my last will and should  
 John C. Ellis die before my daughter Isabella  
 Emeline Ellis my will is that the oldest son  
 living of my daughter Isabella Emeline Ellis be  
 appointed Executor of this my last will and carry  
 out the terms and conditions of this my last will  
 Intentionally whereof I hereby set my hand and seal  
 this first day of January in the year of our Lord  
 one thousand eight hundred and sixty one  
 Signed Sealed and delivered to be my last will in  
 the presence of us who at her request and in her  
 presence subscribed our names as witnesses thereto  
 L. A. Wright  
 James L. Wright  
 Elias Tallard  
 Cynthia Ann <sup>W</sup> Wakefield <sup>SS</sup>  
 name

The State of South Carolina  
 County of Abbeville Probate Court

In the matter of the Will  
 of Cynthia A. Wakefield Petitioner  
 John C. Ellis <sup>Decd.</sup> to prove will  
 (Exor.)

This testimony is taken to prove the handwriting  
 of the attesting witnesses of execution.

L. A. Jones Juror says I knew Cynthia  
 Wakefield she died some time in June last

I do not think she could write, I never saw her write not even sign her name - I was personally acquainted with J. D. Wright, Amos L. Hughes and Elias Tallard whose names appear as witnesses to the execution of the will of C. C. Wakefield deceased, all of them are dead - I was familiar with the handwriting of each of these witnesses, having seen them sign their names often and I believe that the signatures of each of said witnesses is genuine being made as I believe by them personally.

J. W. Wright sworn says,

I was well acquainted with Cynthia A. Wakefield she lived near to me I never saw her write not even sign her name Paper which is presented as will shown witness, I was personally acquainted with the persons whose names appear as witnesses to this will, I have seen each and all of them write and I believe that the signatures are their genuine signatures. J. D. Wright was my father and I know his handwriting well I would say that his name was written on the will by himself.

In the matter of the  
Last Will and Testament  
of Cynthia A. Wakefield

Upon due examination of J. D. Davis & J. W. Wright witnesses to handwriting of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of C. C. Wakefield late of Abbeville County deceased, it appears to my satisfaction that the same is the true last Will of said deceased; it is therefore ordered and decreed that it be admitted to probate in Common form and that Letters Testamentary be granted to John C. Ellis as Executor.

J. Fuller Lyon  
Judge Probate Court

The State of South Carolina In the  
County of Abbeville Probate Court

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last Will of the within named 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 her 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, rights and credits. So help me God  
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 14. day of Oct. 1857.  
J. C. Ellis  
Judge Probate Court

Last Will and Testament  
of Simon P. Berger  
Deceased

South Carolina  
Abbeville County

I know all persons by this instrument that I Simon Peter Berger of the above named State and County do hereby make this my last will and testament. viz. To my wife Alice S. Berger I give in Fee Simple - all my personal and real estate to do with as she please I hereby appoint her my Executrix. Given under my hand & seal Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1850

Witness

J. S. Lacey  
J. P. Lewis  
J. J. Cahill

S. P. Berger 

State of South Carolina  
Abbeville County Probate Court

Present Honorable J. Fuller Lyon, Judge Probate Court

Personally appeared J. S. Bailey, subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of S. P. Berger, late of Abbeville County, deceased, who being duly sworn deponent, and said, that he was present, and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said S. P. Berger. And deponent further said that the said S. P. Berger at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that J. S. Bailey (the deponent) and Jas. C. Lewis and J. P. Cahill, in the presence of each other and of the said S. P. Berger, and at his request signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven

J. S. Bailey,  
Judge Probate Court

In the matter of the  
Last Will and Testament  
of S. P. Berger

Upon due examination of J. S. Bailey, one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of S. P. Berger, late of Abbeville County, deceased, it appears to my satisfaction that the same is the true last Will of said deceased, it is therefore ordered and decreed that it be admitted to probate in common form and that Letters Testamentary be granted to Alice S. Berger.

