

State of South Carolina } Probate  
 Atterville County } Court

Present Honorable P.E. Heie Judge Probate Court  
 for the County of Atterville.

Personally Appeared G.H. Moore Subscribing  
 witness to the annexed instrument of writing,  
 purporting to be the last will and Testament  
 of Joshua Ashley late of Atterville County, deceased,  
 who being duly sworn, deposed and saith that he  
 was present and did see the said instrument  
 of writing duly executed by the said Joshua Ashley  
 and deponent further saith that the said Joshua  
 Ashley at the time of executing the said instru-  
 ment 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.R. Bullock and G.S.  
 Graydon in the presence of each other, and  
 of the said Joshua Ashley, and at his request,  
 signed their names as witnesses, to the due  
 execution of the same.

G.H. Moore  
 Sworn and Subscribed  
 to before me, this 30 day of  
 October one thousand  
 eight hundred and Ninety  
 Nine.

P.E. Heie  
 J.P. ac

In the Matter of the Lost Will and Testament  
of Joshua Ashley Dead.

Upon Due Examination of G. H. Moore, one of  
the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument  
of writing purporting to be the lost Will and Tes-  
tament of Joshua Ashley late of Abbeville County,  
deceased, it appears to my satisfaction, that the Same  
is the true lost 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 Jas B Ashley  
named as Exr.

W. H. Rice

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 lost 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 therunto 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 30<sup>th</sup> day  
of Oct - 1899

W. H. Rice  
J. P. A. C.

Jos. B. Ashley



State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville County }

In the name of God Amen!

I John T. Creswell of the County of Abbeville in the State of South Carolina, being of Sound and disposing mind and memory but frail in bodily health, do make public and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other last wills by me heretofore made.

Now first I commend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the ground from whence it came.

1<sup>st</sup> My will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my property by my executor, hereinafter named.

2<sup>nd</sup> I will at my death all my property, personal and real to my beloved wife Ann Creswell during her life the place on which I now reside to be held by my wife for a home for her and my two daughters, Jane Isabelle and Sarah Caroline Creswell. At my death, I will all my personal property and real Estate be sold and divided as follows.

3<sup>rd</sup> To my son James R. Creswell Fifty Dollars, if living.

4<sup>th</sup> The balance of my estate to be divided equally among my other Six (6) children as follows.

Joe P. Creswell 1/6

Jane T. Creswell 1/6

Sallie C. Creswell 1/6

Katie L. wife of J. R. Creswell 1/6

Matthie A. Bowin 1/6 widow

Mollie J. Moore 1/6

If any of them should die before my wife Ann Creswell their shares shall be divided among the other living children.

5<sup>th</sup> And lastly I hereby nominate & appoint  
my wife Ann Creswell and my daughter  
Sallie C Creswell my Executors of this my  
last will.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand  
and seal

John F. Creswell (LS)

The above instrument was now here sub-  
scribed to in our presence by the Testator  
who declared it to be his last will and  
testament and now at his request and  
in his presence, and in the presence  
of each other, attached our names here-  
to as subscribing witnesses.

J. A. Cook (LS)

Thos C Lites (LS)

J. S. Russell (LS)



State of South Carolina } Probate  
 Abbeville County } Court.

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

Personally Appeared F. A. Cook Subscribing  
 witness to the annexed instrument of writing  
 purporting to be the last Will and Testament  
 of John F. Creswell 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  
 executed by the said John F. Creswell, and  
 deponent further saith that the said John  
 F. Creswell 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 Thos. C. Litten  
 and J. L. Russell were in the presence of each other,  
 and of the said John F. Creswell and at  
 his request, signed their names as witnesses  
 to the due execution of the same.

Sworn and Subscribed  
 to before me, this 27<sup>th</sup>  
 day of November one  
 thousand eight hundred  
 and ninety nine.

R. E. Heie  
 J. P. C.

F. A. Cook

In the Matter of the Last Will and Testament }  
of John F. Crosswell Deed }

Upon Due Execution of F. A. Cook one of the  
subscribing witnesses to the annexed instru-  
-ment of writing purporting to be the last  
Will and Testament of John F. Crosswell  
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 Sallie C. Crosswell named as one  
of the Executors.

R. H. H. H.

Judge Probate Court

The State of S. C. Carolina } In the  
County of Abbeville } Probate 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 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 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of Nov 1899

R. H. H. H.  
J. P. C.

Sallie C. Crosswell



Last Will of William R Hawthorn decd

I. W. R. Hawthorn of Abbeville County and 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 just debts and funeral expenses shall be first fully paid.

Second. I desire that all the rest of my estate both real and personal to remain as it is until my youngest living child becomes twenty one years of age.

Third. That my property both real and personal then be sold and equally divided between my living heirs.

Fourth - I nominate and desire that my son Robert Weston Hawthorn take charge of my affairs; for him to keep up the place and stock of all kind as at present.

He shall keep and provide for the family all that is necessary for their support; all about their support he may use as he may see proper.

Fifth - I nominate and appoint my son John Thomas Hawthorn and my friend W. F. Radcliff to be the Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills made by me.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1899.

W. R. Hawthorn  
his  
mark (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared as and for his last will and testament by the above named Testator, in our presence who have at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other signed our names as witnesses thereto.

W. C. Staddon  
W. F. Radcliff  
J. C. Hawthorn

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

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

Personally appeared W. J. Radcliff subscribing  
witness to the annexed instrument of writing purporting  
to be the last will and testament of W. R. Hawthorn  
late of Abbeville County, deceased who being duly sworn  
deposes and swears that he was present and did see  
the said instrument of writing duly executed by the  
said W. R. Hawthorn. And deponent further swears  
that the said W. R. Hawthorn 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 W. C. Huddens and  
J. C. Hawthorn in the presence of each other and of  
the said W. R. Hawthorn and at his request signed  
their names as witnesses to the due execution of the  
same.

Sworn and subscribed to before  
me this 5 day of July one thousand

nine hundred. R. E. Hill

J. P. A.

W. J. Radcliff

In the matter of the last will and  
testament of W. R. Hawthorn dead

Upon due examination of W. J. Radcliff one of the  
subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of  
writing purporting to be the last will and testament of  
W. R. Hawthorn 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 J. Hawthorn named as Executor. R. E. Hill

J. P. A.



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 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 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 & chattels rights and Credits -  
So Help me God.

