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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
County of Abbeville.

The Last Will and Testament of: **WARREN CLYDE MURFF**

Signed, sealed, published and de-  
clared by Warren Clyde Murff as and  
for his last will and testament in  
the presence of us, who in his preence, and  
sence, and of each other, at his  
request, have subscribed our names  
as witnesses.

H. O. Mullinax? /S/

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Donalds, S. C.

J. R. Dunn /S/

ADDRESS

Donalds, S. C.

Eleanor Pruitt /S/

ADDRESS

Donalds, S. C.

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## PROOF OF WILL

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
Abbeville County.

IN THE COURT OF PROBATE

By BESSIE LEE F. NANCE, Esq., Judge of Probate for said County.

Personally appears H. O. Mullinax, who being duly sworn, says that he saw WARREN CLYBE MURFF sign, seal, publish and declare the annexed instrument of writing, bearing date the 10th day of March, A. D. 1952 to be and contain his Last Will and Testament; that the said WARREN CLYDE MURFF was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, according to (Deponent)

the best of deponent's knowledge and belief; and that the said H. O. MULLINAX together with J. R. DUNN and ELEANOR PRUITT at the request of the testator in his presence, and in the presence of each other, witnessed the due execution thereof.

Sworn to before me, this 16th day of October, Anno Domini 1968.  
/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.  
/S/ H. O. Mullinax (Deponent)

## ORDER ADMITTING WILL TO PROBATE IN COMMON FORM

On hearing the above petition of J. HOWARD DRAKE

it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed, That the petition be granted and the said Last Will and Testament, ~~with~~ with ~~and~~ and of WARREN CLYDE MURFF, deceased, be entered of Probate in Common Form.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court of Probate, this 16th day of October, 1968

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

## QUALIFICATION FIDUCIARY

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
Abbeville County.

I do solemnly swear, that this writing contains the true Last Will of the within named WARREN CLYDE MURFF 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 the said Will, as far as his goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge me, and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels; So help me God.

Sworn to before me, this 16th day of October, Anno Domini 1968.  
Bessie Lee F. Nance /S/ Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.  
J. Howard Drake /S/

## PROBATE OF WILL BOOK No. 8

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
County of Abbeville.

The Last Will and Testament of: EVA BOWEN

THE WILL OF MRS. EVA BOWEN OF DONALDS, SOUTH CAROLINA;:

FIRST, I give, devise and bequeath all my real property consisting of my House and lot in Donalds, S. C. As well as that lot or parcel of land adjoining my house to the P. & N. Rd, to my three children: Namely Mrs. Glendel B. Leslie, Miss Elizabeth Bowen and Miss Martha Bowen, they to have each a one third interest therein; Second, it is my will and desire that 11 my personal effects shall be equally divided between my three children named above. them and their assigns forever.

THIRD: I hereby appoint Mrs. Glendle B. Leslie, Miss. Elizabeth Bowen and Miss Martha Bowen Executerixs of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Donalds, S. C. this 7th day of March 1940.

Eva Bowen /S/

Signed and sealed by the said Mrs. Eva Bowen, who at the same time published and declared the same, as for her last will and testament, in the presence of us, who, in his presence and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses:

F. W. Griffin /S/

Eleanor Pruitt /S/

W. M. Agnew /S/

(All executrices disqualified themselves with the exception of Elizabeth Bowen who was )  
(Appointed Executrix by this Court on the 18th day of October, 1968. This was respect- )  
(fully requested by the other Executrices, Martha Barksdale Bowen and Glendel B. Leslie.)



THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
County of Abbeville.

The Last Will and Testament of: CLYDE HALL

I, Clyde Hall, being of sound mind and descretion, but being mindful of the uncertainties of left, do hereby made, ordain, publish and declare this as and for my Last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all instruments of a testamentary nature heretofore by me made.

ITEM I. I hereby direct that my Executor hereinafter named do pay all my just debts out of the first money coming into his hands.

