

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
 Sworn and Subscribed
 to before me this 28 day
 of June 1902.

R.C. Hill
J.P. a.s.

J.L. Grant
C.C. Grant

Last will and Testament of George Barr

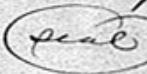
March 4th 1895

I George S. Barr of the town of Abbeville C.H. in
 the County of Abbeville State of S.C. being of
 sound mind and memory and under
 standinge, do make my last will and
 testameint in manner and form following
 I bequeath to my daughter Mattie Barr
 a tract of ground to measure seventy five
 feet square, running in the direction of
 my property from points at which this prop-
 erty adjoins the property adjoins the prop-
 erty of Benjamin Brown and Adah
 with the front on Harns brig st. in the town
 of Abbeville S.C. and upon the condition
 that Mattie Barr provide Cynthia Barr
 (her sister) a home upon the premises here
 described as long as the said Cynthia
 Barr is single and childless.

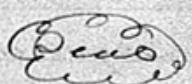
If the remaining property personal and
 real estate, belonging to me and in my name
 I hereby ^{bequeath} to my children to share in it. Share
 and share alike. Their names are David
 Hulme, George, Glasgow, ^{Hattie} Cynthia, Maggie
 and Samuel Barr

(The name of Mattie Barr on the above
line in the second paragraph of this testa-
ment is by my authority, scratched off.)
I do nominate and appoint my son
David Barr, to be the Executrix of this my
last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my
hand and seal and publish and declare
this to be my last will in presence of witness,
named below this fourth day of March in
the year of Our Lord One thousand eight
hundred and ninety five.

 George A. Barr

Signed sealed and published by the said George
A. Barr and for his last will and testament,
in presence of us, who, at his request and in
the presence of each other, have subscribed
our names as witnesses, hereto.



Witnesses, J. Robert Watt
J. Samuel Williams
Theodore Percival

State of South Carolina  Probate Court
Abbeville County  Probate Wfiled

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

Personally appeared Theodore Percival Subscribing
witness to the annexed instrument of writing pur-
porting to be the last will and testament of George
A. Barr 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 George A. Barr. And deponent
further saith that the said George A. Barr

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 Robert Watt and Samuel
Williams, in the presence of each other and
of the said George A. Barr and at his request signed
their names, as witnesses, to the due execution
of the same.

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 30th day of }
Sept One thousand } Theodor Recine
Nine hundred and two. }
R. Estee J.P. a.c. }

In the matter of the
Last Will & Testament }
of
George A. Barr }

Upon due examination of Theodor Recine
one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed
instrument of writing purporting to be the last
will and testament of George A. Barr 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
David Barr named a Testator.

R. Estee

Sept 30 1902.

Judge Probate Court

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 witness 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 directs me and then
 I will make a true and perfect inventory of
 all such good, and chattels, rights and credits.
 So help me God. }
 Sworn and Subscribed
 to before me this 30th day
 of Sept 1902. } Daniel Barr
 R. C. Lee
 J. P. a. o. }

Last will State of South Carolina
 of County of Abbeville
 C. E. Todd I Charles E. Todd of the town of New
 West in said County & State declare this
 to be my last will and testament
 1st I direct the prompt payment of
 all my debts, including my funeral
 expenses
 2nd I give and devise to the Board of min-
 isterial relief of the A. R. Synod of the South
 the sum of One hundred and ^{no} zero Dollars,
 the interest to be used to assist needy min-
 isters.
 3rd I will and direct that the sum of Two
 hundred dollars (\$200⁰⁰) be invested by my
 wife, for the benefit of Bessie Starnes for her
 faithful service in the faculty the sum to
 be paid to Bessie Starnes in case she

Magnes, or take, up some worthy work.

4th I give & devise all of my other property real & personal, of what ever nature and wheresoever situated, to my beloved wife Leila Todd in trust for her own use during widowhood, in providing a comfortable support for herself and a suitable maintenance and education for our children; with full power to dispose of any, ~~all~~^{of} my real & personal estate at such time and upon such terms and such manner as she may deem best for all concerned. But it is hereby provided, in case my wife should marry again then all of my estate personal and real shall be divided between my wife and our children, each receiving share and share alike, that is, my wife to receive a full child's part.

5th I hereby appoint my beloved wife Leila Todd to be the ^{Administrator} ~~Executor~~ of this, my will. But if she should marry again it is my will that she shall at once cease to act as such trustee, and during the minority of my children, or any one of them, their interest of such child or children shall be represented by a guardian appointed by the proper court in making settlement with her as Executrix and Trustee.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 14th day of July
A.D. 1902

Charles E. Todd (Signed)

Signed, sealed & declared by the said Charles E. Todd to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses, ^(John Edward) C.B. Cowan
This 14th day of July A.D. 1902. S. J. Todd

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

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

Personally appeared S. J. Todd subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Charles E. Todd 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 Charles E. Todd. And deponent further saith that the said Charles E. Todd 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 W. W. Edwards and C. B. Cowan in the presence of each other and of the said Charles E. Todd and at his request, signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn and subscribed to
 before me this 10th day of
 Oct one thousand nine hundred
 and twelve. R. E. Hill

J. P. A. C.

S. J. Todd

In the matter of the last will and testament of Charles E. Todd deceased. Upon due examination of S. J. Todd one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Charles E. Todd 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 Leila Scott named a Executrix

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

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

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains
the true last will of the writer 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 thenceforth extend and
that law charge me and that I will make a true and
perfect inventory of all such goods and Chattels, rights
and credits to keep one God.

Swear and subscribed to
before me this 10 day of Oct

1902 -

R. E. Heis

J. P. A.O.

Mr. C. E. Tandy

Last will & Testament of
J. J. Kennedy deceased

I Joseph J. Kennedy, of Loundesville,
County of Abbeville and 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.

That is to say,

1st After my death, I will and direct that
all of my just and legal debts be paid
as soon as practicable

2nd. I will and bequeath to my beloved
wife (Rebecca Kennedy) a decent sup-
port out of my estate during her nat-
ural life.

3rd. After the death of my wife,
I will and bequeath all of my property,
both personal and real, including
money, notes and accounts, to my nephew

William P. Cunningham, during his natural life, to be managed by him in such way as he may think best for the interest of the estate.