Sworn and subscribed to  
before me this 5 day of July  
1900. R. C. Steele J. P. C.

J. J. Hewthorn

Last  
will of  
Keggy  
Washington

In the name of God Amen:

I Kissie Washington, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding but in feeble health do make Public and declare the following to be my last will and testament -

First - I direct that all my just debts funeral expenses to be Paid.

Second - I give devise and bequeath all my estate of every kind and description to my two children viz - Anna Frazer and George Washington shall share and share alike.

Third - In the event of the death of either one of my said Children without leaving bodily issue then in that case the share of my estate going to such one, shall go to the survivor.

Fourth - Should both of my said children die without leaving bodily heirs then it is my will that my sister Jannie Hugans shall have my estate.

I hereby appoint my said sister Jannie Hugans Executor of this my will and express the hope that she may take charge of my will.

children and live with them until they become of age or at least until they become old enough to take care of themselves.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Feb 1899.

Signed, seal and delivered  
in the Testament in our  
Presence to be her last will  
and testament and we in her  
Presence and in the Presence  
of each other and at her request  
signed our names as witnesses  
thereto -

J. M. Brooks  
J. L. Clain  
C. A. Smith

Kessie Washington

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. M. Brooks subscribing witness  
to the annexed instrument of writing purporting  
to be the last will and testament of Kessie  
Washington 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 Kessie  
Washington. And deponent further said that the  
said Kessie Washington 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 C. A. Smith and J. L.  
Clain in the presence of each other and of the said Kessie  
Washington and at her request signed their names



as witnesses to the due execution of the same,

Sworn and subscribed to before me

this 29 day of Decr One thousand

eight hundred and ninety nine

R. B. Hill

J. P. C.

J. M. Brooks

In the matter of the  
Last will & Testament

of  
Kissie Washington

Upon due examination of J. M. Brooks one of the  
subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of  
writing purporting to be the last will and testament of  
Kissie Washington 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 Jennie Hagan named as Executrix  
Dec 28 1899.

R. B. Hill

Judge of Probate

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 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 29 day of Decr 1899.

R. B. Hill J. P. C.

Jennie Hagan  
Executrix

State of South Carolina }  
 County of Abbeville }

In the name of God Amen!

I Cassandre Harriett Henderson of the said County and State being of sound mind and Considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

I After all of my lawful debts are paid and discharged I give and bequeath to my son

Judd Henderson Twenty five acres of land.  
 II To my son J. L. Henderson <sup>I give</sup> Twenty five acres of land.

III To the heirs of my son T. J. Henderson deceased <sup>I give</sup> twenty five acres of land.

IV To my son R. C. Henderson <sup>I give</sup> Twenty five acres of land.

V To Barney Rufus, Lucrecia Virginia Thomas Mariow, Sarah Augusta and Francis Alongo Henderson, the Children of my deceased son Francis Mariow Henderson I give the remaining part of my real estate, containing about one hundred & seven acres of land and including the homestead.

Also all of my personal property.

I do hereby appoint my son R. C. Henderson Executor of this my will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October A. D. 1899.

Signed published and declared  
 in the presence of us who in presence  
 of each other and of Testator who  
 at her request signed our names  
 as witnesses to the execution hereof

Cassandre Henderson

J. H. Dunlap

P. W. Cochran

E. P. Wainwright



State of South Carolina } Probate Court  
 Abbeville County } Probate will  
 Present Honorable R. Estill Judge of Probate Court  
 for Abbeville County

Personally appeared G. P. Watkins, subscribing  
 witness to the annexed instrument of writing per-  
 porting to be the last will and testament of Cassander  
 Henderson late of Abbeville County deceased who  
 being duly sworn deposes and swears that he was  
 present and did see the said instrument of  
 writing duly executed by the said Cassander  
 Henderson, and deponent further swears that the said Cassander  
 Henderson, 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  
 P. M. Cothran and J. H. Newlop, in the presence  
 of each other and of the said Cassander Henderson, and  
 at her request signed their names as witnesses to  
 the due execution of the same,  
 Sworn and subscribed before me  
 this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January  
 1900.

R. Estill  
 J. P. C.

G. P. Watkins

In the matter of }  
 The last will of }

Upon due examination of G. P. Watkins one  
 of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed  
 instrument of writing purporting to be the  
 last will and testament of Cassander Henderson  
 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 E  
Henderson, named as Executor.

R. E. Hill  
J. P. A.

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 testator  
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 19 day of  
July 1900

R. E. Hill  
J. P. A.

R. E. Henderson



In the name of God Amen!

I John W Rowland of Donalds in the County of Abbeville and State of South Carolina, do make this my last will and testament,

1<sup>st</sup> That all my indebtedness including burial and Quitable head Stone Expenses be paid after this being done I give and bequeath to my niece Emma Hubbard One hundred (\$100) Dollars. I give and bequeath to my niece Fannie C. Martin One hundred <sup>(100)</sup> Dollars. I give and bequeath to my sister in law Amanda Mitchell fifty \$50 Dollars. I give and bequeath to my nephew Jas T. Rowland twenty five (\$25) Dollars I give and bequeath to my nephew W. F. Rowland twenty five (\$25) Dollars. I give and bequeath to my niece Lois C. Martin twenty five (\$25) Dollars. I give and bequeath to my niece Lellie A. Martin twenty five (\$25) Dollars. I give and bequeath to my niece Belle Brooker the rest and residue of my real and personal property.

I do nominate and appoint Jas C. Booker to be the Sole Executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal and publish this to be my last will and testament, in presence of the witnesses named below this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1899.

Signed, sealed, declared and published by the said John W Rowland 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 thereto.

