

In the matter of the  
Last Will & Testament  
of  
Lurenda Stouger  
Deed



Upon due examination of Benjamin White one  
of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instu-  
ment of writing purporting to be the last will and  
testament of Lurenda Stouger 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 Crochell Stouger  
& J. Thomas Henry named as Executors

R. C. Hill

Judge Probate

Seal

The State of South Carolina } In the 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 as far as her goods and chattels  
will therewith 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.

Seen to and subscribed  
before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day  
of Sept 1896.

R. C. Hill

J. P. ad

B. C. Stouger

J. T. Moton

Last Will & Testament  
of  
R. B. Collett Decd

In the name of God amen!  
I Robert B. Collett of the County of Abbeville  
and State of South Carolina being of sound  
mind and memory and considering the  
uncertainty of life do therefore make or-  
dain publish and declare this to be my  
last will and testament, hereby revoking  
all other wills of whatsoever nature -  
That is to say. I hereby give devise and  
bequeath all my estate, real personal and  
mixed whereof I may die seized and  
possessed, to my sisters Dannie H. Collett  
and Minnie E. Collett, to be equally divided  
between them, Either of them to have the right  
to take any portion of my estate she may  
desire and must account for the same  
in the said division of my said estate  
at a price to be fixed by my Executor here-  
in after named.

I hereby make constitute and appoint my  
brother H. B. Collett the Executor of this  
my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto  
subscribed my name this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
May 1896.

R. B. Collett  
signed, sealed published and declared by  
the abov named Robert B. Collett in the  
presence of the undersigned as his last  
will and Testament who in the presence  
of the said Robert B. Collett and at his  
request and in the presence of each other  
have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses  
of the due execution hereof.

W. C. M. Gorman  
W. H. Parker  
G. B. Perrie

State of South Carolina } Probate Court  
County of Abbeville } Probate will

Present Hon R. C. Hill Judge Probate Court  
for the County of Abbeville.

Personally appeared W. S. Parker subscribing  
witness to the annexed instrument of writing pur-  
porting to be the last will and Testament of R.  
B. Collett 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 R. B. Collett.

And deponent further saith that the said  
R. B. Collett at the time of executing the said  
instrument of writing was to the best of depo-  
nent's knowledge and belief of sound and  
disposing mind, memory and understanding,  
and that he (the deponent) and W. C. McGowan  
and J. W. Perrin in the presence of each other  
and of the said R. B. Collett and at his  
request, signed their names as witnesses to the  
due execution of the same.

Sworn and subscribed to before me  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of Sept one thousand  
eight hundred and ninety six -

R. C. Hill  
J. P. C.

W. S. Parker

In the matter of the  
Last will & Testament  
of  
R. B. Collett Decd

order admitting  
to probate

Upon due examination of W. S. Parker one  
of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed  
instrument of writing purporting to be the  
last will and Testament of R. B. Collett  
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. W. Collett named as Executor.

Sep 18<sup>th</sup> 1896.

R. C. Hill

Judge Probate Court

The State of South Carolina } In the 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 as far as his goods and Chattels will therewith extend and the law charge me and that I will make a true and perfect Inventory of all such goods and Chattels, rights and Credit. So Help me God.

Witness my hand and subscribed to  
before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
Sep 1896 - R. C. Hill  
J. P. A.

H. W. Collett.

Last Will and Testament }  
of }  
Barbara B. Grier }

In the name of God Amen!  
I Barbara B. Grier, resident of the Town of New West, Abbeville County, South Carolina, being in my usual health, and of sound disposing mind do make this my last will and Testament:-

I will that all my just and lawful debts be paid.

II I will that my entire property, realty and personally be divided as follows:-

Into eight equal shares and to be distributed as follows-

sect 1 One full share to each of my children namely Rev Wm Greig, Mrs M. Bella Martin, Mrs Laura E. White, Mrs Martha Lee's Presley, Boyce H. Greig, Paul S. Greig and Mark S. Greig.

sect 2 One half share to each of the children of my daughter Mrs Jane E. Todd, lately deceased, namely, Eunice McClinton Todd and Robert Calvin Todd - In other words, I will that the full share which would have been given to my daughter, Mrs Jane E. Todd, do now go, since her death, to the children left by her, and named in this section, in equal, half share.

III In order to make the equal division referred to in Article (II) I will that my entire property be sold at public or private sale as my Executor may elect, except my stock, and Bonds and my Executors are hereby empowered to make said sale of real estate and personal property.

IV I will that said stocks and Bonds be appraised by the following persons: Prof J. St. Young, President J. P. Kennedy, Mr St. E. Bonner and Mr R. C. Brown as to be apportioned at appraised value, as Cash, among the heirs named above. In the event of the death of any or all these appraisers their places are to be filled by my Executors.

V In case of the death of any of the above named children specified in Article second (II) of this writing, who shall leave heirs, I will that the share due the child shall go to its heirs just as in the case of my daughter Mrs Jane E. Todd, referred

to in article second <sup>II</sup> and Sect 2<sup>d</sup> of this instrument.

VI I desire that my sons Rev W. M. Guir and Boyce St. Guir act as my Executors in carrying out the provisions of this will.

Witness

J. P. Kennedy

R. C. Brownlee

A. S. Kennedy

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1884.

B. B. Guir

State of South Carolina } Probate Court  
Abbeville County } Probate Will

Present Hon R. C. Stie Judge Probate Court for the County of Abbeville.

Personally appeared R. C. Brownlee subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Mrs B. B. Guir 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 Mrs B. B. Guir. And deponent further saith that the said B. B. Guir 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 he (the deponent) and J. P. Kennedy and A. S. Kennedy in the presence of each other and of the said B. B. Guir and at her request, signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of Sep 1896  
R. C. Stie J. P. a. e

In the matter of the }  
 Last will and Testament }  
 of }  
 Mrs B. B. Grier deceased }  
 Order admitting  
 to probate

Upon due examination of R. C. Brown one of  
 the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument  
 of writing purporting to be the last will and  
 Testament of Mrs B. B. Grier 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 the  
 W. M. Grier & Boyce St. Grier named as Executors.

R. E. Hill  
 Judge Probate Court

The State of South Carolina } In the 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 her goods and chattels will  
 thereto extend and the law charge me  
 and that I will make a true and per-  
 fect Inventory of all such goods  
 and chattels rights and credits  
 So Help me God.