4th. After the death of my nephew (Wm. P. Cunningham) I will and bequeath the entire property to the surviving children of the said W. P. Cunningham, to be them in fee simple, share and share alike.

5th. I hereby make, constitute and appoint (my nephew) W. P. Cunningham to be Executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, the 25th day of March in the year of Our Lord, One thousand Eight hundred and ninety one.

J. J. Kennedy (seal)

Signed, sealed and declared by the said Joseph J. Kennedy as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at the request of the said Joseph J. Kennedy and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our seals, subscribed our names and resplin places of residence, as witnesses.

J. B. Lesley Loundsville S.C. (seal)

J. D. Johnson Loundsville S.C. (seal)

D. W. Cunningham Mountain View S.C. (seal)

State of South Carolina }
Abbeville County }
Present Honorable R. E. Staci Judge of Probate
Court for the County of Abbeville
Probate Court - Potato Hill

Personally appeared J. J. Johnson
subscribing witness to the annexed
instrument of writing purporting to be
the last will and testament of J. J. Kennedy
late of Abbeville County deceased, who

being duly sworn deposed & saith that he was present and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said J. J. Kennedy. And deponent further saith that the said J. J. Kennedy 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. B. LeRoy and J. J. Cunningham were in the presence of each other and of the said J. J. Kennedy and at his request, signed their names as witness, to the due execution of the same.

Sworn and subscribed
to before me this 17th day
of November One thousand
nine hundred & two.

R. C. Kile
J. P. A.C.

J. J. Johnson

In the matter of the
Last will and Testament
of
J. J. Kennedy deceased

upon due examination of J. J. Johnson one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of J. J. Kennedy late of Hennepin County deceased, it appears to my satisfaction that the same is the true last will of said deceased.

It is therefore ordered and decreed that it be admitted to probate in Common form and that letters testamentary be granted to J. J. Cunningham have

named as Executor -

R. Estelle

Apr 17 1902

Judge Probate Court

State of South Carolina } In the Probate Court
County of Abbeville }
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I do solemnly swear that this writing contains  
the true last will of the person 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 charges me and  
that I will make a true and perfect Inventory  
of all such goods and chattels, rights and  
Credit. So Help me God,

I swear and subscribe to

before me this 17 day of Apr 1902

R. Estelle

J. P. o. C.

W. J. Cunningham

### Last will & Testament of Saml Evans

To whom it may Concern

I Samuel Evans being of sound mind  
and knowing the uncertainty of life, hereby  
make and constitute this as my last  
will and testament.

For the love I have to my wife Sarah P.  
Evans, I give and bequeath unto her during  
her lifetime all of my estate Personal and  
realty and at her death the estate to remain  
entire as a home for my children - viz -  
James S. Evans, Bettie D. Evans, Charles B.  
Evans, Maggie P. Evans, Samuel E. Evans  
Annie Mary Evans, Sarah C. Evans  
and John C. Evans as long as any of  
them remain single or wish to keep it

for a home, otherwise my Executors herein named  
will sell the place and equally divide the proceeds,  
from such sale with my children above mentioned  
Share and Share alike.

I hereby appoint my two Sons James G. Evans and  
Charles B. Evans my Executors of this will without bond,  
Test.

J. S. Gibink

J. B. Gibink

M. E. Gibink

Samuel Evans (28)

Signed and Sealed the 26<sup>th</sup> May 1902

State of South Carolina, Probate Court  
Abbeville County, I Probate Will  
Personally appeared J. S. Gibink, subscribing  
witness to the annexed instrument of writing  
purporting to be the last will and testament  
of Samuel Evans late of Abbeville County  
deceased, who being duly sworn, deposes and  
Doth that he was present and did see the  
said instrument of writing duly executed by  
the said Samuel Evans. And deponent  
further Doth that the said Samuel Evans  
at the time of executing the said instru-  
ment of writing was to the best of deponent's  
knowledge and belief of sound mind  
disposing mind memory and understand-  
ing and that he (the deponent) and  
J. B. Gibink and M. E. Gibink in the presence  
of each other and of the said Samuel  
Evans and at his request, signed their  
names as witness to the due execution of the  
same.

Sworn and subscribed to  
before me this 28 day of  
May One thousand nine hundred  
and two - R. B. Nile  
J. P. A.D.

J. S. Gibink

In the matter of the  
Last will & Testament

of  
Samuel Evans

Order admitting to  
probate

Upon due examination of J. S. Gibbons one of  
the subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid instrument  
of writing purporting to be the last will  
and testament of Samuel Evans 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 G. Evans,  
and Charles B. Evans named as Executors -

R. Coffey Jr.

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

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  
debt and then the legacy contained in said  
will as far as his goods and Chattels exceed  
such debts and the law charges me and  
that I will make a true and perfect invi-  
tory of all such goods and Chattels, rights  
and credits, So Help me God.

Sworn and subscribed to  
before me this 28 day of  
November 1902

R. Coffey

J P

J. G. Evans

C. B. Evans

Last will and Testament of George A Bigby

State of South Carolina  
County of Abbeville

I George A. Bigby of the County and State aforesaid being now of a strong and disposing mind, do hereby make, ordain, publish and declare this as my last will and testament, disposing of my property, both real and personal, as follows:

First. I desire and so will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as my Executrix may consider practicable.

Second To my son Marshall E. Bigby, I will my blood horse-Colt.

Third. The remainder of my property, both real and personal, of any and every description whatsoever and wheresoever I may die seized and possessed of, I will and bequeath to my wife, Emma T. Bigby, for her use and benefit for the whole term of her natural life, provided, she remains my widow until her death, and after her death, all such property then remaining, I will and bequeath to my children, shares between them to be equal and should at the time any of my children be dead leaving issue such child or children to receive the dead parent's or parents share.

In the event of my wife's second marriage, I desire and so will that all property at the time of such marriage be sold and the proceeds thereof be equally divided between my wife and my children.