W. B. Horton, Donalds " "  
 P. O. Leight " "  
 J. J. Martin " "

J. W. Rowland (S)

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

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

Personally appeared J. J. Duran, subscribing  
 witness to the annexed instrument of writing pur-  
 porting to be the last will and testament of  
 J. W. Rowland, late of Abbeville County deceased  
 who being duly sworn deponeth and saith  
 that he was present and did see the said in-  
 strument duly executed by the said J. W.  
 Rowland, and deponent further saith that  
 the said J. W. Rowland, 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 understand-  
 ing and that he (the deponent) and W. B.  
 Whorton and T. C. Seanght, in the  
 presence of each other and of the said J. W.  
 Rowland and at his request signed their  
 names as witnesses to the due execution of the  
 same.

Sworn and subscribed to  
 before me this 13 day  
 of July 1900

R. H. Hill  
 J. P. C.

J. J. Duran



In the matter of the  
Last Will and Testament  
of

Upon due examination of J. J. Nunn, one of  
the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of  
writing purporting to be the last will and Testament  
of John Rowland, 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 the same  
be admitted to probate in Common form and that  
letters testamentary be granted to <sup>James C. Booker</sup> name of  
Executor -

R. B. Hill  
J. P. Hill

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 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 rights and credits. So  
Help me God.

Sworn and subscribed to  
before me this 13 day  
of July 1900

James C. Booker

R. B. Hill  
J. P. Hill

Last will and Testament of Amelia C. Reeser

State of Georgia **B**  
 Clarke County **B** I Amelia C. Reeser  
 of the County of Clarke in the State of Georgia  
 being of sound and disposing mind and  
 memory do make this my last will and Testa-  
 ment, hereby revoking all former Wills and tes-  
 taments made by me.

Item 1<sup>st</sup>. I give bequeath and devise to my husband  
 Alexander R. Reeser of the County of Elbert in the  
 State of Georgia all of the household furniture  
 that I left with him in the town of Reesersville  
 in the State of Georgia - Also all that tract or parcel  
 of land in the said County of Elbert containing  
 Six hundred (600) acres more or less and bounded  
 by lands of E. M. Reeser, Joseph R. Samuel J. N.  
 Wall and others; after the death of my said hus-  
 band the said property is to go to my niece and  
 adopted daughter Kathleen O'Donnell daughter of my  
 sister Kate C. O'Farrell of Athens Clarke County Georgia.  
 Should my husband die before me, then the property which  
 I have willed to him for his natural life shall go to my  
 said niece Kathleen O'Donnell, it being my object  
 to give my said husband only a life estate in the  
 said property.

Item 2<sup>d</sup>. I give bequeath and devise to my sister  
 Kate C. O'Farrell of the City of Athens Clarke  
 County Georgia, all of the property that I may die  
 possessed of, including both real and personal  
 property, except that already disposed of in item  
 1<sup>st</sup>, given to my said husband.

Item 3<sup>d</sup>. It is my special request that my said  
 sister Kate C. O'Donnell will expend at least two  
 hundred (\$200.00) dollars out of the proceeds of the prop-  
 erty which I have devised to her in putting and  
 keeping the burial lot in the Cemetery in Athens  
 South Carolina belonging to the family of John



A. Calhoun deceased, in good order.

Item 4<sup>th</sup>. I hereby constitute and appoint my sister Kate C. O'Donnell and my brother in law A. H. O'Donnell Executors and Executors of this my last will and Testament.

This the tenth day of May One thousand Eight hundred and ninety seven.

Aurelia C. Rescker

Signed, declared and published by Aurelia C. Rescker as her last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribe our names hereto in the presence of said testatrix (after sustained and request) and of each other.

She signing in our presence and we signing in her presence  
May 11 1897.

Thos J. Green

O. C. Gibson

Jas J. Foster

Georgia Clarke County.

Before me personally appeared O. C. Gibson named as a witness to the within writing purporting to be the last will of Mrs Aurelia C. Rescker, who being duly sworn deposes and says that he with Jas J. Foster and Thos J. Green did on May 11 1897. attest as witnesses the within writing in the presence of Mrs Aurelia C. Rescker who in their presence voluntarily signed and published the same as her last will and testament and that the said Aurelia C. Rescker was at the time of said attestation and signing of sound and disposing mind and memory.

O. C. Gibson

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this June 5<sup>th</sup>  
1897.

S. M. Heerington

Ordinary

Clarendon County of Ordinary

June term 1899.

The foregoing petition of A. H. O'Darrell praying probate in Common form of the will of Mrs Aurelia C. Rucker and further praying the issuing of letters testamentary to the petitioner, and the petition being supported by the affidavit hereto annexed of Q. C. Gibson one of the witnesses to said will and the contents of said petition appearing to be true.

It is now ordered that the same be recorded having been proved in Common form and letters testamentary issued to the said A. H. O'Darrell upon his taking the usual Oath.

This 5th day of June 1899.

S. M. Hemmington

Ordinary

Georgia Clarendon County.

I do Solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will of the within named Mrs Aurelia C. Rucker deceased, so far as I know or believe and that I will well and truly execute the same in accordance with the laws of this state. So Help me God, sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of June 1899.

S. M. Hemmington

Ordinary

A. H. O'Darrell

Georgia Clarendon County

By the Court of Ordinary of said County Do all to whom these Presents shall come - Greeting Know ye that on the 5th day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and ninety nine the last will and Testament of Aurelia C. Rucker late of said County, deceased, was exhibited in open Court it being a regular term thereof and in Common form of law was proved and admitted to record, a copy of which is herewith annexed, and administrators of



all and singular the goods Chattels and Credits of  
 Said deceased was granted to A. H. O'Farrell as  
 the Executor in and by said will named and  
 appointed, he having first taken the oath and  
 performed all other requisites required by law he is  
 by order of Said Court and by virtue of these presents  
 legally authorized to administer the goods Chattels and  
 credits of the Said deceased according to the tenor  
 and effect of the said will and Testament and  
 according to law.


And he is hereby required to render a true and  
 perfect inventory of all and singular the goods  
 Chattels and credits of said deceased and ap-  
 praised and returned to this Court according to  
 law, and to render a true and correct account to  
 the said Court of his doings and things yearly  
 and every year until his said administration is fully  
 completed.

In witness whereof and by Authority of said Court  
 at a regular term thereof I have hereunto set my  
 hand and official seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June  
 1899.