Sworn and subscribed to }  
 before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day }  
 of Sept. 1896. R. E. Hill }  
 J. P. A. }  
 W. M. Grier  
 Boyce St. Grier

## Last Will and Testament of Martha Galloway deed

I Martha Galloway, being of sound mind and recognizing the uncertainty of human life desire to make this my last will and Testament:

I will that the following property now held and possessed by me viz: (a) Twelve and a half shares (12½) of New West Female College stock, (b) a number of certificates of scholarships in Erskine College (c) Eleven and one third (11⅓) acres of land in the corporate limits of the Town of New West more fully described here after (d) twenty nine and a half (29½) acres of land near New West, known as "The Bottoms" (e) one house and lot in New West, with house hold furniture, said property to be divided as follows:-

(2) I will and have given to my son John Miller Galloway all the scholarships of Erskine College.

(3) I will that the twelve and a half shares (12½) of New West Female College stock be given to my daughter Martha Lola (Galloway) DeLieu.

(4) I will that the purchase price of the eleven and one third acres of land (11⅓) situated in the town of New West and bounded by lands of Dr. Jno. O. Lindsay be paid by my son Rott Spear Galloway as follows:-  
 1/2 of purchase money namely \$134<sup>50</sup> (one hundred and thirty four and 50/100 dollars) be paid to my son John Miller Galloway, the remaining 1/2 namely \$134<sup>50</sup> (one hundred and thirty four and 50/100 dollars) be paid to my daughter Martha Lola (Galloway) DeLieu. Said tract after above payment to be the property of Rott Spear Galloway - The following explanation may here be made. Some years ago I gave to my son Rott Spear Galloway one acre of the above 11⅓ acres because he had built a tenant house upon it, and for this reason I now will the purchase money rather than the land itself.

(5) I will that the twenty nine and a half (29½) acres



of land known as the bottoms, bounded by lands James Macie and J. H. Wren, be given to my son Robt Spear Galloway, on condition that he pay my son Johnathan Cadwell Galloway (\$200) Two hundred & <sup>no</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars in money, or to his heirs if he be not living; and to my son John Miller Galloway (\$100) One hundred & <sup>no</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars in money, or to his heirs if he be not living.

(6) I will that my house and lot in the town of Deer Creek the same being my present residence be given to my son Robt Spear Galloway, with the understanding that the Griffin Children have a home here while in this country.

(7) I bequeath and have given the silver forks and spoons to my two daughters Louisa Jane and Martha Lola.

(8) I will the entire balance of my personal property to be divided as follows: One half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) to Robt Spear Galloway, and one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) to the Griffin Children.

(9) In making the above distribution of the property here and possessed by me, my purpose in the matter is strengthened by the wishes and judgment of my husband the late Johnathan Galloway, as expressed in his will.

(10) Of my three daughters, Louisa Jane received from her Father's estate nothing but the one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the "Home Place" and the set of furniture, given her by her Father before his death costing 80 (Eighty & <sup>no</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars) and which she gave to her sister Lola on her marriage.

(11) Mary E. Giffen received from her Father's estate nothing but \$800 (Eight hundred & <sup>no</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars) along with \$200 (Two hundred & <sup>no</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars of her own) the whole of which was originally invested in Piedmont Factory Stock; and one third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) of the "Jern Wright" Place, the purchase money of the said one third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) amounting to \$300. Three hundred & <sup>no</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars.

(12) Martha Lola (Galloway) Devlin received from

her father's estate one half of the "Stone Place". Soon after my husband's death I gave her in money \$60. (Sixty & no/100 dollars). She now has the only set of furniture her father gave to any of his daughters, and the price of the old piano \$100. (One hundred & no/100 dollars) put into the new one. Her literary and musical education cost as much as Louisa Jarvis and Mary E. Giffins together. She has been drawing the interest on the New West Mutual College stock, and which is herein bequeathed to her for past thirteen (13) years - all the interest that has ever accrued on these certificates.

(13) Of my three sons, John Muller received from his father's estate \$1340. (Thirteen hundred and forty & no/100 dollars). Johnathan Caldwell received \$1000. (One thousand & no/100 dollars) or its equivalent - his educational expenses costing more than the other two brothers. Robt Spear received more than either of his brothers from his father's estate, in lieu of keeping up the Stone-Place for me and bearing its expenses.

(14) All my children except Mary E. Giffins receive from me a bed.

(15) I will that my medical bill and funeral expenses and the expenses of settling up my estate be borne equally - by all my children except that Robt Spear Galloway shall pay twice as much as any single heir.

(16) I appoint my son Robt Spear Galloway, my Executor - or in the event of his death, my son Johnathan Caldwell Galloway - with power to sell and dispose of and make title to real estate.

Witness my hand and seal this  
15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1896.

Witnessed by  
Henry M. Young  
R. C. Brownlee  
Jno L. Pressly



Martha Galloway

State of South Carolina } Probate Court  
 County of Abbeville } Probate Hall

Present Honorable R. E. Hill Judge, Probate Court for the County  
 of Abbeville.

Personally appeared R. C. Brownlee subscribing witness to  
 the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the  
 last will and testament of Martha Galloway late of  
 Abbeville County deceased, who being duly sworn, depo-  
 seth and saith that he was present and did see the  
 said instrument of writing duly executed by the said  
 Martha Galloway. And deponent further saith that  
 the said Martha Galloway 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 he  
 (the deponent) and Henry M. Young and J. L. Priddy  
 in the presence of each other and of the said Martha  
 Galloway and at her request, signed their names as  
 witnesses, to the due execution of the same.

Sworn and subscribed to before  
 me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup> 1896  
 thousand eight hundred and  
 ninety six -

R. E. Hill J. P. ad

R. C. Brownlee

In the matter of the  
 Last will and Testament  
 of  
 Martha Galloway, dec'd

Upon due Examination of R. C. Brownlee, one of  
 the subscribing witnesses of the annexed instrument  
 of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament  
 of Martha Galloway 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 R. S. Galloway named  
Executor.

R. E. Heir  
Judge Probate Court

The State of South Carolina }  
County of Abbeville } In the 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 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
Sept 1896.

R. E. Heir  
J. P. A. C.

R. S. Galloway

Last will & Testament of  
Mary J. Harkness

State of South Carolina }  
County of Abbeville }

I Mary J. Harkness of County of Abbeville  
State of South Carolina being of sound  
mind and memory do make publish  
and declare this to be my last will  
and testament to wit:

First. all my debts and funeral ex-  
penses shall be fully paid.

Second. I give devise and bequeath all  
the rest residue and remainder of my  
Estate both Real and Personal to my  
dear Husband Luther P. Harkness to  
have to hold to him my said Husband  
and to his heirs and assigns forever.