Fourth. I hereby nominate Constitute and appoint my wife Emma T. Bigby and my son Marshall E. Bigby as my Executors of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof, I have unto set my hand and seal, and publish and decree this to be

my will and testament in the presence of the witnesses  
named below, at my residence in said County  
and State, this the Fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of October  
A.D. 1902. Geo A. Bigby *[Signature]*

Signed, sealed, declared and published by the  
Sister George A. Bigby, 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 do hereby subscribe our  
names hereto

W. J. Bechtel Worcester 50

J.B. Kay " " "

J. J. Russell " " "

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

Personally appeared J. B. Kay subscribing  
witness to the annexed instrument of writing  
purporting to be the last will and testament  
of Geo A. Bigby late of Franklin County,  
deceased, who being duly sworn deposes  
and saith that he was present and did  
see the said instrument of writing duly ex-  
ecuted by the said George A. Bigby.

And deponent further saith that the said George A. Bigby at 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. A. Bigby and J. J. Trussee, in the presence of each other and of the said George A. Bigby, and at his request signed their names as witnesses to the execution of the same  
Sworn and subscribed to before me  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of Dec 1902. R. B. Key  
J. B. Key  
R. B. Key  
J. B. Key

In the matter of the  
Last will and Testament  
of  
Geo. A. Bigby

} Order admitting will to  
probate.

Upon due examination of J. B. Kay one of the sub  
scribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of  
writing purporting to be the last will and testament  
of Geo A. Bigby 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 Emma D. Bigby  
named as Executrix - R Estee

Judge Probate Court

State of South Carolina } In the Probate Court  
County of Abbeville }  
I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the  
true last will of the witness 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 thence extend and  
the law obliges me and that I will make a true  
and perfect Inventory of all such goods and chattels  
rights and credits. So Help me God.

Emma D. Bigby

Signed and subscribed  
before me this 20th day  
of Decr 1902

R. Estee Judge

Last will and Testament of H.B. Bowie

State of South Carolina  
County of Abbeville

In the name of God amen!

I Henry B. Bowie of the State & County aforesaid being of sound mind and memory, knowing the uncertainty of life and certainty of death have thought and esteemed it proper to make this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows:

(I hereby revoking any and all former wills.)

I I give and bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust, in the blessed hope of a glorious resurrection.

II It is my will that as soon after my decease as the law directs, that my hereinafter appointed Executors, out of the proceeds of my estate, pay all my just debts and funeral expenses.

III After the payment of all of my just debts and funeral, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Matilda Ann Bowie all the balance of my estate including everything with which I am now or may hereafter be possessed.

IV I have given off to my sons viz: A.L. Bowie & Geo. D. Bowie certain sums of money and hold their notes for the amounts and I wish the same be taken into account in the final settlement of my estate including legal interest from date of notes.

V It is my will and desire that, out of my estate which may be left at the death of my wife Matilda Ann Bowie, that my three daughters Elvira G. Greene, Nancy Jane Agnew & Laura Matilda Greene be made equal with A.L. Bowie & Geo. D. Bowie; that is to say that each one my daughter

shall share alike with my sons: taking into account the notes mentioned, of my sons, as a part of their distribution shares.

VI I do hereby appoint my son in law J. H. Green & my nephew Brown B. Bowie my lawful executors to carry into effect this my last will and testament and they are hereby authorized and empowered to make all bills of sale and of conveyance and do all other things that may be necessary to carry into effect the same.

VII In testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and affixed my seal this Eleventh day of January in the year of Our Lord One Thousand eight hundred & ninety seven. Signed, sealed and }  
published in presence }  
of Henry P. McGee }  
A. C. Clark's sales }  
J. H. Pratt }

H. B. Bowie (S)

State of South Carolina  Probate Court  
Abbeville County  Probate will  
Present Honorable R. E. Hile Judge of Probate Court  
for the County of Abbeville.

Personally appeared J. H. Pratt subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Henry B. Bowie 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 Henry B. Bowie. And deponent further saith that the said Henry B. Bowie 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 the  
deponent and A. C. Almicksay and  
H. P. McGee in the presence of each other  
and of the said H. B. Bourne and at his  
request signed their names as witnesses  
to the due execution of the same.

Sworn and subscribed to  
before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
May One thousand nine  
hundred and three  
R. O. Kice  
J. P. A. C.

Jno H. Pratt

In the matter of the  
Last will and Testament  
of

Henry B. Bourne deceased

ordaining to probate

Upon due examination of J. H. Pratt one of  
the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument  
of writing purporting to be the last will  
and testament of Henry B. Bourne late of  
Allegheny County deceased, it appears to my  
satisfaction that the same is the true last will  
of said deceased.

It is therefore ordered and decreed that it  
be admitted to probate in Common form  
and that letters testamentary be granted  
to J. H. Green and Brown & Doid named  
as executors.

May 5 1903

R. O. Kice  
Judge Probate Court



State of South Carolina } for Probate  
 County of Abbeville } Court  
 I do solemnly swear that this writing contains  
 the true last will of the writer 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 therein as  
 far as his goods and chattels will thereupon extend  
 and the law requires 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 ) J. H. Greene  
 before me this 5 day of ) Brown Bowe  
 May 1903  
 R. C. Hill  
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## Last Will and Testament of Mrs Elizabeth A. Burton

State of South Carolina  
 Abbeville County  
 I Elizabeth A. Burton of the County  
 and State aforesaid being of sound  
 and disposing mind memory and  
 understanding do make this my last  
 will and testament as follows:  
 1st I give bequeath and devise to my  
 nephew B. L. Jones during his natural  
 life all my real estate about three hun-  
 dred acres at his death it is my will  
 that the same descend to and be vested  
 in his wife and children share and  
 share alike.  
 2nd It is my will that my said nephew  
 B. L. Jones shall pay to his mother

and my sister Ophelia Daugherty annually,  
One third of the proceeds of said land for  
her separate use during her natural life,  
Should she decease the same.

3<sup>rd</sup> I do hereby appoint my nephew B.L. Jones  
my Executor to this my will.

Witness my hand and seal this 2nd  
day of April 1889.

E. A. Burton (L.S.)

Signed, sealed, declared and published by  
the Testatrix as her last will and testament  
in our presence, who in her presence  
and in the presence of each other witnessed  
the execution of the same. William Riley  
Tbos McAllister  
H. M. White

State of South Carolina } In Probate  
County of H. bbinck } Court

In the matter of the }  
Last will & Testament } Testimony to establish  
of } Hand writing of  
Mrs E. A. Burton } Witnesses.  
and

S. C. Riley being sworn says -  
I am acquainted with the hand writing and  
signature of William Riley, now deceased,  
whose name appears as a witness to the will  
of Mrs E. A. Burton and presented for pro-  
bate in the Probate Court of said County.  
That said signature is the true and bona fide  
signature of the said William Riley.