J. M. Harrington

Ordinary

Recorded June 5 1899,

Georgia  
 Clarke County  J. M. Harrington, Ordinary  
 for said County, and Probate Judge and Es-  
 sential Clerk of said Court, as such Judge and  
 Clerk do hereby attest and Certify that the foregoing  
 pages as herewith attached contain a true  
 and correct Transcript from the Record of the  
 Court of Ordinary of this County of the last will and  
 Testament of Mrs. Aurelia C. Rucker - the probate  
 proceedings thereof, the order admitting said will  
 to record, the oath of the Executor and Letters testamen-  
 tary as issued to said Executor - and I further  
 Certify that all of said proceedings are regular

and in conformity with the laws of Georgia applicable thereto.

In witness of all which I have hereunto affixed my official signature and the seal of my office this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1900

S. M. Herrington  
Ordinary

Last Will & Testament  
of  
Margaret B. Pritchard

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville County } July 10 1896

I, Margaret B. Pritchard, being of sound and disposing mind, make and declare the following to be my last will and testament.

First I give to my sister Mary C. Pritchard, all the property, real and personal, that I may die possessed of, or entitled to, at my death.

Second - I appoint as my Executor, my sister Mary C. Pritchard

Margaret B. Pritchard

signed in the presence of  
J. G. Chapman  
J. M. Wilkins and  
Lula Wilkinson



State of South Carolina } Probate Court  
 Abbeville County } Probate Office  
 Present Honorab. R. E. Hill Judge Probate Court for  
 the County of Abbeville.

Personally appeared J. M. Wiscainson subscribing  
 witness to the annexed instrument of writing  
 purporting to be the last will and testament  
 of Margaret B. Pritchard late 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 Margaret B. Pritchard.

And deponent further saith that the said Margaret B. Pritchard at the time of executing  
 the said instrument was to the best of deponent's knowl-  
 edge and belief of sound and disposing mind  
 memory and understanding; and that he (the  
 deponent) and W. G. Chapman and Lula  
Wiscainson in the presence of each other and of  
 the said Margaret B. Pritchard and at her  
 request, signed their names as witnesses to the due  
 execution of the same.

Sworn and subscribed  
 to before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day  
 of May one thousand  
 nine hundred.

R. E. Hill  
 J. P. C.

J. M. Wiscainson

In the matter of the  
Last Will & Testament  
of  
Margaret B. Pritchard  
decd

Order admitting  
to Probate

Upon due examination of J. M. Hudson one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Margaret B. Pritchard, 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 Mary C. Pritchard named as Executrix.

R. C. Rice

J. P. A. C.

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 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.

sworn and subscribed to  
before me, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day  
of May 1900.

R. C. Rice  
J. P. A. C.

Mary C. Pritchard



Last will and Testament of  
W. J. C. Lindsay deed

South Carolina  
Abbeville County

I John C. Lindsay, of the County and State aforesaid, do ordain this to be my last will and Testament:

Item 1<sup>st</sup>. I will that my lawful debts be paid.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup>. I will to my wife, Mary Amanda Lindsay, the whole of my property, personal and real, for her use & the use of my Children, until the youngest of the Children shall have attained the age of twenty one years: or at least until the youngest of the Children and all of them shall have been educated.

Item 3. When the youngest child shall reach the age of twenty one years, the property may be divided if my wife thinks it for the best; otherwise it shall remain undivided while my wife lives.

Item 4. If any one of my sons shall enter the Ministry, I request my wife to give to such son one half of my library - such selecting such books as he may desire.

Item 5. I hereby appoint my wife Mary Amanda Lindsay to be the Executrix of this my last will.

In testimony whereof I hereby fix my hand & seal this the first day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy nine.

In presence of  
H. B. Conner  
S. Agnew  
D. W. Hawthorn



J. C. Lindsay (L.S.)

State of South Carolina } Probate Court  
 Abbeville County } Probate Will  
 Present - Honorable R. C. Hill Judge Probate Court  
 for the County of Abbeville

Personally appeared Henry E. Bonner subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Dr. J. C. Lindsay 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 Dr. J. C. Lindsay. And deponent further said that the said J. C. Lindsay, 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 Samuel Agnew and D. W. Hawthorn in the presence of each other and of the said J. C. Lindsay and at his request signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Henry E. Bonner

Sworn and subscribed to  
 before me this 14 day of  
 May 1900 R. C. Hill  
 J. P. C.

Upon Due Examination of Henry E. Bonner one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Dr. J. C. Lindsay 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 Amanda Lindsay named as Executrix.

R. C. Hill

May 14 1900.

Judge Probate Court



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

In the matter  
of  
The Last Will  
of  
Dr. J. O. Lindsay  
decd } Admitted to qualify  
} Executrix  
By R. C. Hill Esq Judge of Probate for Abbeville  
County.

To Henry C. Bonner Esq Notary Public S.C.,  
I, reposing especial Trust and Confidence  
in the integrity, Care and Circumspection of you  
the said Henry C. Bonner, have given and by  
these Presents do give unto you full power and  
authority to administer the usual Oath taken  
by Executors, to Mrs Mary Amanda Lindsay as  
Executrix of the last will and testament of Dr.  
J. O. Lindsay late of Said County deceased.  
Given under my hand and Seal of the  
Court this 14 day of May 1900.

R. C. Hill J. P. C.

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 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, rights and credits So Help Me God,  
sworn and subscribed to  
before me this 14 day of  
May 1900. H. C. Bonner  
Notary Public S.C.

M. A. Lindsay

State of South Carolina }  
 County of Abbeville }

I, Henry E. Bonner a Notary Public in and for the County of Abbeville State aforesaid, hereby certify that Mrs Mary Amanda Lindsay, personally known to me, came before me this day and subscribed to the foregoing oath of office as Executor of the last will and testament of Dr J O Lindsay deceased, as authorized by the attached deducibus from R C Hill Esq Judge of Probate for said County and State.

Witness my hand and seal this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1900.

Henry E Bonner (S)  
 Notary Public S. C.