And I nominate and appoint my said Husband  
Luther P. Harkness to be the Executor of this my  
last will and testament hereby revoking all  
former wills by me made.

My witnesses whom I have hereunto set my  
hand and seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1896.

Mary Jane Harkness (seal)

Signed, Sealed, Published  
and declared as and  
for her last will and tes-  
tament by the Above named  
Testator in Our Presence



who have at her request  
and in her Presence and in  
the Presence of each other

signed our names as witnesses (seal)  
thereto

J. M. Prineed (seal)

J. E. Brown (seal)

John O. Knox (seal)

State of South Carolina  Probate Court  
Abbeville County  Probate will

Present Honorable R. E. Stille Judge of  
Probate Court for Abbeville County.

Personally appeared J. M. Prineed suborn-  
ing witness to the annexed instrument  
of writing, purporting to be the last will  
and testament of Mary Jane Hark-  
ness late of Abbeville County deceased.  
who being duly sworn, deposed and  
saith that he was present and did see  
the said instrument of writing duly exe-  
cuted by the said Mary Jane Harkness,  
and deponeth further saith that the said  
Mary Jane Harkness 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 he (the deponent) and J. E. Brownlee and John C. Knox in the presence of each other and of the said Mary Jane Harkness and at her request, signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn and subscribed  
to before me this 23<sup>d</sup>  
day of Sept one thousand  
eight hundred and ninety  
six -

R. E. Hill  
J. P. S. C.

J. M. Ponce

In the matter of the  
Last will and Testament  
of  
Mary Jane Harkness  
decd

order admitting  
to probate

Upon due Examination of J. M. Ponce one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Mary Jane Harkness 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 L. P. Harkness named as Executor.

Sealed  
eccc

R. E. Hill  
Judge Probate Court

The State of South Carolina } In the 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 forth  
 the debts and then the legacies contained in said  
 will, as far as his goods and chattels will there-  
 unto 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.

Sworn and subscribed  
 to before me this 23 day  
 of Sept 1896-

R. B. Hill  
 J. P. C.

L. P. Huestress

Last will and Testament  
 of  
 J. J. Pison Deed

State of South Carolina }  
 County of Abbeville }

Be it remembered that J. J. Pison of  
 Unity Six Township, State and County  
 aforesaid, being of sound mind and  
 memory, but being well aware of the  
 uncertainty of life do make this my  
 last will and Testament; any other  
 will or Testament, by me heretofore made  
 being hereby revoked.

I desire that after all my debts are paid  
 all my property, both real and personal  
 shall become the property of my wife Green,  
 during her life time, and at her death  
 to be equally divided between my children  
 Richard, Jim, Belle, Fannie and Lucy,

except I bequeath to my daughter Fannie my  
mouth-top bureau, and I bequeath to my daugh-  
ter Lucy my piano, which bequest shall not af-  
fect my daughters' rights in the above equal di-  
vision.

I hereby appoint my son Butler as the Sole  
Executor of this my last will and Testament  
In testimony whereof I hereunto set my  
hand and in presence of three witnesses declare  
this to be my last will and Testament this eighth  
day of April A. D. 1896

Thomas J. Pison

On this the eighth day of April A. D. 1896. J. Pison of Abbeville County, and also State  
signed the foregoing in our presence and de-  
clared it to be his last will and Testament  
and as witnesses thereof, we three do now, at  
his request and in his presence and in presence  
of each other hereto subscribe our names.

J. Pison  
J. D. Coleman  
R. H. Henderson

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville County } Probate Court - Probate Will

Present Honor. R. E. Hill Judge of Probate  
for Abbeville County.

Personally appeared J. D. Coleman subscribing  
witness to the annexed instruments of writing pur-  
porting to be the last will and testament of Thomas  
J. Pison late of Abbeville County, deceased  
who being duly sworn deposed and said that  
he was present and did see the said in-  
strument of writing duly executed by the said  
Thomas J. Pison. And deponent further  
said that the said Thomas J. Pison at the  
time of executing the said instruments of



writing was to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that he (the deponent) and J. A. Pison and R. H. Henderson, in the presence of each other and of the said Thomas J. Pison, and at his request signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November one thousand eight hundred and ninety six  
 R. B. Hill  
 J. P. C.

J. D. Coleman

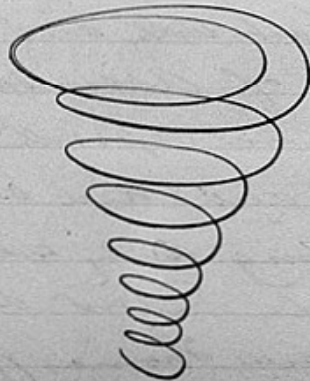
In the matter of the  
 Last will and Testament  
 of Thomas J. Pison  
 Deced

Order admitting  
 will to probate

Upon due examination of J. D. Coleman and one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas J. Pison late of Adair 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 Butler P. Pison named Decedent.

R. B. Hill  
 J. P. C.



The State of South Carolina } In the 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 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.

Sworn and subscribed } J. P. Pearson  
 to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day }  
 of Nov 1896 - Justice }  
 J. P. Coe }

Last Will and Testament  
of  
M. E. Prince

State of South Carolina  
County of Anderson

I, M. E. Prince of the town of Williams in  
County and State aforesaid do make and  
declare this my last will and Testament  
as follows, to wit.

I will and bequeath and devise, all my  
property, both personal and real, to my beloved  
husband M. L. Prince, and I hereby appoint  
my said husband Executor of this my last  
will and Testament.

Witness my hand and seal this February  
6<sup>th</sup> 1892.

M. E. Prince (S)

Signed sealed declared  
and published by M. E.  
Prince as her last will  
and Testament in the pres-  
ence of us who in her  
presence and in the presence  
of each other do hereto  
subscribe our names as  
attesting witnesses - the  
last line interlined before  
execution

James C. Bozge  
Clyde Horton  
S. J. Deenhardt

State of South Carolina }  
 County of Anderson } In Probate  
 Court

I R. M. Burns, Judge of Probate Court  
 in and for the County, and State aforesaid  
 do hereby Certify, that the foregoing is a  
 true and correct Copy of the last Will  
 and Testament of M. E. Poined as ad-  
 mitted to probate and of record in said  
 Court.