ITEM II. I do hereby will, devisee and bequeath to my son, Earl Hall, all my property of whatsoever nature to be his, except I do hereby will him only a life estate in the house and three acres of land where I now live. In this paragraph I only willed my said son a life estate in the house and lot where I now live containing about three acres, I do hereby will and devise the remainder in the house and lot, after the death of my said son, to my brother, Lester Hall and should he not be living at that time, the said house and lot will go to my nearest relative living at that time.

I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my brother, Lester Hall, as and for executor of this my Last Will & Testament, to serve without Bond.

Signed and Sealed THIS 27th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1966.

Clyde Hall /S/

SIGNED, SEALED, PUBLISHED AND DECLARED BY CLYDE HALL, AS AND FOR HIS LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, IN OUR PRESENCE, AND THE PRESENCE OF EACH OTHER, AND IN HIS PRESENCE, AT HIS REQUEST, WE HAVE SUBSCRIBED OUR NAMES AS WITNESSES.

Willie S. Bonds /S/

Nary Gale Williams /S/

James P. Nickles /S/



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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }

Abbeville County.

IN THE COURT OF PROBATE

By BESSIE LEE F. NANCE, Esq., Judge of Probate for said County.

Personally appears Eleanor Pruitt, who being duly sworn, says that she saw Eva Bowen sign, seal, publish and declare the annexed instrument of writing, bearing date the 7th day of March, A. D. 1940 to be and contain her Last Will and Testament; that the said

Eva Bowen was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, according to

(Deponent)

the best of deponent's knowledge and belief; and that the said ~~Eva Bowen~~ Eleanor Pruitt

together with F. W. Griffin and W. M. Agnew at the request

of the testator ~~in~~ in her presence, and in the presence of each other, witnessed the due execution thereof.

Sworn to before me, this 18th day of

October, Anno Domini 19 68

Bessie Lee F. Nance /S/  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

Eleanor Pruitt

/S/ (Deponent)

## ORDER ADMITTING WILL TO PROBATE IN COMMON FORM

On hearing the above petition of Elizabeth Bowen

it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed, That the petition be granted and the said Last Will and Testament, ~~with~~ with

of EVA BOWEN, deceased, be entered of Probate in Common Form.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court of Probate, this 18th day of October, 19 68

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance

Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

## QUALIFICATION FIDUCIARY

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }

Abbeville County.

I do solemnly swear, that this writing contains the true Last Will of the within named

EVA BOWEN 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

the said Will, as far as his goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge me, and

that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels;

So help me God.

Sworn to before me, this 18th day of

October, Anno Domini 19 68

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

Elizabeth Bowen /S/

Box 18 - Donalds, S. C.

## PROBATE OF WILL BOOK No. 8

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
County of Abbeville.

The Last Will and Testament of:

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF  
MAMIE L. MORSE

I, MAMIE L. MORSE, of the City and County of Abbeville, State of South Carolina, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be my Last Will.

1. I hereby revoke all Wills and Codicils, which I have heretofore made.

2. I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses and all the administration expenses of my Estate shall be paid by my Executor as soon as practicable after my death, and that my Executor shall also pay, as part of the administration expenses of my Estate, and without any apportionment whatsoever, any and all succession and Estate taxes which may become payable by reason of my death in respect of any property, which shall be included in my gross taxable Estate as determined for the purposes of any such taxes. I further direct that all interest and penalties, if any, which shall become payable in connection with any such taxes, shall be similarly paid by my Executor without apportionment, and shall be charged against principal or income, or in part, against each, as my Executor shall, in his absolute discretion determine.

3. I give and bequeath all my personal effects, jewelry, silver, books, and pictures, and articles of personal or household use or ornament, and all other tangible personal property of whatever kind and wherever located (but not including any currency or specie, or automobiles) to my sisters, ONEY MORSE and CARA MORSE, if they shall survive me; but in case either or any of them shall not survive me, I will and bequeath said personal property to the survivor or survivors of them.