W.H. McAllister sworn:

I am familiar with the signature of Thos  
McAllister who was my father.  
I have been shown his signature as a witness

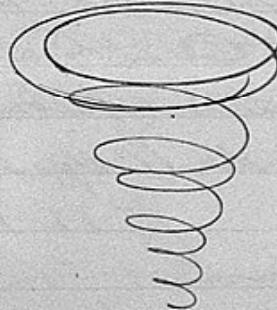
to the will of Mrs E. A. Burton dec'd. And  
am satisfied that the same is the genuine  
signature of the said Mrs McAllister.

State of South Carolina } In the Probate  
County of Hobcville } Court  
In the matter of the  
Last will and Testament }  
of  
Mrs E. A. Burton } Acknowledgment to  
dec'd } prove signature  
} to will.

To J. or. Montgomery Notary Public in and  
for the County of Blount State of Tennessee  
I reposing espesial trust and Confidence  
in the Integrity Care and Circumspection  
of you the said J. or. Montgomery have  
given and by these presents do give unto  
you free power and authority to  
administer the oath in the matter of es-  
tablishing the bona fides of the signature  
of Mrs E. A. Burton, dec'd, to the attached  
testament of writing purporting to be  
her last will and testament.

Given under my hand and  
Seal of Office this 15th day of December  
1902 R. E. Hile

J. P. ad



State of Tennessee }  
County of Monroe }

Personally appears J. R. Jones and  
on oath says that he is familiar with  
the signature of the late C. A. Burton deceased  
that the instrument of writing now before  
him, purporting to be her last will  
and Testament bearing date the  
2nd day of April 1889. Contains the  
bona fide and genuine signature of  
the said C. A. Burton deceased.  
Sworn to before me this the 31st day of December 1902

State of Tenn }  
County of Blount }

I, J. M. Montgomery, Notary Public in and  
for the County of Blount, State of Tennessee,  
do hereby certify that J. R. Jones personally  
known to me came before me this day  
and made and subscribed the above  
written oath as to the signature of  
C. A. Burton deceased, which said  
oath was administered by me in  
virtue of the authority of the document  
hereto attached, issued by R. E. King,  
Judge of the Probate Court for Union  
County, State of South Carolina.

Witness my hand and officed  
Seal this 31st day of December 1902

J. M. Montgomery  
Notary Public

State of South Carolina }  
County of Abbeville }

In the matter of }  
The Last Will & Testament } order admitting  
of } to probate  
Mrs C. A. Burton } deceased

Upon due examination of J. R. Jones  
as to the hand writing of Testatrix and  
S.C. Riley and W.H. McCallie to as to  
the signatures of H.M. Riley and Thomas  
McCallie respectively, two of the witnesses  
to the signature of the Testatrix - 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 Com-  
mon form.

R. E. Hill  
Judge of Probate

January 2 1903.

State of South Carolina }  
County of Abbeville }

I Sarah Rockelle Reagan being full  
in body but of sound and disseminating  
mind and memory and knowing the  
uncertainty of life make this my last  
will and testament, in manner & form  
as follows.

It is my will that my body be decently buried  
all expenses paid and all just debts paid.

I then will bequeath & devise all my estate  
whether personal, real or otherwise to my sister

Amanda E. Barksdale & my brother in law  
 J. H. Barksdale jointly for the term of their  
 natural life; after which it is my will  
 that it may go to their children and heirs,  
 divided equally. And if any of the children  
 leave heirs, being themselves dead, that the  
 heirs get their mother or father's part.

I hereby constitute my nephew W.D. Barks-  
 dale lawful Executor of this my last will  
 & testament.

As witness hereof I herewith sign  
 my name & affix my seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day  
 of April Eighteen hundred & ninety eight.  
 Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of  
 Francis Henry      P  
 R. P. Hodges      P  
 Henry & Hill      P      Rachel Reagan

State of South Carolina      Probate Court  
 County of Abbeville      Probate will  
 Present Hon. Estelle Judge of Probate for the  
 County of Abbeville.

Personally appeared Francis Henry, subscribing witness to the  
 annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testa-  
 ment of Rachel Reagan, late of Abbeville County, deceased who being  
 duly sworn, deposed and oath that he was present and did see the  
 said instrument of writing duly executed by the said Rachel  
 Reagan. And deponent further saith that the said Rachel Reagan at the  
 time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the best of depo-  
 nent knowledge and belief of sound and disposing mind, memory and  
 understanding and that he (the deponent) and R.P. Hodges and  
 Henry Hill in the presence and in the sight of the said Rachel Reagan  
 and at her request signed their names as witnesses to the due execution  
 of the same.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
 July One thousand nine hundred & three  
 R. C. Hill J.P.      Francis Henry

In the matter of the  
Last Will & Testament  
of  
Rachel Reagan  
deed }

Upon due examination of Frances Henry one of  
the subsisting partners, to the annexed instrument  
of writing purporting to be the last will  
and testament of Rachel Reagan 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 Abbeville forms and  
that letters testamentary be granted to W.D.  
Burke, duly named as Executrix.

R.E. Hill  
Judge Probate Court,

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 writer named deceased  
so far as I know or believe and that I will  
well and truly execute the same by paying up  
first the debts and then the legacies contained  
in said will as far as her goods and  
belongings will then unto extend and the  
law charges me and that I will make  
a true and perfect Inventory of all  
such goods and chattels, as I can and  
I do So Help me God.

Swear and Subscribed to  
before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
February 1903 -

R.E. Hill  
Judge

W.D. Burke, Esq.

Last Will & Testament of J Walter Sherard  
In the name of God Amen

I J Walter Sherard, being of sound mind  
and memory, and considering the uncertainty of  
life do therefore make, ordain, publish and  
declare this to be my last will and Testament.

First - After all my lawful debts are paid  
and discharged the residue of my estate real  
and personal, I give legatee to my beloved  
wife Margaret Thomson Sherard.