Witness my official Signature and Seal  
 Office affixed this November 14<sup>th</sup> A. D.  
 1896-

R. M. Burns  
 Judge of Probate Court  
 for County of Anderson &c.

Last Will and Testament }  
 of }  
 John H. Austin dec'd }

To all whom it may Concern.

I John H. Austin make this my last will and  
 Testament -

1<sup>st</sup> I bequeath unto my wife (Lou Austin)  
 all my real estate and personal property  
 during her widowhood and at her death  
 my desires are for the property real and  
 personal to be equally divided among my  
 five children.

My desire is for each one of my girls, Eugenia  
 Latimer, Elizabeth and Lou Austins real  
 estate to be entailed to them and to their  
 bodily heirs. I furthermore desire to have  
 all monies on hand to be secured by mortgage  
 on real estate or bonds. Also I want Wm R. Austin  
 to have two hundred dollars.

I desire J. R. & W. J. Austin to be Executors of

this my last will.

John H. Austin  
m 16

We certify that J. H. Austin was in sound mind  
time of signing above paper.

This 2<sup>nd</sup> day of  
November 1896



B. J. Cobb

J. J. Coleman  
C. H. Hough

State of South Carolina } Probate Court  
Abbeville County } Probate Will

Present Honorable R. E. Steele Judge Probate  
Court for Abbeville County.

Personally appeared B. J. Cobb subscribing  
witness to the annexed instrument of writing pur-  
porting to be the last will and testament of  
J. H. Austin 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 J. H. Austin  
And deponent further said that the said J. H.  
Austin at the time of executing the said in-  
strument of writing was to the best of depo-  
nent's knowledge and belief of sound and  
disposing mind, memory and understand-  
ing; and that he (the deponent) and J. J.  
Coleman and C. H. Hough in the pre-  
-ence of each other and of the said J.  
H. Austin and at his request signed  
their names as witnesses to the due ex-  
-ecution of the same  
sworn and subscribed  
to before me this 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of November 1896  
R. E. Steele  
J. P. C.

B. J. Cobb

In the matter of the }  
 Last will and Testament }  
 of }  
 J. H. Austin deceased }  
 Order admitting  
 will to Probate

Upon due examination of B. F. Cobb one of the  
 subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument  
 of writing purporting to be the last will and tes-  
 tament of J. H. Austin 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 ad-  
 mitted to probate in Common form and that let-  
 ters testamentary be granted to J. R. Austin  
 named as Executor.

Nov 27 1896.

R. B. Steele  
 Judge Probate Court

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

Sworn and subscribed to  
 before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day  
 of November 1896.

R. B. Steele  
 Judge Probate

J. R. Austin

# Last Will and Testament of E. C. Simonds dec'd

I, E. C. Simonds of the town of Laurensville, in the County of Abbeville and the State of South Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

First I will and direct that all my legal debts be paid.

Second I will and bequeath to my sister Mrs H. C. Carrington who lives in the City of Charleston the amount of One dollar.

Third I will and bequeath to the surviving children of my deceased brothers and sisters the amount of Ten dollars to be divided between them share and share alike.

Fourth I will and bequeath to my sister Mrs L. A. Cunningham who lives at Laurensville S.C. all the rest residue and remaining of my property including my personal effects, moneys, on hand and in bank and all investments in Insurance Companies, all notes and accounts, or anything else that may be mine at my death.

I do this on account of the straitened financial condition of my sister, she having lived in poverty all of her life.

Fifth I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my sister Mrs L. A. Cunningham to be the executrix of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills made by me.

If she should from any cause be unable to serve as executrix of this my will, I direct that she may call to her assistance, my niece Mrs Fannie C. Below of Charleston S.C., or any other person to act as her agent in carrying out this my will. In witness whereof

I have hereunto subscribed my name and  
affixed my seal, the tenth day of September  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-  
dred and ninety six.

E. C. Simonds (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the  
said E. C. Simonds, as and for his last will and  
Testament in the presence of us, who at the request  
of the said E. C. Simonds and in his presence, and in the  
presence of each other hereunto subscribed our  
names as witnesses thereto.

E. R. Horton (Seal)

J. B. LeRoy (Seal)

James B. Mosley (Seal)

State of South Carolina Probate Court  
Albemarle County Probate will

Present Honorable R. B. Hill Judge Probate Court  
for the County of Albemarle.

Personally appeared J. B. Mosley sub-  
scribing witness to the annexed instrument  
of writing, purporting to be the last will and  
Testament of E. Calhoun Simonds late of  
Albemarle County deceased who being duly  
sworn deposed and said that he was pres-  
ent and did see the said instrument of  
writing duly executed by the said E. Calhoun  
Simonds. And deponent further said  
that the said E. Calhoun Simonds 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 he &  
J. B. LeRoy and E. R. Horton in the presence  
of each other and of the said E. Calhoun  
Simonds and at his request, signed their names  
as witnesses to the due execution of



the same.

Sworn and subscribed to  
before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day  
of Decr One thousand and  
eight hundred and ninety  
six - R. E. Steele  
J. P. C.

J. B. Mosley

In the matter of the  
Last will and Testament  
of  
O. Calhoun Simmons  
decd

order admitting  
to Probate

Upon due examination of J. B. Mosley, one of  
the subscribing witnesses, to the annexed instrument  
of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament  
of O. Calhoun Simmons 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 testa-  
mentary be granted to Mrs L. A. Cunningham named  
as Executrix

R. E. Steele  
Judge, Probate Court

The State of South Carolina } In the 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 as far as his good 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. Sworn and subscribed to before me this } L. A. Cunningham  
7<sup>th</sup> day of Decr 1896 - R. E. Steele J. P. C. }

Last Will and Testament of Thomas J. Mabry  
 The State of South Carolina County of Abbeville  
 I, Thomas J. Mabry of the County and State  
 aforesaid, being of sound and disposing  
 mind and memory, do make, ordain,  
 declare and publish this to be my last will  
 and testament, to wit:

- I I give and bequeath to my daughter Annie  
 my horse "Rafe".
- II I give and devise to my wife Frances and  
 my daughter Annie my dwelling house and  
 outbuildings and sixty three acres of land  
 adjoining, to be cut off in such manner as  
 shall be most convenient to them and with  
 as little injury as possible to the remainder  
 of the place, the share, one half, in the said  
 house outbuildings and sixty three acres of  
 land, hereby devised to my said daughter  
 Annie, is to go to her and her heirs and assigns  
 forever.  
 The share in the same hereby given to my said  
 wife is to be hers during her lifetime only,  
 and at her death I give and devise the  
 same to my daughter Annie, her heirs and  
 assigns forever.
- III Under the same limitations as are contained  
 in the second paragraph of this my will  
 and in the same manner I give and be-  
 queath to my said wife Frances and my said  
 daughter Annie all my household and kitchen  
 furniture of every kind and description.
- IV I give and devise to my son John M. Mabry  
 eleven acres of land adjoining the place on  
 which he now lives to be cut off from my tract  
 of land in such manner as may be most  
 convenient. I have already given my said  
 son twenty and a half acres from my tract  
 of about two hundred and twenty acres

and my intention in making this devise is to make his share equal to those of my other children hereinafter named.