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 Last will & Testament of Dr J L Annum  
 The State of South Carolina }  
 County of Abbeville }

I John L Annum, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do hereby make and ordain this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking any other heretofore made.

First I hereby give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Jane L. all my Estate, real and personal for and during her natural life, subject to the two following bequests, with power to sell and buy such property as she sees proper and to the interest of my estate.

Second I give and bequeath to my sister Annie S. Simmons the sum of three hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per annum during her life, to be paid from the income of my Estate.

Third I give and bequeath to Parrie B. Lagan the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) to be paid to her annually during her life.

Fourth After the death of my wife, I give and bequeath unto the my niece Hattie Shackelford the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars.



- Fifth Also after the death of my wife, I give and bequeath unto the Porter Military Academy of Charleston, if then in existence and conducted as an educational Institution as now Constituted the sum of Fifteen (\$15,000<sup>00</sup>) Thousand Dollars.
- Sixth All the balance and residue of my Estate subject to the annuities in second and third paragraphs after the death of wife, I give devise and bequeath unto the "Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals" in the City of Charleston South Carolina on condition that the name of said Society be changed to that of the "John Annum Society for prevention of Cruelty to Animals."
- Seventh If the Condition in the above paragraph be not accepted by the said Society or for any reason prove impracticable, then I give devise and bequest to all the said Balance of my estate real and personal to my next of Kin, according to the Statute of Distributions, as in Case of Intestacy.
- Eighth I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my wife Jane L. Annum and Mrs. Fannie R. Rogers Executors of this my last will and Testament with full power to make and execute all necessary Deeds of Conveyance in Case of sale of my real Estate.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year Nineteen Hundred, and One hundred and twenty fifth of the independence of the United States of America

John L. Annum

Signed and declared as the last will and testament of Deceased in the presence of us, who in his presence and of each other, have duly witnessed the execution thereof.

Interlineations in sixth paragraph before signing.

L. J. Hill

Geo. Hill

Wm. H. Parker

State of South Carolina } Probate Court  
 Abbeville County } Probate Will  
 Present Hon R. E. Hill Judge Probate Court for the  
 County of Abbeville.

Personally appeared Jas C. Hill subscribing witness  
 to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be  
 the last will and testament of Dr. J. L. Annum, late of  
 Abbeville County, deceased, who being duly sworn de-  
 poseth and saith that he was present, and did see the  
 said instrument of writing duly executed by the said  
 J. L. Annum. And deponent further saith that the  
 said J. L. Annum 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 L. J. Hill and Wm  
 H. Parker in the presence of each other, and of the said  
 J. L. Annum and at his request, signed their names  
 as witnesses, to the due execution of the same.

sworn and subscribed to before me  
 this 17th day of August one thousand  
 nine hundred.

R. E. Hill  
 J. P. C.

Jas. C. Hill

In the matter of the  
 Last will & Testament  
 of Dr. J. L. Annum  
 dec'd

Upon due examination of Jas. C. Hill one of the subscribing  
 witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing purporting  
 to be the last will and Testament of Dr. J. L. Annum 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 deemed that it be admitted  
 to probate in Common form and that Letters Testamentary  
 be granted to Mrs. Jane L. Annum & Mrs. Carrie R. Lagan  
 named as Executrices.

R. E. Hill

Judge Probate Court

(Seal)

Aug 17 1900



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, 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 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 right & enside.  
So Help me God.

sworn and subscribed  
to before me this 17<sup>th</sup>  
day of Aug 1900.

R. E. Hill  
J. P. & C.

Jane L. Arcum  
Carrie R. Logan

Last will of  
Saml  
Abbeville } The State of South Carolina }  
County of Abbeville }

I Samuel Abbe, of said State and  
County being of sound and disposing  
mind and memory but mindful of  
the uncertainty of life do make and  
ordain this to be my last will and  
testament.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I direct all my just debts to be paid  
including burial expenses, and for  
Tomb Stones,

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I devise and bequeath all my per-  
sonal and real estate, to be sold  
by my Executors hereinafter named,  
at such times and on such terms as  
they may consider best for the interest  
of all parties entitled the proceeds, after  
payment of debts and other expenses, to  
be divided into six equal shares among

my six children viz. Milly Ann Crawford wife of Andrew Crawford, John J. Able, Joseph Able, Elvira McLain wife of S. W. McLain, Diana Williams, wife of Luther Williams, and Saml Able, each one share, the child or children of any predeceased child to represent the parent, and take such share as the parent if living, would be entitled to. — the share of my married daughters above named to be paid to them respectively on their individual receipts, and to be for their own separate use and benefit, not subject to the debts or contracts of any present or future husband.

I desire and direct that my Executor hereinafter named, in the management of my estate, do act in accordance with the advice and counsel of my friends Wm. H. Parker and W. C. McGowan in whom I have full confidence.

Item 3 I hereby nominate constitute and appoint John J. Able and Samuel Able Executors to execute this my last will and testament with full authority and power to execute all such deeds of conveyance and papers as may be necessary to carry out and perfect the same.

In witness whereof I have duly executed the same this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 1892.

his  
 Sacer + Able  
 made

Signed and executed by Samuel Able as and for his last will and testament in our presence, who in his presence and of each other have duly witnessed the same

March 28 1892.

Thos L. Monds  
 A. B. Coward  
 W. A. Lamer



Codiced to above will  
 Since the execution of the above as my last will and  
 Testament, I have married and my wife  
 Elizabeth is now living and I hereby make  
 and ordain this to be a codicil to said will,  
 in other respects ratifying and Confirming the  
 same.

I hereby will devise and bequeath to my said  
 wife Elizabeth a child's share in my estate to wit  
 one seventh part thereof, the same to be in lieu of  
 dower in my real estate - the remainder of my  
 real estate & personal property (or all in case my  
 said wife predeceases me) to be disposed of in ac-  
 cordance with the provisions of 2<sup>nd</sup> Clause of my  
 will as above.

This 24<sup>th</sup> of 1894.

Sam<sup>l</sup> Able  
 made

Signed executed & published by Sam Able as  
 and for his last will & Testament, in our presence  
 who in his presence & the presence of each other  
 have duly witnessed the same.

Nov 24 1894.