Likewise I make appoint and constitute  
my wife Margaret Thomson Sherard to be my  
sole Executrix of this my last will and Tes-  
tament, without bond.

In witness whereof I have hereunto sub-  
scribed my name and affixed my seal this  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1903

J Walter Sherard

E.S.J

Test

M J Lure  
J C Evans  
J R Thornton

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

Personally appeared J. R. Thornton  
 subscribing witness to the annexed instrument  
 of writing purporting to be the last Will & Testa-  
 ment of J. Walter Sherard, 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 J. Walter Sherard.

And deponent further saith that the  
 said J. Walter Sherard 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 M. J. Lewis and J. E. Evans  
 in the presence of each other, and of the  
 said J. Walter Sherard, and at his request  
 sign their names as witnesses to the due  
 execution of the same.

Sworn and Subscribed  
 to before me this 20th  
 day of May one thousand  
 nine hundred and nine

R. E. Hill

J. C. C.

J. R. Thornton

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament  
of J. Walter Sherard.

Upon Due Examination of J R Thornton  
one of the Subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid  
Instrument of writing purporting to be the  
Last Will & Testament of J. Walter Sherard late  
of Atherille 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. Fife

Judge Probate Court

State of South Carolina }  
County of Atherille } On the Probate Court.

I do Solemnly Swear that this writing contains  
the true last Will of the witness 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 thenuts 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 when thenuts required So Help Me God

Swear and Subscribed  
to before me this 20<sup>th</sup>  
day of May 1903.

R. E. Fife  
Judge

M T Sherard

Last will and Testament of Robert W Hadden

In the name of God amen!

I Robert W Hadden, living near the town of Gee West, in Abbeville County, South Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and in good health do make this my last will and testament:-

- (1) I will that all my just debts be paid.
- (2) I will that all my personal property be sold except the following:-
  - (a) One large bedstead
  - (b) One Bureau
  - (c) One clothes chest - for bed clothes,  
These I will and bequeath to my daughter,  
Cora B. Sibley.
- (3) I will and bequeath to my son Lester Lloyd and to my daughter, Cora B. Sibley, each the sum of One thousand dollars (\$1000) - Said amounts to be paid out to them respectively before there is any division of the estate.
- (4) I will that after the above payments are made as specified in Article three, then that the whole of my estate, real and personal, be divided into seven (7) equal shares, to be distributed, share and share alike to my children as follows:-
 

The heirs of Calvin Grier, one full share;

Ann Caroline Mayes; J. Ward; William C.; the heirs of Iselena Athleene Clark - Scales, one full share; Lester Lloyd and Cora B. Sibley. My son Thomas Luther having received his portion of the estate, no share is bequeathed to him.
- (5) In order to make above payments and above equal divisions I will that all my real estate be sold, my lands to be

divided into such tracts as may be for the best interest of the estate, said division of lands to be made by my Executor, hereinafter named, in whose judgment and prudence I confide, stating as the only specific limitation and direction in this division that not less than two hundred acres (200) be laid off and set apart in the Home tract.

(6) My Executor, hereinafter named is hereby empowered to make sale of all my real estate and give bills for same.

(7) Should any of my children, as above named die before the execution of this will, leaving heirs, I wish that the testamentary share of deceased child be divided equally among said heirs. I desire that Brice Clark Kelly, husband of my deceased daughter Isabella Athelma act as the guardian of the minor children of said deceased daughter. And also that Sarah, wife of my deceased son, C. Grier act as the guardian of minor children of said deceased son.

(8) I wish to say that I have given to said M. Clinton (Colored) eight acres of land now occupied and used by him, said eight acres to be held by him during the term of his natural life. The title to said land distinctly states that it is to revert to my estate at the death of said Jack M. Clinton. Should said Jack M. Clinton outlive me then at his death I will that my Executor sell said tract and divide proceeds of sale as provided for in Article 4 of this will.

(9) I hereby appoint as the Executor of this my last will and testament, Professor Paul L. Grier

R. W. Hadden

Done this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 1898.

in the presence of  
 W.M. Grier  
 J. D. Brownlee  
 R.C. Brownlee

Witnesses

that all former wills are cancelled.  
 This declaration is signed in presence of  
 above witnesses.

W.M.  
J. D.  
R.C.

I hereby declare

R.W. Hoddaw

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

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

Personally appeared R.C. Brownlee sub-  
 scribing witness to the annexed instrument  
 of writing purporting to be the last will and  
 testament of Robert W Hoddaw, late of Abbe-  
 ville County, deceased, who being duly sworn  
 deposeth and saith that he was present  
 and did see the said instrument of writing  
 duly executed by the said Robert W Hoddaw.

And deponent further saith that the  
 said Robert W Hoddaw, 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 W.M. Grier  
 and J D Brownlee, in the presence of  
 each other and of the said Robert W.  
 Hoddaw and at his request signed  
 their names as witnesses to the due execution  
 of the same.

Swear and subscribed to before  
 me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1903.  
 R. C. Hile J. P. A. C.

R.C. Brownlee

In the matter  
of  
The Last will & Testament  
of  
Robert W Haddow  
deed } Order admitting to  
Probate in Common form

Upon Our Examination of R.C. Brownlee one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Robert W. Haddow 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 Paul L. Grier named as Executor. R.C. Haddow

*Judge Probate Court*

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 wife 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 directs me and that I will make a true and perfect Inventory of all such goods and chattels rights and credits so help me God.

Swear and subscribed to  
before me this 12 day of June  
1903. R. C. Haddow

*P. L. Grier*

Larkins  
of  
J. Robinson

State of South Carolina }  
County of Abbeville }

In the name of God amen,

I John S. Robinson a physician of County  
and State aforesaid, being of sound mind,  
do hereby make my last will and testament,  
hereby revoking a will made by me in 1878.

I will that after my decease all of my  
personal property be sold except certain  
articles of household goods, that my chil-  
dren may wish to keep as mementos &c;  
that my funeral expenses be paid out of  
proceeds of sale of said personal property.

I further will to my Executors hereinabove  
named plenary powers in disposing of my  
property, making titles to real estate &c,  
just the same as I could or would do  
in my life time.