V I give and devise the remainder of my said tract of land in four equal shares as follows, to wit: to my son Robert D. Mabry, his heirs and assigns, forever, one share; to my daughter Mary McCracken, her heirs and assigns, forever, one share; to my daughter Fannie Chestnut, her heirs and assigns forever, one share; and to my three grand children, Wesley Rainey, Jordan Rainey, and Tompkins Rainey, children of my deceased daughter Sam Rainey, their heirs and assigns forever, one share.

VI I nominate, constitute and appoint my son-in-law John J. Chestnut to be the Executor of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

VII Any other property I may have I give devise and bequeath in seven equal shares to my said wife, my two sons, my three daughters and my three grand sons above named, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety six and in the One hundred and twenty first year of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United State of America.

Signed, sealed, declared and published by the Testator as and for his last will and Testament, in the presence of us, who, at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

J. A. Wilson  
L. A. Rainey  
G. S. Wilson

Thomas J. Mabry  
by Ellis G. Grayson

The State of South Carolina  
 County of Abbeville

I, Thomas J. Mabry, of the County and State aforesaid, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do hereby make ordain, declare and publish this to be a Codicil to my last Will and Testament dated on the twenty first day of September, 1896, and signed for and by Ellis G. Graydon in my presence and by my direction, in manner and form following, that is to say:

- I hereby ratify and confirm all the provisions in my said will contained.
- II In case it should be necessary that any of my property shall be sold for the payment of debts, I hereby authorize and empower my Executor named in the said will, John F. Cheatham, to sell at public sale such property as may be necessary to pay said debts.
- III In case it shall be necessary to sell any of my property for the payment of debts, I direct my said Executor to sell such the property mentioned in the fifth Clause of my said will at public sale, at such time and on such terms as he may deem to be just and that out of the proceeds of such sale he do pay said debts and that he do divide the remainder, if any, among the persons mentioned in said fifth Clause, as provided therein.

Signed, sealed, declared and published by the Testator as and for a Codicil to his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

1004 M. Alister, Lizzie Mabry, Ellis G. Graydon

Thomas J. Mabry

State of South Carolina Probate Court  
 Abbeville County Probate Will

Present Honorable R. E. Keel Judge Probate  
 Court for the County of Abbeville

Personally appeared J. A. Wilson  
 subscribing witness to the annexed instru-  
 ment of writing, purporting to be the  
 last will and Testament of Thomas  
 J. Mabry late of Abbeville County dec'd  
 who being duly sworn, deposed and  
 said that he was present and did see  
 the said instrument of writing duly  
 executed by the said Thomas J. Mabry.

And deponent further said that  
 the said Thomas J. Mabry at the time  
 of executing the said instrument of  
 writing was to the best of deponent's  
 knowledge and belief of sound and  
 disposing memory and understanding  
 and that he (the deponent) and L. H.  
 Racey and G. S. Wilson in the pres-  
 ence of each other and of the said  
 Thomas J. Mabry and at his 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 November One thousand  
 eight hundred and ninety six

J. A. Wilson

R. E. Keel  
 J. Pro. ad

In the Matter of  
The Last Will and Testament  
of  
Thomas J. Mabry dead

Upon due examination of F. A. Wilson one  
of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed  
instrument of writing purporting to be the  
last will and testament of Thomas J.  
Mabry, late of Abbeville County, deceased,  
it appears to my satisfaction that the same  
is the true last will of deceased.

It is therefore ordered and decreed, that  
it be admitted to probate in Common form  
and that Letters Testamentary be granted to  
John T. Cheatham named as Executor

R. B. Hill

Judge Probate

The State of South Carolina } In the 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 there-  
with extend and the Law charge me  
and that I will make a true and per-  
fect Inventory of all such goods and  
Chattels, rights and Credits, So Help me Gods  
Sworn and Subscribed to  
before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of Nov 1896 -

R. B. Hill

J. P. A. C.

J. T. Cheatham

and my intention in making this devise is to make his share equal to those of my other children hereinafter named.

V I give and devise the remainder of my said tract of land in four equal shares as follows, to wit: to my son Robert D. Mabry, his heirs and assigns, forever, one share; to my daughter Mary McCracken, her heirs and assigns, forever, one share; to my daughter Fannie Cheatham, her heirs and assigns forever, one share; and to my three grand children, Wesley Ramsey, Jordan Ramsey, and Tompkins Ramsey, children of my deceased daughter Sam Ramsey, their heirs and assigns forever, one share.

VI I nominate constitute and appoint my son-in-law John J. Cheatham to be the Executor of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

VII Any other property I may have I give devise and bequeath in seven equal shares to my said wife, my two sons, my three daughters and my three grand sons above named, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and ninety six and in the One hundred and twenty first year of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United State of America.

Signed, sealed, declared and published by the Testator as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us, who, at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

J. A. Wilson  
L. A. Ramsey  
E. S. Wilson

Thomas J. Mabry ESQ  
by Ellis S. Grayson

State of South Carolina } Probate Court  
Abbeville County } Probate Will

Present Honorable R. B. Hill Judge Probate  
Court for the County of Abbeville.

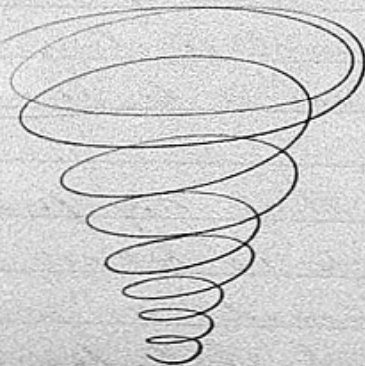
Personally appeared W. H. Parker subscribing  
witness to the annexed instrument of writing  
purporting to be the last will and testament  
of William Rutledge late of Abbeville County  
deceased, who being duly sworn deponent  
and saith that he was present and did  
see the said instrument of writing duly  
executed by the said William Rutledge

And deponent further saith that the  
said William Rutledge at the time of exe-  
cuting 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  
he (the deponent) and W. C. McGowan and  
W. C. Bent Jr, in the presence of each other  
and of the said William Rutledge and at his  
request, signed, signed their names as wit-  
nesses to the due execution of the same  
sworn and subscribed to

before me this day of  
July 1897 -

R. B. Hill  
J. P. C.

W. H. Parker





In the matter of the  
 Last Will and Testament  
 of  
 Wm Rutledge  
 dec'd

Upon due examination of W. H. Parker one  
 of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed  
 instrument of writing purporting to be the  
 last will and testament of Wm Rutledge  
 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.