4. I give and bequeath all of my interest in the firm of Morse-Wier Insurance Agency, with its principal office in the City of Abbeville, South Carolina, to my brother, JOEL S. MORSE, if he shall survive me; and if he shall not survive me, I will and bequeath my interest in said Insurance Agency in the same manner as my Residuary Estate is disposed of hereafter in Paragraphs 7, 8, 9,

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
Abbeville County.

IN THE COURT OF PROBATE

By BESSIE LEE F. NANCE, Esq., Judge of Probate for said County.

Personally appears James P. Nickles, who being duly sworn, says that he saw Clyde Hall sign, seal, publish and declare the annexed instrument of writing, bearing date the 27th day of December, A. D. 1966 to be and contain his Last Will and Testament; that the said Clyde Hall was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, according to (Deponent)

the best of deponent's knowledge and belief; and that the said James P. Nickles together with Mary Gale Williams and Willie S. Bonds at the request of the testator in his presence, and in the presence of each other, witnessed the due execution thereof.

Sworn to before me, this 24th day of October, Anno Domini 1968, James P. Nickles /S/ (Deponent)  
/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

## ORDER ADMITTING WILL TO PROBATE IN COMMON FORM

On hearing the above petition of Lester T. Hall it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed, That the petition be granted and the said Last Will and Testament, ~~with~~ ~~and~~ ~~admitted~~, of Clyde Hall, deceased, be entered of Probate in Common Form.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court of Probate, this 24th day of October, 1968, /S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

## QUALIFICATION FIDUCIARY

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
Abbeville County.

I do solemnly swear, that this writing contains the true Last Will of the within named Clyde Hall 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 the said Will, as far as his goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge me, and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels; So help me God.

Sworn to before me, this 24th day of October, Anno Domini 1968, /S/ Lester T. Hall  
/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car. Route # 1 - Iva, S. C.



## PROBATE OF WILL BOOK No. 8

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
County of Abbeville.

The Last Will and Testament of: *Mamie L. Morse*

10 and 11 of this my Last Will.

5. In the event that, at the time of my death, I am joint owner, co-owner, or owner of any real estate, bank account, government bond, or any security or instrument of indebtedness, or any other property, which is registered or issued in my name, and that of, my brother, JOEL S. MORSE, I give, bequeath, and devise, absolutely and in fee simple, all my right, title, and interest in any such property, to my brother, JOEL S. MORSE, if he shall survive me. If my said brother, JOEL S. MORSE, shall not survive me,

I will and bequeath said property, which he and I may be joint owners or co-owners of at the time of my death, in the same manner as my Residuary Estate is disposed of hereafter in Paragraphs 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of this my Last Will.

6. All my undivided interest in my real estate at my home place, 406 North Main Street, Abbeville, South Carolina, together with all buildings thereon and all rights and easements appurtenant thereto, I give and devise to my brothers, AMOS B. MORSE and JOEL S. MORSE, and my sisters, ONEY MORSE and CARA MORSE, if either, any, or all of them shall survive me, for their own use and the use of the survivor of them during their natural lives; and I give and devise all of my undivided interest in my said home place, in remainder, to the last living survivor of the said life tenants, AMOS B. MORSE, JOEL S. MORSE, ONEY MORSE and CARA MORSE, absolutely and in fee simple.

7. All the rest, residue and remainder of the property which I shall own at my death, or over which I shall have any power of disposition by Will, is hereinafter called and referred to as my Residuary Estate.

8. If either of my sisters, CARA MORSE or ONEY MORSE, shall survive me, I give, bequeath, devise, and appoint my Residuary Estate to my Executor, in trust, however, to invest and from time to time reinvest the principal thereof, to collect the income therefrom, and to deal with the net income therefrom and with the principal thereof as hereinafter set forth. During the life of my sisters, ONEY MORSE and CARA MORSE, if either or both of them shall survive me, my

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
Abbeville County.