J. Fuller Lyon,  
Judge Probate Court

The State of South Carolina In the  
County of Abbeville } Probate Court

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains  
the true and full Will of the within named deceased  
so far as I know or believe and that I will make  
will and truly execute the same by paying first  
the debts and then the legacies contained in said  
Will, as far as his goods and chattels will  
adequately extend and the law charge me, and  
that I will make a true and perfect Inventory of  
all such goods and chattels, rights and credits  
As help me, God.

Sworn and subscribed to  
before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
November 1857

Fuller Lyon  
Judge Probate Court

Alice S. Dozier

Last Will and Testament  
of Emma Major  
Deceased

State of South Carolina  
Abbeville County }

In the name of God Amen I Emma Major  
of the County State aforesaid do make & declare  
this to be my last will & testament.

I will & bequeath my house & lot in Greenwood  
& all other real & personal property of which I may be  
seized & possessed at the time of my death to my  
beloved mother M. S. Major during her life & at  
the death of my mother M. S. Major I will &  
bequeath the aforesaid House & lot in Greenwood  
& all other real & personal property that I may  
possess to my beloved sister Celia M. Major  
In this my last will and testament  
I set my hand and seal this the

21<sup>st</sup> day of April eighteen hundred & eighty seven  
 Signed, sealed & declared by the  
 testator Emma Major to be her  
 last will & testament in the  
 presence of us who at her  
 request & in her presence &  
 in the presence of each other  
 sign our names as witnesses  
 J. W. Duckett.  
 J. C. Maxwell.  
 S. S. Major

Emma Major ES

State of South Carolina  
 County of Abbeville Probate Court  
 Present Honorable J. Fuller Syre Judge Probate Court  
 Personally Appears S. S. Major subscribing  
 witness to the annexed instrument of writing  
 purporting to be the last will and testament  
 of Emma Major late of Abbeville County, deceased  
 who being duly sworn, deposes and saith that  
 he was present, and did see the said instrument  
 of writing duly executed by the said Emma  
 Major. And deponent further saith that the  
 said Emma Major at the time of executing  
 said instrument of writing was to the best  
 of deponents knowledge and belief of sound  
 and disposing mind, memory and understand-  
 ing; and that S. S. Major (the deponent) and  
 J. W. Duckett and J. C. Maxwell, in the  
 presence of each other, and of the said Emma  
 Major and at her request, signed their names  
 as witnesses to the due execution of the same.  
 Sworn and subscribed to before  
 me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October  
 one thousand eight hundred  
 and eighty-seven.  
 J. Fuller Syre,  
 Judge Probate Court

S. S. Major

In the matter of the  
Last Will and Testament  
of Emma Major

Upon due examination of S. J. Major one of  
the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument  
of writing purporting to be the last Will and  
Testament of Emma Major late of Abbeville County  
deceased it appears to my satisfaction that the  
same is the true last Will of said deceased  
it is therefore ordered and decreed that it be  
admitted to probate in conformity herewith.

J. Miller Spivey  
Judge Probate Court

Last Will and Testament  
of Lucilla Caskin  
Deceased

The State of South Carolina  
County of Abbeville

In the name of God Amen  
I, Lucilla Caskin  
widow of Thomas Caskin deceased being of  
sound mind, memory and understanding  
do declare this writing to be my last will and  
testament hereby revoking all former wills made  
by me  
First I give, devise and bequeath to my  
daughter Catherine Matilda Wilson all the  
property of every kind whatsoever - real personal  
movable, choses in action &c. which I may die  
seized and possessed of  
Second I nominate and appoint my Grandson  
W. A. Wilson, and W. A. Branch the executors of  
this my last will and testament



Witness my hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1885  
Signed Seals published and declared  
in the presence of each other and  
in the presence of the Testators  
have signed our names as  
subscribing witnesses

Prucilla Coker

A. W. Jones  
Richard Hill  
W. D. Branch

State of South Carolina  
County of Abbeville Probate Court

Present Honorable J. Fuller Lyon, Judge Probate Court.