R. B. Cox  
 J. H. Fishels  
 W. A. Stevenson

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

Present Hon R. B. Stille Judge Probate Court for the  
 County of Abbeville.

Personally appeared A. P. Edwards subscribing witness  
 to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting  
 to be the last will and testament of Samuel Able  
 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  
 Samuel Able. And depone

further saith that the said Samuel Able 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 Thos. L. Hovis and W. A. Rauer in the presence of each other and of the said Samuel Able and at his request, signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

sworn and subscribed to before me  
this 4 day of Aug. A. D. One thousand  
nine hundred.

R. C. Steele, J. P. C.

J. B. Edwards

In the matter of the  
Last Will and Testament  
of  
Samuel Able deceased

Order admitting  
to probate

Upon due examination of J. B. Edwards one of the subscribing witnesses, to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Samuel Able, late of Abbeville County, deceased, & of R. E. Cox subscribing witness to a codicil to same, 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 J. Able and Samuel Able named as Executors.

R. C. 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 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 Keep me God

Sworn and subscribed  
to before me this 4<sup>th</sup>  
day of Aug 1900.

John Abbs  
Jame Abbs

R. O. Rice J. P. ad

## Last Will of Jerry Bacon

In State of South Carolina  
County of Abbeville

I Jerry Bacon of said State & County do make & ordain this to be my last will & Testament:

First I desire all my debts to be paid.

Second I give & bequeath to my wife Sarah Bacon all my personal property.

Third I give and devise unto my wife Sarah Bacon for and during her natural life all my real estate with dwelling house & improvements thereon.

Fourth After the death of my said wife, I give and devise said real estate above mentioned to my children George Bacon and Malinda Smith to be equally divided between them, to them and their heirs forever. Should either of them be dead, before the death of said Sarah Bacon, then his or her share to go to his or her children, share and share alike.

In making said division, the lot or parcel on which is the dwelling house is to go to my daughter Malinda Smith, in other

the division to be equal - the dividing line to be about the line of the well straight back from the road to the back line - Malinda to have the lot with dwelling next to Ben Valentine and George Bacon the other lot next to Lizzie Collier.

I hereby appoint Sarah Bacon, my wife & Executrix of this my last will & Testament.  
 Witness my hand & Seal Aug 29 1894.

Declared and published  
 as his last will & Testament  
 in our presence, who have  
 duly witnessed same in  
 presence of testator and  
 of each other.

Wm H Parker  
 Mary Child  
 William Rutledge  
 in presence of  
 Wm H Parker witness

His Bacon (LS)  
 Jerry Bacon

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

Present Hon. R. B. Hill Judge Probate Court for Abbeville County.

Personally appeared Wm H Parker subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Jerry Bacon 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 Jerry Bacon. And deponent further saith that the said Jerry Bacon at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the best of deponent knowledge and belief, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that he (the deponent) and Mary Child and William Rutledge in the presence of each other and of the said



Jerry Bacon and at his request, signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn to before and Subscribed  
this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Sept One  
Thousand nine hundred  
R. E. Hill  
J. P., & C. } Wm. H. Parker

On the matter of the  
Last Will & Testament  
of  
Jerry Bacon  
decd } Order admitting to Probate

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 Jerry Bacon 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 may be granted to Sarah Bacon named as the executrix.

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 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 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 } Sarah J. Bacon  
19<sup>th</sup> day of Sep 1900. R. E. Hill } signed in presence of  
J. P., & C. } R. E. Hill

Last will & Testament  
of  
David Atkins deed.

State of South Carolina  
County of Abbeville

I David Atkins of the County and State aforesaid, being of sound mind, memory and understanding do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking any will or wills by me heretofore made.

First. It is my will that all of my just debts be paid.

Second. It is my will and I direct that my Executors hereinafter appointed have a suitable tomb stone placed at my grave, not to cost more than fifty dollars and to enclose the section including the grave of the other members of my family with a suitable wire fence.

Third. I will and devise unto my two daughters Martha J. Atkins and Isabella J. Atkins and unto my son W. S. Atkins all of the real property of which I may die possessed, to them and their heirs forever, share and share alike - Provided, nevertheless, that the above mentioned devisees shall pay to my Executors within three years after my death, the sum of Two hundred dollars each, which sum of money will be hereinafter dispersed of.

Fourth. It is my will that my daughters Martha J. and Isabella J. should they live at the home place after my death have and I do hereby bequeath unto them One Milk Cow, two mules and -



sufficient food for said stock for one year if so much food should be on hand at the time of my death, and I also give to them, in any event, two bales of Cotton.

Fifth. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Emma J. Huntington the sum of Two Hundred dollars.

Sixth. I give and bequeath unto Geo. W. Richey, Edward Richey, Henry J. Richey and Ida Scott Children of my deceased daughter Caroline Richey the sum of Two Hundred dollars, the share their parent would have taken if living, said sum to be divided equally among them share and share alike.

Seventh. I give and bequeath unto W. H. Cole Alice Cole, Kate Cole, Robert Cole, James Rushton, and Maria Rushton, Children of my deceased daughter Mary Ann Cole, the sum of Two Hundred dollars, the share their parent would have taken, if living the same to be equally divided among them share and share alike.

Eighth. I give and bequeath unto my son in law Jeff Long the sum of five dollars.

Ninth. It is my will that the remainder of my personal estate be divided into six (6) equal parts one of which parts I give to my daughter Martha D.; one to Isabella D.; one to Emma J. Huntington; one to W. P. Atkins; one to the Children of Caroline Richey deceased, and one to the Children of Mary Ann Cole deceased.

Tenth. I hereby constitute and appoint my Son W. P. Atkins to be the Executor of this my last will and Testament Signed, sealed, published and now declared as his last will and Testament on this the 28 day of September 1900

by the testator in our  
presence, who at his  
request and in his  
presence and in the presence  
of each other, have hereunto  
signed our names as attesting  
witnesses

J. P. Purdy  
W. W. Purdy  
J. Fraser Lyon

Samuel Atkins (SS)

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

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

Personally appeared J. Fraser Lyon subscribing wit-  
ness to the annexed instrument of writing purporting  
to be the last will and testament of Samuel Atkins  
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 Samuel Atkins. And deponent further  
saith that the said Samuel Atkins 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 W. W. Purdy and J. P. Purdy, in the  
presence of each other and of the said Samuel  
Atkins and at his request, signed their  
names as witnesses to the due execution of  
the same.