R. E. Rice  
 Judge Probate Court

Last will and Testament of  
 James W. Green dec'd

In the name of God amen!

I James Wesley Green of Greenwood County  
 of Abbeville and State of South Carolina  
 being of sound and disposing mind, pub-  
 lish and declare this to be my last will  
 and testament, hereby revoking and making  
 null and void, all former last wills and  
 testaments and writings in the matter  
 of last wills and testaments by me her-  
 tofore made.

1<sup>st</sup> Dist: I will that my funeral charges  
 and just debts be paid by my Executors  
 hereinafter named, as soon after my  
 decease as shall by her be found convenient.

2<sup>nd</sup> Second: I will and devise to my beloved

wife, Mary Lennida Green my dwelling House (now occupied by myself and family,) and lot, one wooden Store and lot, bounded South by Store of Bailey Barksdale & Co, all of which is situated and being in the Town of Greenwood S.C.: All notes and accounts now due, or which shall be due and owing to me at my decease.

- 3 Third: I will to my beloved wife Mary Lennida Green my life Insurance policy I hold in the Knights of Honor which calls for Two thousand Dollars at my death.
- 4 Fourth: I will to my beloved wife Mary Lennida Green the residue and remainder of my estate, real personal and mixed of which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease.
- 5 Fifth: I will and bequeath Ten Dollars to each of my children, Mary Ida Tarrant, Annie Pauline Staekhus, Matiean Elizabeth Green, James Thomas Green, Emma Majet Green, Wrightman Green and Legister Green as they severally may reach the age of Twenty one years.

And I do nominate and appoint my wife Mary Lennida Green Executrix of this my last will and testament without being required to give bond.

In witness whereof I have affixed my hand and seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety four.

James Wesley Green (S)

Signed sealed and declared by the said James Wesley Green to be his last will and testament in presence of us, who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as

witnesses, hereto, in presence of each other

J. J. Simmons

W. V. Blythe

Jos. J. Medlar

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

Present Hon R. E. Hill Judge of Probate  
Court for the County of Abbeville

Personally appeared James J. Medlar  
subscribing witness to the annexed instrument  
of writing purporting to be the last will and  
testament of James W. Green 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 James W. Green. And deponent  
further saith that the said James W. Green  
at the time of executing the said instrument was  
to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief  
of sound and disposing mind memory and  
understanding and that he (the deponent) and  
W. V. Blythe and J. J. Simmons in the presence  
of each other and of the said James W. Green  
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 July 1897

} Jos. J. Medlar

*[Large decorative flourish]*

In the matter of the  
 Last Will and Testament  
 of  
James W Green  
 Deed

Upon due examination of Jos J. Medley one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of James W Green 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 Mrs Mary Linnida Green named as Executrix.

R. Estill  
 J. P. & C.

The State of South Carolina } In the 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 as far as his goods and chattels will therewith extend and the law charge me and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels rights and credits. So Help Me God's

Sworn and subscribed to  
 before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day  
 of July 1897

R. Estill  
 J. P. & C.

Mary Linnida Green

Last Will & Testament  
of  
Robert W. Major deed

In the name of God Amen,  
 I Robert W. Major of Greenwood, Abbeville  
 County, South Carolina, make this my  
 last will and testament, hereby revoking  
 all others. I give, bequeath and devise  
 my estate and property, real and per-  
 sonal, as follows, that is to say:

Item 1<sup>st</sup>: I desire that all of my funeral  
 expenses be paid including the putting up  
 of neat gravestones to mark my last rest-  
 ing place.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup>: I desire all of my legal and  
 just debts paid & to this end that my five  
 shares of stock in the Greenwood Building  
 and Loan Association be kept up in order  
 that the final outcome thereof with what  
 may be due my estate from notes on J. B.  
 Green & Co. may be applied to the liquidation  
 of my indebtedness to Mrs S. R. Maxwell  
 and balance after so doing become a part  
 of my estate.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup>: It is my will and desire that  
 the whole of my estate real & personal  
 property including proceeds of Life In-  
 surance policies be kept together for the  
 purpose of clothing, supporting and Ed-  
 ucating my children until they arrive  
 at maturity or marriage, as to each one  
 (so far as support & education is concerned)  
 & until the youngest becomes of age.

I prefer that my stock in the Bank of  
 Greenwood S. C. be kept intact.

My stock in the Greenwood Oil Mill  
 & the Greenwood Cotton Mill as well

as my interest in the firm of J. W. Green & Co may be sold or kept up at the discretion of my Executrix or Executor, but in case of Sale of either or all then I desire it re-invested for the purposes above mentioned.

Item 4<sup>th</sup>: I desire my Children to have the best mental & moral education so far as each will accept.

Item 5<sup>th</sup>: I hereby empower and authorize my Executrix or Executor to sell grant & convey in fee any of my Estate real and personal provided the proceeds thereof be re-invested in other property for my estate, or it be necessary to sell in order to support or educate my Children as above indicated. This is to be done at discretion without order of Court.

Any articles found useless or unnecessary on place or plantation may be either sold exchanged or repaired.

Item 6<sup>th</sup>: When my youngest Child becomes of age. It is my will and desire that my property both real and personal then existing be equally divided among my wife, if living, at the time and all of my Children share and share alike - That is my wife and any Child shall have an equal portion.

If any Child should be dead at that time & leaving living issue or posterity, that Child's part shall go to said issue or posterity.

Item 7<sup>th</sup>: Reposing full and ample confidence in my beloved wife J. B. Major, I do hereby appoint her the Executrix of this my last will & Testament in conjunction with my brother S. G. Major as Co Executor thereof. In witness whereof I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my will at Greenwood S.C. on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1889 - Robt W. Major

State of South Carolina Probate Court  
 Abbeville County Probate Will

Present Honorable R. B. Hill Judge Probate  
 Court for the County of Abbeville

Personally appeared J. A. Wilson  
 subscribing witness to the annexed instru-  
 ment of writing, purporting to be the  
 last will and Testament of Thomas  
 J. Mabry late of Abbeville County, S. C.  
 who being duly sworn, deposed and  
 said that he was present and did see  
 the said instrument of writing duly  
 executed by the said Thomas J. Mabry.