Personally appeared A. W. Jones subscribing witness  
to the annexed instrument of writing purporting  
to be the last Will and Testament of Prucilla  
Coker late of Abbeville County, deceased, who  
being duly sworn deponee and saith that he was present  
and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed  
by the said Prucilla Coker, and deponee further  
saith that the said Prucilla Coker at the time of  
executing the said instrument of writing was to the  
best of deponee's knowledge and belief of sound and disposing  
mind, memory, and understanding, and that A. W. Jones  
(the deponee) and Richard Hill and W. D. Branch in  
the presence of each other, and of the said Prucilla  
Coker and at her request, signed their names as  
witnesses to the due execution of the same

Sworn and subscribed to before  
me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December  
one thousand eight hundred and  
eighty seven

A. W. Jones

J. Fuller Lyon  
Judge Probate Court

In the matter of the  
Last Will and Testament  
of Prucilla Cabin

Upon due examination of Affidavits and of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Prucilla Cabin late of Abbeville County deceased, it appears to my satisfaction that the same is the true last Will of said deceased it is therefore ordered and decreed that it be admitted to probate in common form and that Letters Testamentary be granted to H. D. Wilson the named Executor.

J. Fuller Lyon,  
Judge Probate Court.

The State of South Carolina } In the  
County of Abbeville } Probate Court.

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last Will of the within named 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 her goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge, and that I will make a true and perfect Inventory of all such goods and chattels, rights and credits. So help me God.

Sworn and Subscribed to before  
me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 1857.

J. Fuller Lyon,  
Judge Probate Court.

H. D. Wilson.

Last Will and Testament  
of Amelia Carson  
Deceased

I Amelia Carson of Abbeville County in the State of South Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding do make this my last Will and Testament as follows.

- 1<sup>st</sup> I give bequeath and devise to my daughter Mary Jane Yarbrough and Cynthia Amelia Carson, the whole of my personal <sup>and real</sup> estate, to them and their children forever.
- 2<sup>d</sup> It is my will and desire that my estate be kept together for the maintenance and support of my daughters and their families - but at any time after my death should either of my daughters desire a division, I desire that four disinterested persons shall be called in and make a fair and equitable partition, and set off to each her respective share.
- 3<sup>d</sup> Upon the death of either of my daughters leaving a child or children it is my will that such share of my estate shall descend to, and be vested in her child or children but should either of my daughters die leaving no child or children then, and in that event, she may dispose of her share of my estate as to her may seem proper.

I do here appoint my daughters Mary Jane Yarbrough and Cynthia Amelia Carson Executors of this my will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1874. The words "and real" on the relevant line from the beginning was interlined before signing.  
Signed by the testator in our presence, who in the presence of Amelia Carson the testator and in the presence of each other witnessed the execution.

William J. Long  
L. P. Smith  
M. C. Solomon

State of South Carolina  
Abbeville County Probate Court

Present Honourable J. Fuller Lyon Judge Probate Court

Personally appeared L. P. Smith subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Amelia Cason late of Abbeville County deceased, who being duly sworn deponent and saith that he was present, and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said Amelia Cason, and deponent further saith that the said Amelia Cason at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the best of deponents knowledge and belief of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, and that L. P. Smith (the deponent) and Wm. C. Long and W. A. Tolman in the presence of each other and of the said Amelia Cason, and at her request signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 17 day of November  
one thousand eight hundred  
and eighty-seven.

J. Fuller Lyon  
Judge Probate Court

In the matter of the  
Last Will and Testament  
of Amelia Cason

Upon due examination of L. P. Smith one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Amelia Cason late of Abbeville County deceased, it appears to my satisfaction, that the same is the true last Will of said deceased, it is therefore ordered and decreed that it be admitted to probate in common form, and that Letters Testamentary be granted to W. J. Yarbrough & Elizabeth Cason

J. Fuller Lyon  
Judge Probate Court

The State of South Carolina In the  
County of Abbeville } Probate Court

We do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true  
last Will of the within named deceased so far as we  
know or believe, and that we will well and truly execute  
the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies  
contained in said Will, as far as his goods and chattels  
will thereto extend and the law charge us and that  
we will make a true and perfect Inventory of all such  
goods and chattels, rights and credits to help our God.

Sworn and Subscribed to before  
me, this 17 day of Novr 1887.