Sworn and subscribed to before me  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. One thousand  
nine hundred - R. Hill J. P. C.

J. Fraser Lyon



In the matter of the  
Last will and Testament  
of  
Wm. P. Atkins decd.

Upon due examination of J. Fraser Lyon one of the  
Subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of  
writing purporting to be the last will and testament  
of Wm. P. Atkins 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. P. Atkins  
named as Executor -

R. P. 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 there-  
unto 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,  
Sword & subscribed to before  
me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1900.

R. P. Hill  
J. P. A. O.

W. P. Atkins

State of South Carolina } In Probate  
Abbeville County } Court

Ex Parte  
Mrs Ida Cooley  
In Re  
The paper purporting  
to be the last will  
& Testament of  
A. J. Bowman dec'd

Petition and notes  
requirancy will to be  
proved in due form  
of Law.

To W. L. Bowman & J. E. Allen Executors of the  
last will and testament of Alonzo J. Bowman  
dec'd.

Mrs Ida Cooley, daughter of the said Alonzo J.  
Bowman dec'd, being a person interested to in ali-  
date the will of said deceased, has filed her  
petition in this Court requiring said will to be  
proved in due form of law. You are therefor  
hereby required to prefer a petition in writing  
praying to be permitted to swear and examine  
witnesses upon the same for the purpose of estab-  
lishing or confirming said will.

June 21, 1900.

R. E. Hiee  
J. P., &c

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

In the matter of proving  
The Last Will and Testament

of  
Alonzo J. Bowman  
deceased

Petition to prove will  
in Solemn form

To R. E. Hiee Esq., Judge of the Court of Probate  
for Abbeville County -



- The petition of W. L. Bowman and J. Earl Allen  
 Executors of the last will and Testament of Alonzo J.  
 Bowman, deceased, respectfully shew to the County,
- I That they are the duly appointed Executors of the last will  
 and testament of Alonzo J. Bowman deceased.
  - II That the said Alonzo J. Bowman died in Abbeville  
 County, South Carolina on the      day of March 1900  
 which was the place of his residence and had been for  
 many years.
  - III That the said deceased left a considerable personal  
 estate and some real estate, all of which is in this  
 County and State.
  - IV That the said Alonzo J. Bowman left surviving  
 him, his widow, Emily Bowman, and his children  
 W. L. Bowman, one of your petitioners, J. J. Bowman  
 Ella Muskalee, and Iida Cooley, who all reside  
 in this County, except J. J. Bowman, who resides at  
 Cook's in Anderson County in said State.
  - V That your petitioners have been served with notice  
 by your Honor requiring them to present a petition  
 to prove said will in due form of law.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that they may be  
 permitted to swear and examine witnesses to  
 prove said will in Solemn form, according to law.

And your petitioners will ever pray &c

R. E. Hice  
 J. P. A.

Wm. H. Graydon  
 Petitioner's Attorney

The State of South Carolina }  
 County of Abbeville } Personally appeared before  
 me W. L. Bowman and J. Earl Allen, who being duly  
 sworn, each for himself says: That the foregoing petition  
 is true of their own knowledge }  
 Sworn to before me this June 26<sup>th</sup> 1900. } W. L. Bowman and  
 R. E. Hice } J. Earl Allen  
 J. P. A. }

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

Ex Parte

Ms. Ida Cooley

In Re

The paper purporting to be the  
 Last Will and Testament  
 of  
 A. J. Bowman deceased

Petition and notice to  
 Prove will in due  
 form of law.

State of South Carolina }

County of Abbeville }

Before me personally appeared  
 Mrs. Ida Cooley and made oath that she is a daughter  
 of the late A. J. Bowman, deceased, whose will was admitted  
 to probate in Common form in the Office of the Judge of  
 Probate for Abbeville County, S. C. on the day of A. D. 1900,  
 and that deponent is a person interested to succeed to said  
 paper. Deponent further says that Honorable R. B. Hill,  
 Judge of Probate is one of the torturers material to the issues  
 involved in Contesting said will, and that he swears same.

That deponent desires to have said will proved in due form of  
 Law and is advised that said R. B. Hill, Judge of Probate for  
 Abbeville County, S. C., is disqualified to hear the Case  
 by virtue of his being a material witness in the Case, and  
 deponent desires that the Case be tried found and heard  
 before the Judge of Probate for Anderson County, S. C.  
 Sworn to and Subscribed before me this June 12 1900.

J. H. Huescabe  
 Magistrate Abbeville

Mrs. Ida Cooley  
 Donham H. H. H. H.  
 Atty. for Mrs. Ida Cooley



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

Ex Parte

Isaac Cooley,

Petitioner

In Re

The paper purporting to be  
 the Last Will and Testa-  
 ment of A. J. Rowan and  
 executors

Petition and notice to prove  
 will in due form of law

On hearing and filing the petition in the above stated  
 Case, notice was served upon the Executors requesting  
 them to prefer a petition asking that they be permitted  
 to swear and examine witnesses touching the competency  
 of testator to make a will and as to the execution  
 of the same, for the purpose of establishing and confirming  
 said will. And such petition having been accordingly  
 filed in this Court by said Executors -

It is ordered that Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 1900  
 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon be and the same is hereby  
 fixed for the hearing in said case.

It is further ordered that for satisfactory reasons to the  
 Court, so much of the petition as requests that the hearing  
 be had before the Judge of Probate for Anderson County  
 be and the same is hereby refused and that in stead  
 thereof said hearing be had before the Judge of Probate  
 for Greenwood County

That said hearing be held in the office of the Judge of  
 Probate for Abbeville County.

R. B. Hill

J. P. C.

State of South Carolina } Probate Court  
 County of Abbeville }

Et Parte

W. L. Bowman and J. Earl Allen  
 Petitioners

vs

Last Will and Testament

of  
 Alonzo J. Bowman  
 Dec'd.