And deponent further said that  
 the said Thomas J. Mabry at the time  
 of executing the said instrument of  
 writing was to the best of deponent's  
 knowledge and belief of sound and  
 disposing memory and understanding  
 and that he (the deponent) and J. A.  
 Ramey and G. S. Wilson in the pres-  
 ence of each other and of the said  
 Thomas J. Mabry and at his 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 November One thousand  
 eight hundred and ninety six

J. A. Wilson

R. B. Hill  
 J. Pro. C.

In the matter of the  
 Last Will & Testament  
 of  
 Robert W. Major  
 deceased }  
 Order admitting to Probate

Upon due examination of C. A. Waller one of the  
 subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument  
 of writing purporting to be the last will and tes-  
 tament of Robert W. 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 ad-  
 mitted to probate in Common form and that Letters  
 Testamentary be granted to Jannio B. Major named in  
 Executive.

R. C. Hill  
 Judge Probate Court

The State of South Carolina } In the 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, 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!

Sworn and subscribed to  
 before me this 11th day of  
 July 1897.

R. C. Hill  
 J. P. A. C.

Jannio B. Major



# Last Will and Testament of Lucinda Burnett died

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville County }

I Lucinda Burnett of abbeville State and County being this day by the good Providence of God in sound and disposing mind and memory do make and execute this my last will and Testament in the presence of Almighty God and three three witnesses.

Item 1st: I do give and bequeath the all of my real estate consisting of one Tract of land situated in the County of Abbeville State of South Carolina bounded by lands of Gaius D. Ross, Tolbert land lands of S. M. Dominick and others, containing One hundred and twelve acres more or less unto the following persons: My brother Gaius D. Ross my niece Dorothy Ann Worthington, my nephew James R. Ross, and in this way:

I give unto my brother Gaius D. Ross Tract number 1 to contain twenty four acres of said Tract of land of One hundred and twelve acres and desire this portion to be cut off of said tract lying and adjoining lands of S. M. Dominick.

I do give and bequeath to my niece Dorothy Ann Worthington Tract number 2 to contain thirty seven and one third acres of said tract of land of One hundred and twelve acres, and desire this her portion of thirty seven and one third acres be cut off adjoining that given to Gaius D. Ross and especially desire that she have and I do hereby give her all the buildings and appurtenances being thereon and in which she is living at this writing.

I do give and bequeath unto my brother Gaius D. Ross Tract number 3 to contain thirteen and one third acres of said Tract of One hundred and

twelve acres, and desire this portion to be cut off adjoining that given to my niece Dorothy Ann Worthington.

I do give and bequeath unto my nephew James R. Ross Tract number 4 to contain thirty seven and one third acres of said tract of one hundred and twelve acres, and desire this his portion to be cut off adjoining that given to Gaius J. Ross and bounded by lands of S. P. Brooke on the West, I do give and bequeath this land unto my brother Gaius J. Ross, my niece Dorothy Ann Worthington, my nephew James R. Ross equal portion to each, thirty seven and one third acres as just described to have and to hold during their natural lives only. Upon the death of my brother Gaius J. Ross I desire and do give his portion of my land Tract number 1 and Tract number 3 unto his Children by second marriage. Upon the death of my niece Dorothy Ann Worthington I do give her portion of land Tract number 2 containing thirty seven and one third acres unto her Children. At the death of my nephew James R. Ross being at the time unmarried I do give his portion of my land Tract number 4 containing thirty seven and one third acres unto his Father Gaius J. Ross and unto his Sister Dorothy Ann Worthington each one half of said interest. I have bequeathed this my land to my brother Gaius J. Ross, my niece Dorothy Ann Worthington, my nephew James R. Ross because I think they deserve it for their attention and care of me.

I appoint my brother Gaius J. Ross as Executor of this my last will and Testament. I have hereunto affixed my hand and

Seal to this my last will and Testament in presence of these three witnesses.

This the 5<sup>th</sup> fifth day of April Anno Domini One thousand eight hundred and ninety four.

Witnesses  
E. L. Tolbert  
J. M. Miller  
H. A. Tolbert

Lucinda Burnett

State of South Carolina Probate Court  
County of Abbeville Probate Hall  
Present - Honorable R. A. Hill Justice Probate Court for the County of Abbeville.

Personally appeared J. M. Miller subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Lucinda Burnett, late of Abbeville County deceased, who being duly sworn depose and swear that he was present and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said Lucinda Burnett. And depone further swear that the said Lucinda Burnett at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the best of dependent knowledge and belief, of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding; and that he (the deponent) and E. L. Tolbert and H. A. Tolbert in the presence of each other and of the said Lucinda Burnett and at her request, signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety four.  
R. A. Hill J. P.

James M. Miller

In the matter of the  
Last Will and Testament  
of  
Lucinda Burnett  
decd

Upon due examination of James M. Miller  
one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed  
instrument of writing purporting to be the  
last will and Testament of Lucinda  
Burnett 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 James D. Ross named as Executor.

R. Hill  
J. Pro. a. c.

The State of South Carolina } In the 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, as far as he 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  
Do Help me God!

sworn and subscribed  
to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day  
of July 1897—

G. J. Ross

R. Hill J. Pro.

# Last Will & Testament of J. P. Kennedy decd.

In the name of God Amen:

I J. P. Kennedy, being of sound mind and admonished of the shortness and uncertainty of life, do, this day, make and execute this my last will and Testament.

First I will that all my just debts be paid.

Second I will that One thousand dollars be paid to my son J. Payson Kennedy, and five hundred dollars be paid to my daughter Jane D. Brier. The design of these special bequest is to equalize the portion of my dear children as far as I can.

Third I will that twenty five hundred dollars be paid to my beloved wife Kate P. Kennedy without condition, and further that the dividends on my stock in Piedmont Mfg Company (\$2000) and the dividends on my stock in Greenville Bank amounting to five hundred dollars, in all amounting to twenty five hundred dollars shall be paid to my said wife during her natural life. I also will to my wife the furniture in the room we occupy, except my Chair and writing desk, and in addition whatever furniture she had when we were married.

Fourth I will that one half the lot between my house and the lot of P. L. Grier be sold.