IN THE COURT OF PROBATE

By BESSIE LEE F. NANCE, Esq., Judge of Probate for said County.

Personally appears Nancy S. King, who being duly sworn, says that she saw Mamie L. Morse sign, seal, publish and declare the annexed instrument of writing, bearing date the 18th day of February, A. D. 1965 to be and contain her Last Will and Testament; that the said

MAMIE L. MORSE was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, according to (Deponent)

the best of deponent's knowledge and belief; and that the said Nancy S. King together with Rosemary H. Copeland and Sarah S. Wilson at the request of the testatrix = in her presence, and in the presence of each other, witnessed the due execution thereof.

Sworn to before me, this 26th day of October, Anno Domini 19 68

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

/S/ Nancy S. King (Deponent)

ORDER ADMITTING WILL TO PROBATE IN COMMON FORM

On hearing the above petition of Joel S. Morse

it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed, That the petition be granted and the said Last Will and Testament, ~~with codicil~~ of Mamie L. Morse, deceased, be entered of Probate in Common Form.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court of Probate, this 26th day of October, 19 68.

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

QUALIFICATION FIDUCIARY

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
Abbeville County.

I do solemnly swear, that this writing contains the true Last Will of the within named Mamie L. Morse 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 the 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; So help me God.

Sworn to before me, this 26th day of October, Anno Domini 19 68

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

Joel S. Morse /S/

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 Executor shall pay over the net income from the trust hereby established to  
 and among any one or both of my said sisters, ONEY MORSE and/or CARA  
 MORSE, living at the time of any such payment, in such shares if any such  
 payment shall be made to more than one person, as my Executor, which shall  
 at the time be in office, in their absolute discretion, determine.

9. If the foregoing payments to or for the benefit of my said sisters,  
 ONEY MORSE and CARA MORSE, or the survivor of them, shall be insufficient  
 in the discretion of my Executor to provide for the reasonable support, care,  
 or comfort of my said sisters, ONEY MORSE or CARA MORSE, or the sur-  
 vivor of them, my Executor may pay to or for the benefit of my said sisters,  
 or the survivor of them, so much of the principal as he may deem proper or  
 necessary for such purposes.

10. If my sisters, ONEY MORSE and CARA MORSE, or either of them,  
 shall survive me, my Executor shall pay out of income or principal the burial  
 expenses and expenses of last illness, of either or both of my said sisters,  
 which shall survive me, to the extent that these items are not paid, or responsi-  
 bility for their payment is not assumed, by some other person or estate.

11. Upon the death of both of my sisters, ONEY MORSE and CARA MORSE,  
 or if both of my sisters, ONEY MORSE and CARA MORSE, shall predecease me,  
 then upon my death, my Executor shall pay, transfer, convey and distribute the  
 principal of my Residuary Estate to my brother, AMOS B. MORSE; to my sister,  
 JANIE MORSE WIER; and to my half-sister, EMILY MORSE COOK, in equal shares;  
 but in case either or any of them shall predecease the last living survivor of my-  
 self and my sisters, ONEY MORSE and CARA MORSE, leaving children living at  
 the death of the last survivor of myself and my sisters, ONEY MORSE and CARA  
 MORSE, such children shall take by representation between them the share which  
 his or her parent would have taken had such parent survived the last living sur-  
 vivor of myself and my sisters, ONEY MORSE and CARA MORSE; and in case  
 either or any of them shall not survive the last living survivor of myself and my



THE ~~ESTATE OF~~ ~~ONLEY MORSE~~ and CARA MORSE, with no children living, then it is my will that the share of such beneficiary provided for in this paragraph, shall go to the survivor or survivors of my said sister, JANIE MORSE WIER; my half-sister, EMILY MORSE COOK; and my brother, AMOS B. MORSE, and the child or children of any predeceased sister, half-sister or brother, in the same relative proportion to each other as hereinabove set forth.