Having sold Mr Franklin Bourne my John  
Pratt place my Executors are hereby empowered  
to make warranty titles as Executors to said  
realty whenever Mr Bourne Complies with  
the terms of sale agreed on between us.

Having taken the liberty of selling my  
wife's realty of 80 acres bounded by lands  
of John Pratt, M. G. Donald, L. J. Hadden  
etc to Bushkill Fair Co<sup>d</sup>. I do hereby direct  
my Executors on the payment of note given  
me by said Bushkill Fair to make titles to  
said realty as my Executors or to get an  
order from Court Confirming said sale.

In order to make said Bushkill Fair or  
his heirs safe in the money invested by him  
in said realty I do hereby direct my  
Executors to set apart Six Hundred Dol-  
lars of any monies on hand or acquired  
by them in any way which they will invest  
in realty or other property that will pay

10 per cent or more per annum, which in case of  
Death on the part of either one or all of my heirs  
for recovery of said realty, principal of sixteen  
hundred dollars with all interest & profits accruing  
from said investment which shall not be less than  
ten per cent nor more than fifteen per cent per  
annum shall be paid over to said Bas Kew  
Tari, or to his heirs by my Executors to indem-  
nify him for said investment.

I further direct that said Bas Kew  
Tari Col<sup>d</sup>, before receiving full title from my  
Executors to said realty shall pay to my Ex-  
ecutors the sum of One Hundred Dollars  
for my office and Barn on said realty  
and reserved by me unless said office  
and Barn are disposed of by me or by my  
Executors to other parties, in which case they  
shall make full titles to said realty to said  
Bas Kew Tari Col<sup>d</sup>.

I further will that my Executors shall sell  
my Harry Clapp place (my home place) for not  
less than One hundred and fifty dollars per  
annum or to sell the same for not less than  
Fifteen Hundred Dollars if it should be de-  
sired by them as best to sell the said realty.

Having disposed of my property, by paying  
over to my heirs each one her undivided  
share at the age of 21 years; having paid  
for the maintenance and proper education  
of each one, I wish my Executors to be releas-  
ed from any further execution of said trust.

I do hereby appoint my beloved father  
Capt Hugh Robison and my beloved  
daughter Mary Crayton Robison, Bertha  
Amanda Robison Executors of this my  
last will and testament to be executed to  
the best of their judgment and to the best

interests of my heirs, My beloved daughter Mary Crayton, Bertha Amanda, Julia Fella and Margaret Lee or in case of death for their heirs (bodily) if they should leave any.

In Case of the death of my Father my brothers Jasper Burton, Robert Lee and William Walters, named in my father's will as Executors shall execute or aid my daughters in executing this my last will and Testament. They or either of them, if the others should be deceased to have plenary power to sell or rent my realty and invest the funds accruing in other property or properties from time to time as may to them seem best.

Witness my hand and seal this the sixth day of November 1890, and in the One hundred and fifteenth year of the Independence of the United States of America

Signed sealed and  
delivered in presence

of J. D. Burton

Bennie McLain

H. McLain

John A. Robinson

State of South Carolina  $\frac{1}{2}$  Probate Court  
Abbeville County  $\frac{1}{2}$  Probate Vice  
Present Honorable R. E. H. Judge of  
Probate Court for the County of Abbeville.

Personally appeared J. D. Burton sub-  
scribing witness to the annexed instrument  
of writing purporting to be the  
last will and testament of Dr. J. A. Robi-  
nson 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 J. A. Robinson. And deponent further saith that the said J. A. Robinson 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 Dennis McLain and Mill Laine, in the presence of each other and of the said J. A. Robinson and at his request, signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn and subscribed  
to before me this 30th June  
One thousand nine hundred  
and three. R. Estee  
J. P. A.C.

J. D. Burton

In the matter  
of  
the Last will and  
Testament  
of  
Dr. J. A. Robinson

Order admitting to probate

Upon due examination of J. D. Burton one of the subscribing witnesses of the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Dr. J. A. Robinson late of Athens 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. Clayton

Robinson and Jasper A. Robinson  
named as Executrix and Executor.  
June 30 1903 - R. E. H. J. P.

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 his goods and chattels  
will thereunto extend and the law charges  
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 June  
1903.

R. E. H. J. P. a. c.

M. Clayton Robinson  
J. A. Robinson

Last will  
of  
Elvy Freeman

In the name of God amen.

I Elvy Freeman of the County of Abbeville  
and in the State of South Carolina, being of sound  
and disposing mind and memory but  
failing in health, do make publish and declare  
this to be my last will and testament, hereby  
revoking and making null and void all  
other last will and testaments - by me hitherto  
made,

First my will is that my just debts and  
funeral expenses be paid out of my estate  
by my Executors hereinafter named.

Second - I will and bequeath to Missouri Hill and Maria Lassiter a homestead on my land during the life time of such -  
 Third - I will and bequeath unto my Son Elijah Stevens, and to my grand son John Freeman, son of Fred Freeman, each the sum of Five Dollars, to be paid to them out of my estate, by my said Executrix.

Fourth - I will devise and bequeath unto my grandson Josiah Lapiter Lee acres of land, to be cut off the south western part of my tract of land to & for his own proper use, benefit and behoof forever.

Fifth - I will devise and bequeath unto my sons Prekeus Freeman and Henry Lassiter, all the residue of my estate, both personal and real - the realty consisting of Forty acres of land, bounded by lands of A. S. Brown, Pate West, Estates of Thos - Robinson, deceased, and others - share and share alike, unto my said grandsons the said Prekeus Freeman and Henry Lassiter and their heirs and assigns, to and for their own proper use, benefit and behoof forever.

I hereby nominate and appoint Henry Lassiter to be the Executrix of this my last will and testament.

For testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Thirteenth day of May in the year of Our Lord One thousand four hundred and three.

Obey & Freeman  
mod

The above instrument was now witnessed by the Testator Obey Freeman in our presence who at the same time declared it to be his last will and Testament and we at her request and in her presence and in the presence

of each other affix our names as witnesses thereto.

J. P. Price  
J. B. Holloway  
R. J. Robinson

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville County }  
Present Am R Office Jusges & Probate for the  
County of Abbeville.