Petition to prove will in  
 Solemn form

This Cause came on to be heard before me at Abbeville on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1900. by reason of the disqualification of Judge R. B. Hill who was a material witness.

After a careful consideration of the testimony in the Cause and the authorities cited by Counsel in support of their respective positions, I am persuaded to the Conclusion, and so find as a fact that the instrument offered as the last will and testament of Alonzo J. Bowman, was duly and formally executed as required by law, as and for his last will and testament, and that the same is his true and valid Will and Testament;

That the several indications are not a part of the same and in no wise effect it, having been made by the Draftsman Mr. R. Hill after the due execution of the same for his own convenience and as a mere memorandum and are not in any sense a part of the original instrument; And that the Contestant has failed to establish her Contention, the testimony failing entirely to show any act on the part of the testator which in law could be regarded as a revocation of the will in question, or any intention on his part to revoke the same.

It is true that the testator, Alonzo J. Bowman



at different times expressed a desire for a different will, but never executed this desire.

The fact that he did not revoke in any way the will which he did execute, nor in any way change or modify the same is conclusive to my mind under all the facts & circumstances as disclosed by the testimony that he preferred this will to dying intestate.

It is therefore adjudged and decreed that the said instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Alouzo J. Bowman was duly and properly executed according to the requirements and formalities of law in that behalf and is genuine and valid; that the pencil inter-locations and marks are not a part of the same and must be utterly disregarded and to all intents and purposes therefrom erased;

That at the time of the execution of the said will Alouzo J. Bowman was in all respects competent to execute the same, and was under no restraint or undue influence;

That the said instrument be, and the same hereby is, admitted to probate and established as a will of real and personal property or estate; that the same be recorded and that Letters Testamentary issue to the Executors Dr. L. Bowman and J. Earl Allen named in the will, on their taking the oath required by statute.

And it is further ordered that the Costs of the respective parties who have appeared herein, together with Probate Judges Costs be paid out of the Estate of said deceased.

V. Griffin

Judge Probate for  
Greenwood County

J. O.

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The State of South Carolina } In Probate  
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 Ex Parte

W. L. Bowman and  
 Earl Allen Petitioners  
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Last will and Testament  
 of Alonzo J. Bowman  
 deceased

Petition to prove  
 will in solemn  
 form

To Hon Vincent Griffin, Judge of Probate  
 and W. B. Graydon Esq, Attorney Pro Petitioners  
 Please take notice - that Mrs Ida Crosby, an  
 heir at law of Alonzo J. Bowman, deceased,  
 and a person interested in invalidating his  
 will hereby appeals from the decision of Probate  
 Judge Griffin filed August 29 1900. and will  
 ask the Court of Common Pleas to reverse  
 the same on the following grounds:

- I Because the Probate Judge erred in finding as a fact that the instrument offered as the last will and testament of Alonzo J. Bowman was duly and formally executed
- II Because that the Probate Judge erred in holding that the pericial instructions are not a part of the will and in no wise effect it.
- III Because that the Probate Judge erred in finding that the testimony failed entirely to show any act on the part of the testator which in law could be regarded a revocation of the will in question.
- IV Because the Probate Judge erred in refusing to permit the Contestants Attorney to put in evidence the appraised bill in the estate of said A. J. Bowman or to offer evidence of the value of the property willed to her, the purpose being to show the inadequate provisions made for the widow and hence the motive of the deceased to revoke the will he had made.



- V Because that said Judge of Probate erred in holding that the deceased did not in any way change or modify his will.
- VI Because said Judge of Probate erred in admitting said will to Probate.

Sept 4 1900.

Bonhues & Matthews  
 Counselors Atty

The State of South Carolina } Probate  
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 Ex Parte  
 W. J. Bowman and  
 J. Earl Allen Petitioners } Judgment on appeal  
 In Re }  
 Last will and Testament }  
 of Alonzo J. Bowman }  
 Deceased }  
 Petition to prove will  
 in solemn form

This case comes before this Court upon the decree of the Probate Court, and exceptions thereto taken, by Mrs. Ida Corley. On August 5 1897. A. J. Bowman duly made and executed his last will and testament, which was duly admitted to probate in Common form, and on April 3 1900. W. J. Bowman and J. Earl Allen qualified as Executors thereof. On June 13 1900 Mrs. Ida Corley a daughter of Testator intervened to invalidate said will, petitioned the Probate Court and asked that said will be proven in due form of law. The prayer of the petitioner was granted and the proper order was made requiring the executor to prove said will in due form was pursued.

The Executors complied with said order. Mrs. Corley and the Executor with their witnesses duly appeared in the Probate Court at the time

appointed. - All of the testimony was taken, after argument of Counsel the Probate Court decreed that said will was proven in due form of law.

I am entirely satisfied with the decree and judgment of the Probate Court appealed from, and it is not necessary to restate the terms of said decree, as to being upon the issues therein considered and disposed of.

All of appellants' exceptions except the 4<sup>th</sup> raised questions of law and fact. They are assumed by the decree of the Probate Court. In support of the Conclusion reached by the Probate Court, I refer to the Law of this State as construed in the following Cases: - Pringle vs M<sup>r</sup> Pherson 2 Bur 279; Taylor vs Taylor 2 Ark McE 487; Johnson vs Brailsford 2 Ark McE 272 and Especially Means vs Means, 3 McE 282.

It is clear that under the terms of Sec 1990 of the revised Statutes of S.C. 1893, and the provisions thereunder testator never revoked his will executed in 1897.

Appellants 4<sup>th</sup> Exception must be overruled. The value of the Estate, in this Case, was not material to any issue being considered.

Testator had the right to dispose of his property as he saw fit provided he conform to the Law in doing so. He could devise what he wished to, much or little to his widow or either of his children - The "motives" of appellants in demanding the proof of the will in due form of Law is not material.

Wherefore It is ordered, adjudged and decreed - that the appeal herein from the Judgment of the Probate Court be and hereby is denied and said Judgment of said Probate Court is hereby approved.

And it is further ordered that the Clerk of this Court do send a certified copy of this Judgment upon the Judge of the Probate