Fifth I will that my house and land connected with it, except the lot just mentioned, shall be sold to my son J. Seldon Kennedy for thirty five hundred (\$3500) dollars in case he is disposed to take it at that price.

otherwise, it be sold by my Executor to be here-  
in after named and proceeds to be divided  
as my other property not already willed, equally  
among my dear children.

Sixth I will that my land be sold in such tracts  
as my Executor may decide best. I also will  
that my property of all kinds shall be sold  
privately or at public outcry, without order from  
Court, as my Executor may deem best for the  
estate.

Seventh I will that my son H. Seldon Kennedy shall  
execute this my last will and testament, and  
that he shall charge only one half the legal  
rate for his services.

Eighth I will that after the payment of bequest already  
specified the proceeds of my property real and  
personal shall be divided equally among my dear  
children H. Seldon Kennedy, J. Payson Kennedy  
and my beloved daughter Jane I. Brier for her  
benefit, and the benefit of her children. I also ap-  
point my daughter Jane I. Brier sole trustee of  
that part of my estate due to her according to this  
my will. I would advise her to consult her hus-  
band Jas A. Brier and her brother H. Seldon Ken-  
nedy as to the proper investment and management  
of her estate. It is not my will that there shall  
be any distribution of my daughter's part of my  
estate to her children, but that she shall manage  
and control it for hers and their benefit during  
her life.

In a previous will, destroyed by me this day, I  
left my daughter Jane's estate in the hands of  
her husband Jas A. Brier as trustee. My reason  
for the change is the embarrassed condition of  
Mr Brier's own estate at present.

Ninth I will that, after the death of my beloved wife  
Kate P. Kennedy, my stock in the Piedmont  
Mfg Company and also in the Greenville

Bank shall be sold and proceeds of such sale shall be equally divided among my surviving Children or their heirs.

Tenth I will that my son J. Payson Kennedy, shall have my gold watch, and that he return the one he now has to my Executors to be kept for my grand son Luther Brie.

Eleventh I will that my daughter Jane I. Brie shall have Julia's largest portion, and that my beloved wife shall have her choice of the remaining one.

Twelfth I will that my beloved wife shall make her home with my Children, if agreeable to her, and I earnestly desire that my Children shall in every way seek the Comfort of her who has been to them an affectionate mother, and to me a faithful wife.

Thirteenth I will that my Executors pay to H. H. Dummer one hundred dollars in cash for his daughter Julia Kennedy Dummer.

Fourteenth I earnestly pray that a gracious God may continue to bless the dear ones He has given me and that we may, at last, constitute a family unbroken in Heaven.

Fifteenth I hereby empower and direct my Executor A. Seldon Kennedy, in whose integrity and judgment I have implicit confidence, to carry out my will as expressed above without any resort to Court of law.

This my last will and Testament I signed and read this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Aug<sup>r</sup> 1894.

Witnesses -

A. A. Benson  
J. Y. Miller  
J. J. Madico



J. P. Kennedy (28)

Codicil on other side

In the name of God, Amen!

Being of sound and disposing mind  
I do this day make the following cod-  
icil to the above Last will and Testament.

- (1) In Article Third in the above Last will and Testament I substitute the following:  
I will that three thousand dollars (\$3000) be paid to my beloved wife Kate P. Kennedy without Coverture: and further that the Dividends on my Stock in Piedmont Mfg Co said Stock amounting to \$2000. and the Dividends on my Stock in the City National Bank of Greenville S.C., said Stock amounting to \$1000. be paid to my said wife during her natural life. I also will to my wife the furniture in the room we occupy except my chair and writing desk, and in addition whatever furniture she had when we married.
- (2) In Article "Ninth" the Phrase Greenville Bank should read "City National Bank of Greenville"
- (3) My Executor A. Jackson Kennedy is hereby empowered to change the investment of the above mentioned Stock, namely in Piedmont Mfg Co and in "City National Bank of Greenville" if it shall seem advisable after Consultation with my wife Kate P. Kennedy.
- (4) In reference to the portion of my daughter Jane I. Brice as provided for in article "Eighth" of above Will and Testament, I wish to make it clear that she is to have the absolute right of disposal of said portion at her death and that the provisions of article "Eighth" relate only to the non-distribution of said portion of my daughter Jane I. Brice, during her life time.



(5) I wish it distinctly understood that my Executor  
A. Pearson Kennedy is hereby authorized and em-  
powered not only to sell my real estate as provided  
for in my will, but to make title to same, without  
recort to Courts of law.

Witness my hand & seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1897.

Witnesses  
Wm. G. Grist  
A. A. Pearson  
M. G. Brice

J. P. Kennedy (Seal)

State of South Carolina } Probate Court  
County of Abbeville } Probate Will

Present Hon R. E. Rice Judge of Probate Court  
for the County of Abbeville

Personally appeared A. A. Pearson subscribing  
witness to the annexed instrument of writing  
purporting to be the last will and Testament of  
J. P. Kennedy late of Abbeville County decedent  
who being duly sworn deposed and said that he  
was present and did see the said instrument  
of writing duly executed by the said J. P. Kennedy  
And deponent further said that the said J. P.  
Kennedy at the time of executing the said instru-  
ment of writing was to the best of deponents know-  
edge and belief of sound and disposing mind, memory  
and understanding and that he (the deponent)  
and J. G. Miller and J. T. McDie in the presence  
of each other and of the said J. P. Kennedy  
and at his request signed their names  
as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn and subscribed to  
before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day  
of April 1897 - R. E. Rice  
J.P.C.

A. A. Pearson

Personally, appeared Rev W. M. Grier sub-  
 scribing witness to the annexed instrument of  
 writing purporting to be a Council to  
 the last will and Testament of J. P. Kennedy  
 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 J. P. Kennedy.

And deponent further saith that the  
 said J. P. Kennedy, 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 mem-  
 ory and understanding; and that he  
 (the deponent) and A. A. Pearson and  
 M. C. Grier in the presence of each other  
 and of the said J. P. Kennedy, and at his  
 request, signed their names as witnesses  
 to the due execution of the same.

Sworn to and subscribed  
 before me this 2<sup>d</sup> day  
 of April 1897.

W. M. Grier

R. B. Hill

J. P. A. C.

In the matter of the  
 Last Will & Testament  
 of  
 J. P. Kennedy  
 Decd

Upon due examination of A. A. Pearson & W. M. Grier sub-  
 scribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing purport-  
 ing to be the last will and Testament and Council thereof of  
 J. P. Kennedy late of Abbeville County deceased, it appears to  
 my satisfaction that the same is the true last will of -