12. I hereby clothe my Executor with full power, discretion, and authority with respect to all matters herein entrusted to him, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, full power, authority and discretion:

(a) To hold all or any part of my Estate in the form in which the same may be at the time of my death, or at the time of the receipt thereof by my Executor, without any restrictions or obligation to convert the same, and without any regard to the limitations imposed by law on the investment of my Estate, and without liability for any loss of principal or income by reason of such retention.

(b) To invest and reinvest in any stocks, bonds, or other securities, obligations, or property, though unproductive, without regard to limitations imposed by law on the investment of my Estate, and without liability for any loss of principal or income by reason thereof.

(c) To sell all or any part of the property, of whatever kind and howsoever acquired, belonging to my Estate at such times, in such manner, and upon such terms as my Executor may decide.

(d) To pay, collect, defer, extend, adjust, settle, arbitrate, or compromise any claim by or against me or my Estate.

(e) To vote in person or by proxy in respect to all securities belonging to my Estate, to exchange or surrender securities; to pay all assessments, subscriptions, and other sums for the protection of securities; to exercise any options or conversion privileges or subscription rights with respect thereto; and generally to exercise all the powers and rights (whether hereinabove

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enumerated or not) as are or may be lawfully exercised by persons holding  
~~similar property~~ in their own right.

(f) To take and hold in his own name, as Executor, any property or securities coming into his hands as Executor.

(g) To make reasonable determinations whether any money or other property, including but not limited to, liquidating, or other dividends, or the proceeds of any rights or privileges coming into his hands should be treated as principal or income, or partly principal and partly income; and to determine whether any distribution, disbursements, and expenses, shall be charged against principal or income, or partly against principal and partly against income.

In A. W. (h) To incur and pay the expenses of the administration of my Estate and to employ or engage the services of any person or persons or firms that my Executor may consider necessary, proper or desirable to perform any services for my Estate, and to pay such sums as my Executor may deem reasonable for all services rendered.

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(i) Except as otherwise specifically provided in my Will, to make payment of any legacy or devise, in cash or in kind, or partly in cash and partly in kind, without the necessity or obligation of converting the whole or any part of my Estate into cash, and to determine his fair valuation thereof at the time of such distribution.

13. I request that no Executor named herein shall be required to give any bond.

14. My Executor may exercise all of the power and authority conferred upon him in this Will with respect to all property held under a power in trust under this Will.

15. My Executor may at any time, in his absolute discretion, apply for the benefit of ONEY MORSE or CARA MORSE (instead of paying directly to either of them) all or any part of any amount, whether of principal or of income, which

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~~any of the provisions of~~ this Will would at that time require, or authorize my Executor to pay to such beneficiary.

16. I nominate and appoint my brother, JOEL S. MORSE, to be Executor of this my Last Will. If he shall fail to qualify or having qualified shall cease to act, then I nominate and appoint my brother, AMOS B. MORSE, substitute or successor Executor to fill such vacancy. If both my said brothers, JOEL S. MORSE and AMOS B. MORSE, should fail to qualify or having qualified, shall both cease to act as Executor, then I nominate and appoint ROBERT L. HAWTHORNE, JR., as sole successor Executor of this my Last Will.

17. The term "Executor", whenever used in this my Last Will, shall be deemed to refer at any time to the Executor at that time in office hereunder.

18. Throughout this Will, the masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine and the singular the plural, and vice versa.

19. I direct my Executor named herein to employ ROBERT L. HAWTHORNE, JR., for legal advice and assistance in the probating and carrying out of the provisions of this my Last Will, and the administration of my Estate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, MAMIE L. MORSE, have to this my Last Will and Testament subscribed my name and set my seal this 18th day of February, 1965.

Mamie L. Morse (L. S.)