Wm. J. Scarborough  
Judge Probate Court

Wm. J. Scarborough  
Catharine Cason

Last Will and Testament  
of James Y. S. Partlow  
Deceased

State of South Carolina  
County of Abbeville

Know all men by these presents that I James  
Y. S. Partlow of Ninety Six Township County and  
State aforesaid, being in full health, but of sound  
and disposing mind and memory, do make and  
publish this my last will and testament, hereby  
revoking all former will by me at any time  
heretofore made.

First I deem it necessary to say that I was left the  
executor of the will of the late Mrs. Rebecca  
Marshall. That will with important papers  
pertaining to settlement under the will were  
burned in the destruction of Abbeville Court House  
by fire. I have a copy of the will. The property  
left by Mrs. Marshall was to be equally  
divided amongst my children as they became  
of age or married. Mrs. S. C. Perryman and  
Julia M. Partlow became of age and married.

before the war. I paid each of them the sum of  
 one thousand and several dollars, as their  
 interest in their grand mother Mrs Marshall estate  
 besides giving them each about two thousand dollars  
 out of my own property.

The results of the war leaving me nothing but  
 my lands and stock I could do no more for my  
 other children, but to pay them their grand mother's  
 legacies. My son Joseph W. Portlow after he became  
 of age sold his legacy to his sister W. J. Richardson  
 and gave her an order on me for it which  
 I accept. I have settled with all of my children  
 for the legacies due them, with the exception of  
 W. J. Richardson and my youngest child S. J.  
 Portlow. Now in order to settle with them I  
 will and bequeath to my daughters W. J. Richardson  
 and S. J. Portlow the homestead upon which I now  
 reside, excepting however two certain tracts of  
 land to be hereinafter disposed of, together with all  
 the stock, harness and kitchen furniture to  
 have and to hold to my said daughters W. J.  
 Richardson and S. J. Portlow their heirs and  
 assigns forever. My daughter W. J. Richardson  
 to have one third interest in the above devised  
 property and my daughter S. J. Portlow to have  
 two thirds interest in the same. Also, I will  
 and ordain, that the executors of this my last  
 will and testament shall sell the two certain  
 tracts of land excepted above viz. The tract known  
 as the Steam Mill tract containing one hundred  
 and twenty acres more or less, the land whereon  
 Thomas Palmer now lives, containing ninety acres  
 more or less adjoining the lands of Peter  
 Guilam, Thors and Simmons, and bounded on the  
 North west by the public road leading out to Jack  
 Youngs, and divide the net proceeds of the  
 sale of said two tracts of land equally between  
 my four children Emma W. Perryman  
 Mattie R. Finley, William S. Portlow and  
 Joseph W. Portlow.

I also will and direct that my executors  
 shall pay to my four children, namely S. E.  
 Perryman, E. W. Perryman, Francis S. McCallan  
 and Mattie R. Finley, the sum of one dollar each

Feeling that I have done the best I could for each and all of my children, under the embarrassed circumstances I am left in by the results of the war, I hope there will be no difficulty or hard feeling amongs them. And finally, all the rest received, and remainder of all my estate and effects, real and personal, whatsoever and wheresoever, and heretofore otherwise effectually disposed of (after payment of my debts, legacies, and funeral expenses, and other charges and deductions as aforesaid) I do give devise and bequest unto my daughter W. Richardson and J. S. Partlow, whom I appoint executrices of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1865.

The above instrument consisting of one sheet was now here subscribed by James J. S. Partlow, the testator in the presence of each of us, and was at the same time declared by him to be his last will and testament, and we at his request sign our names here to as attesting witnesses

J. W. S. Partlow

John P. Moore  
 W. H. Coleman  
 W. W. Coleman

State of South Carolina  
 Abbeville County Probate Court

Present Honorable J. Fuller Lyon, Judge Probate Court

Personally appeared John P. Moore subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of J. W. S. Partlow late of Abbeville County deceased, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that he was present, and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said J. W. S. Partlow. Said deponent further saith that the said J. W. S. Partlow at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the best of deponents knowledge and belief of sound mind disposing in full memory and understanding; and that the

John P. Moore the deponent and W. D. Coleman  
and R. W. Coleman in the presence of each other and  
of the said J. V. S. Partlow and at his request  
signed this solemn and witnessed to the due execution  
of the same.