Personally appeared J. B. Holloway sub  
scribing witness to the annexed instrument of  
writing purporting to be the last will and  
testament of Elvey Freeman 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 Elvey  
Freeman. And deposed further  
that the said Elvey Freeman at  
the time of executing the said instrument  
of writing 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 J. P. Price and R.  
J. Robinson in the presence of each  
other and of the said Elvey Freeman  
and at his request signed their names  
as witnesses to the due execution of the  
same.

Sworn and subscribed  
to before me this 17 day  
of August one thousand  
Nine hundred and three

R. Coffie  
" J. P. A.C.

J. B. Holloway

In the Matter of  
The Last Will & Testament  
of  
Elvey Freeman

Upon due examination of J. B. Halloway  
one of the Subscribing witnesses, to the aforesaid  
instrument of writing purporting to  
be the Last will and testament of Elvey  
Freeman late of Abbeville County, de-  
ceased, 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 Henry Lassiter named as Executor.

R. C. Hines  
Judge Probate Court

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 witness named deceased  
so far as I know or believe and that I will  
willingly 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 directs 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 17 day of Aug 1903

R. C. Hines  
J. B. Halloway

Henry Lassiter  
Executor

Last will  
of  
Rose H.  
Henry  
deed

I Roseannah H Henry, of the town of New West, in the state of South Carolina, do hereby make, publish and declare this, as, and for my last will and testament, hereby revoking any and all former will and testaments by me at any time hereunto made.

1st

I will that all my just debts be paid.

2nd

To my daughter Dorcas W. Strong I give, devise and bequeath, as a special bequest, Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars

3rd

I will that, after the payment of bequests already specified, the proceeds of my property, real and personal, shall be divided equally among my children Mary J. Mathews, Dorcas W. Strong and Patrick R. Henry.

4th

I hereby appoint my daughter Mary J. Mathews and Dorcas W. Strong and my son Patrick R. Henry as Executrix and Executrix of this my last will and testament, and give them full and complete power without an order of any Court, without any advertisement, at public or private sale to sell any and all of my property & make bills to same - and hereby release them from making accounts or other returns, or inventory, before or to the Court of Ordinary unless they desire.

Witness my hand & seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1802

R. H. Henry / *seal*

Signed, sealed and published and declared as, and for her last will and testament by the above named Testatrix in the presence of us, who in the presence of each other, in her presence

and at her request subscribe our names as witnesses  
hereunto.

J. G. Gaedwill  
J. C. Irribello  
A. Geddes Kennedy

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

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

Personally appeared J.C. Irribello subscribing witness to  
the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be  
the last will and testament of Rosannah H. Henry  
late of Abbeville County, deceased, who being duly  
sworn deposith said that he was present  
and did see the said instrument of writing  
duly executed by the said Rosannah H. Henry.  
And deponent further saith that the said  
Rosannah H. Henry, 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 under-  
standing and that he (the deponent) and  
D. G. Gaedwill and A. Geddes Kennedy in  
the presence of each other and of the said  
Rosannah H. Henry and at her request  
signed their names as witnesses to the due  
execution of the same.

Sworn and subscribed to  
before me this 18th day of  
September One thousand  
nine hundred and three  
R. Estelle  
J. P. A.

J. C. Irribello

In the matter of the  
Last will & Testament }  
of  
Mrs Rosannah H. Henry } Order admitting  
Beckie } to Probate

Upon our examination of J. C. Dibble one of the  
Subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument  
of writing purporting to be the last  
will and testament of Rosannah H. Henry  
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 Letter Testamentary  
be granted to Norcas W. Strungs Mary J.  
Markham and Patrick R. Henry named  
as Executrix and Executu-

Oct 18 1903.

R. E. Kie  
Judge Probate Court

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 writer 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 charges  
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 18th day of ) P. R. Henry  
Sept 1903. R. E. Kie ) Dr. W. Strungs  
Isaac ) M. J. Markham

Last will  
Testament  
of  
W. J. Branch

Abbeville S Carolina  
June 19<sup>th</sup> 1903

In the name of God Amen!

I William Tully Branch being of sound  
and disposing mind do make this my last  
Will & Testament

1<sup>st</sup>. I pray that when my body returns to the  
God that my soul returns to the bosom of  
God.

2<sup>nd</sup>. That I will and bequeath to my niece  
Virginia C. Sonoley all property that I may  
be possessed of at my death - except as follows -  
3<sup>d</sup>. To my nephew George B. Sonoley my large  
Merchandise pipe -

4<sup>th</sup>. To my niece Hattie R. Haddow wife of J.  
C. Haddow a pair of Silver Cudle sticks,

5<sup>th</sup>. To my nephew William F. Sonoley my  
royal arch masonic ring which I wear  
on my right hand.

6<sup>th</sup>. I appoint and request my niece Vir-  
ginia C. Sonoley to act as the Executrix of  
the will without recourse to law

7<sup>th</sup>. That Clinton Lodge #3 A. F. M. of which  
I am a member take charge of my body and  
bury it with masonic Ceremonies (no other  
ceremony at all) in Upper Long Ann County  
beside of the grave of my wife Annie -  
And when I lie in the old kirk yard  
with the mound above my breast

Don't say he did well or ill

But say he did his best

Witness

W. J. Branch

W. D. Burksdale

G. T. Perrin

George Penney

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

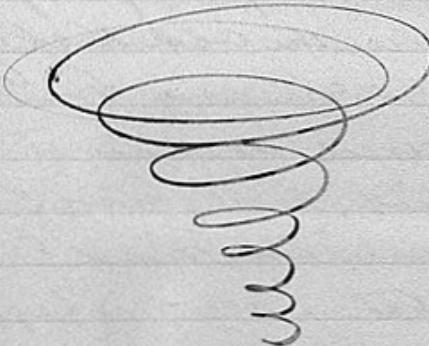
Present Am R Office Judge of Probate Court  
 for the County of Abbeville.

Personally, appeared W D Barksdale sub-  
 scribing witness to the annexed instrument  
 of writing purporting to be the last will and  
 testament of W. T. Branch 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 W. T. Branch.

And deponent further saith that the said  
 W. T. Branch 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 J. G. Penney and  
 George Penney, in the presence of each other  
 and of the said W. T. Branch and at his request  
 signed their names as witnesses to the an Execution  
 of the same.