Sworn and Subscribed to before  
me this 8. day of November  
one thousand eight hundred  
and eighty seven.

J. Fuller Lyon  
Judge Probate Court

John P. Moore

In the matter of the  
Last Will and Testament  
of J. V. S. Partlow

Upon due examination of John P. Moore one of the  
subscribed witnesses to the annexed instrument of  
writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament  
of J. V. S. Partlow late of Abbeville County, deceased  
it appears to my satisfaction that the same is the  
true last Will of said: it is therefore ordered and  
decreed that it be admitted to probate in common  
form and that Letters Testamentary be granted to  
M. Jane Richardson & Lula Partlow the named  
Executrices.

J. Fuller Lyon  
Judge Probate Court

The State of South Carolina In the  
County of Abbeville Probate Court

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains  
the true last Will of the within named deceased  
as 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 his good and lawful will thereto extend  
and the law charge me, and that I will make a true and  
perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels, rights and  
credits to help me God.

M. Jane Richardson  
Lula Partlow

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this

8. day of November 1887.

J. Fuller Lyon  
Judge Probate Court



Last Will and Testament  
of  
C. C. Haskell  
deceased

I do hereby make and ordain this to be my  
last will and testament

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I hereby will and bequeath to my only daughter  
Sophie the sum of three thousand three  
Hundred Dollars now at interest, also the  
interest on the sum of one thousand Dollars  
in the hands of my son L. C. Haskell the  
interest to be at the rate of ten per cent and to be  
paid annually until her death or marriage  
after either of which events the payment to cease  
Also all my jewelry, Also the bed room furniture  
and other little articles about my room, the  
carpet, feather bed wool Mattress, pillows bolsters  
one pair bed blankets, two bed spreads, Six sheets  
Six Pillow cases, three bolster cases, Also all  
my clothes, my work table and all that is in  
it, my desk and any of the pictures belonging  
to me per fathers picture hereafter bequeathed  
excepted

Item 2<sup>d</sup> To my son L. C. Haskell I give and  
bequeath the sum of one thousand Dollars now  
in his hands after the death or marriage of  
my daughter Sophie - This bequest however  
is to be charged with the payment of the  
Annual interest at the rate of ten per  
centum per annum to my daughter Sophie  
until her death or marriage, Also all  
other furniture and household linen not herein  
given to my daughter Sophie also the  
family Bible my Prayer Book and the clock

Item 3<sup>d</sup> To my son Allen I give and bequeath  
my Wedding Ring and two volumes of  
Agate

Item 4<sup>th</sup> To my son Lewis I give and bequeath  
his dear fathers Picture and my watch.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> My Silver and Books and other  
matters not specifically bequeathed above

I desire equally divided between all my children  
I hereby appoint my son L. Chase Haskell  
Executor of this will. May 19. 1854

I signed and Executed as her  
last will and testament by the  
testator in our presence who  
in the presence of each other have  
duly attested the same

J. C. Suraga  
Allen W. Parker  
Wm. H. Parker

Ella C. Haskell

State of South Carolina  
Abbeville County Probate Court

Present. Honorable Fuller Lynn Judge Probate Court

Personally appeared Wm. H. Parker subscribing  
witness to the annexed instrument of writing  
purporting to be the last Will and testament of  
Ella C. Haskell late of Abbeville County, deceased  
who being duly sworn, deponeith and saith that he  
was present and did see the said instrument of  
writing duly executed by the said Ella C.  
Haskell. And deponeith further saith that the said  
Ella C. Haskell at the time of executing the  
said instrument was to the best of deponeiths  
knowledge and belief, of sound and disposing mind  
memory and understanding, and that he W. H.  
Parker, the deponeith, and Allen W. Parker and  
J. C. Suraga in the presence of each other and  
of the said Ella C. Haskell and at her request  
signed their names, as witnesses to the said execution  
of the same.

Sworn and Subscribed to before  
me, this 17th day of January  
one thousand eight hundred  
and eighty eight.

Fuller Lynn  
Judge Probate Court

Wm. H. Parker