Swear and subscribed to  
 before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of }  
 Nov 1903 — } W D Barksdale

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

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 his goods and chattels  
will thereupon extend and the law charge me  
and that I will make a true and perfect invi-  
tory of all such goods and chattels my h[er]  
and credits, so help me God.

Swear to and subscribed

before me this 9th day  
of Nov 1903

R. C. Smith  
I. Price

Virginia E. Snoddy

Last will & Testament of  
Ellen M. Block

State of South Carolina }  
County of Abbeville }

In the name of God amen,

I, Ellen M. Block of the Town of Loris  
County of Abbeville, and State of South Carolina  
being of sound mind and memory do make  
ordain, publish and declare this to be, my last  
will and testament, hereby revoking all former  
wills by me at any time made.

- 1 I will and direct that all my legal debts be paid  
by my Executrix.
- 2 I will and bequeath all the residue and pecuni-  
ary of my estate, both real and personal, to  
my daughter Anna E. Morehead and Harry  
E. Price share and share alike.

3 I will and bequeath, should my daughter Annie E. Morehead die before I do, one half of all my estate, both real and personal, to her children, the remaining half to Harriet E. Price. Should my daughter Harriet E. Price die before I do and leave no children, I will and bequeath all my real and personal estate to my daughter Annie E. Morehead.

In the event that both of my daughters die before I do, I will and bequeath all my estate, real and personal to the children of my two daughters, June and June alike.

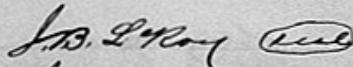
Should my daughter Harriet E. Price survive me and die without issue, I will and direct that all her part or interest in my estate real and personal shall revert to my daughter Annie E. Morehead, or if she be dead, to her children.

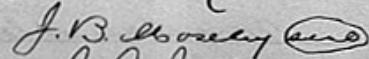
4 I make Constitute and appoint Annie Morehead and Harriet E. Price as Executrix of this my last will and testament. Should either be unwilling or unable to serve, then the other so made, Constituted and appointed as Executrix of this my last will and testa-  
ment.

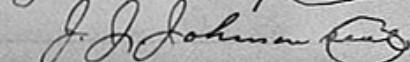
In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the 3rd day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Ninety Six

M. E. Black 

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

J. B. L. Roy 

J. B. Moreley 

J. D. Johnson 

State of South Carolina      Probate Court  
 Abbeville County      Probate Hill  
 Present Honorable R. E. Hile, Judge of Probate Court  
 for the County of Abbeville.

Personally appeared J. J. Johnson, subscriber,  
 witness to the annexed instrument of writing purport-  
 ing to be the last will and testament of Mrs. M. E. Black,  
 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 M. E. Black. And deponent further saith  
 that the said M. E. Black at the time of executing the said in-  
 strument 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. B. Estes  
 and J. B. Moreley in the presence of each other and of the  
 said M. E. Black 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>d</sup> day of Oct One thousand  
 nine hundred and three.

R. E. Hile  
 I. S. A.C.

J. J. Johnson

In the matter of the  
 Last will & Testament } Order admitting to  
 of } Probate  
 Mrs. M. E. Black }

Upon due examination of J. J. Johnson one of the  
 subscribers witness to the annexed instrument of writing  
 purporting to be the last will and testament of Mrs. M. E.  
 Black, 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 letter testa-  
 mentary be granted to Mr. Amos E. Moreley and Mr. Harriet E. Price  
 Oct 2 1903

R. E. Hile, Judge

In the Probate  
County of Abbinville } Court

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains  
the true last will of the writer named deceased  
so far as I know herein 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 charges me and that I  
will make a true and perfect Inventory of  
all such goods and Chattels, rights and credits  
So Help me God:

A. E. Moorhead  
Hattie R. Price

Sworn and Subscribed to }  
before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of  
Oct 1903, R. E. Hill  
J. P. O. C.

Know all men by these Presents  
That I Lotta McLean of the County of  
Abbinville and State of South Carolina,  
being in usual health and of sound and  
disposing mind and memory do make and  
publish this my last will and testament  
hereby revoking all former wills by me at any  
time heretofore made.

And as to my worldly estate and all the property  
real, personal or mixed of which I shall die  
deigned and possessed, or to which I shall be  
instituted at the time of my decease, I direct, legate  
and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit:  
First: My will is that all my just debts and funeral  
and 4 pence shillings, by my executors hereinafter named,  
be paid out of my estate, as soon after my decease  
as shall by him be found convenient.

Item: After my just debts and funeral expenses  
are paid, a sum devised and bequeath all my  
property, Real, Personal or mixed of what

character soon, of which I shall die seized and possessed  
or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my death, to  
my two Sisters Charley McLain and Sarah E McLain for and  
during the term of their joint natural lives and upon the death  
of one of them to the survivor for and during the term of her  
natural life, and upon the death of the survivor of <sup>said</sup> my two  
Sisters, or if I should leave my said two Sisters, then upon  
my death, to my nieces and grand nephews and grand nieces,  
to wit: Charley Ashley and Mary P Ashley Children of my  
~~deceased~~ Sister Elizabeth Ashley and Minnie T. McLain, Robert S.  
McLain and William E McLain Children of my nephew  
James Oliver McLain who subsists alit, and if any  
one or more of them should die leaving a Child or  
Children living at the time of the death of the last  
Survivor of us the three said Sisters, such Child or Children  
to take the part to which the parent or parents would be  
entitled if living.

And I further will and desire that if any one or  
more of my said nieces and grand nephews and grand  
nieces should die before the last survivor of us the three  
said Sisters <sup>leaving</sup> without issue living at the time of his, her or  
their death, that the part of my estate hereinbefore allotted  
to him or them shall be equally divided between  
the survivors or survivors of my said nieces, grand nephews  
and grand nieces.

And lastly I do nominate and appoint my said nephew  
James Oliver McLain to be the sole Executor of this my last  
will and Testament.

I testify my witness I the said Letta McLain have made  
this my last will and Testament subscribed my name  
and affixed my seal this the second day of July in the  
Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and eighty  
three.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said  
Letta McLain as and for her last will and testament in the  
presence of us who at her request and in her presence  
and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses  
W Newlin McCadney  
J. J. McCadney  
E W Smith }  
Lettie McLain Seal  
and O