The foregoing instrument, consisting of six (6) typewritten pages, typewritten on only one side, was at the date thereof by the said MAMIE L. MORSE, signed, sealed, published, and declared to be her Last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at her request, in her presence, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as attesting witnesses.

Rebecca H. Copeland of Abbeville, South Carolina

Nancy S. King of Abbeville, South Carolina

Sarah S. Wilson of Abbeville, South Carolina

Recorded this 28th day of October 1968 - Will # 8 - pages 86-87-88-  
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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
County of Abbeville.

The Last Will and Testament of: C. VANCE ASHLEY

I, C. Vance Ashley, of the County and State aforesaid, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, but mindful of the uncertainty of life, do hereby make, publish and declare the following as and for my Last Will and Testament, to wit:

ITEM I: I direct that my Executor hereinafter named pay all of my just debts as soon after my death as possible.

ITEM II: I will, devise and bequeath unto my son, C. Vance Ashley, Jr., the following personal property:

One	Two Wheel trailer
One	Allis-Chalmers Tractor
Two	Disc Harrows
One	Steel Anvil
One	Two-horse wagon
One	Corn Planter
One	Fertilizer drill
One	Farm gas tank, complete
One	Mile of telephone wire

and any and all other tools, implements or machinery used by me on my farm.

ITEM III: I will, devise and bequeath unto my Daughters, Dorothy A. Waters, Sara A. Clemmons, and my son C. Vance Ashley, Jr., all the rest and residue of my estate, consisting of stocks, bonds, moneys, real estate and ever other description of property of which I may die seized and possessed, in equal shares, the child or children of a predeceased child to take the parents share.

ITEM IV: I hereby nominate and appoint C. Vance Ashley, Jr., as Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, he to serve without bond, and I do further empower him to dispose of any of my estate that he might desire with or without the Order of the Probate Court, either at private or public sale.

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by C. Vance Ashley as and for his Last Will and Testament this-----day of May, A. D., 1962.

C. V. Ashley (LS) /S/

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by C. Vance Ashley as and for his Last Will and Testament in our presence and we in his presence and in the presence of each other, and at his request have hereunto signed our names as attesting witnesses:

Bessie Lee Nance /S/

G. L. Duggan /S/

Wm. P. Greene, Jr. /S/

## PROBATE OF WILL BOOK No. 8

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
County of Abbeville.

The Last Will and Testament of: BRUCE E. FERRELL

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
( WILL  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE )

I, Bruce E Ferrell, of Abbeville County, State of South Carolina do make, publish and declare my last Will and Testament as follows:

I give my personal property to my wife, Helen Charles Ferrell.

I give, devise, and bequeath my share in the Home-Stead to Helen Charles Ferrell, (my Wife) during her lifetime. At the time of her death it shall be divided into two equal shares, one share to our son Ernest Edward Ferrell, and one share to our son, Ronnie Glen Ferrell.

However, if my wife, Helen Charles Ferrell deems it necessary or advisable to sell the Home-stead, then the proceeds from my portion shall immediately be divided into three parts: One part to my Wife Helen Charles Ferrell, one part to my son Ernest Edward Ferrell, and one part to my son Ronnie Glen Ferrell.

I constitute and appoint my wife, Helen Charles Ferrell sole executor of this My Will.

In testimony whereof, I hereto sign my name this 4 day of September, 1968.

Bruce E. Ferrell L S

Attesting Witnesses:

The above instrument, consisting of one sheet of paper, written upon one side only, was, at the date thereof, declared in the presence of each of us by the said Bruce E. Ferrell to be his last Will: He at the same time signed the same in the presence of all of us: and we, thereupon at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other sign our names thereto as witnesses, believing Bruce Ferrell to be, at the time of subscribing our names as witnesses thereto, of sound mind and memory.

Beatrice S. Furr  
Address Greenwood SC

Horace Furr  
Address Greenwood SC

Robert L. Gorman  
Address 43. Greenwood SC

## PROOF OF WILL

File:

Box 455

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }

Abbeville County.

IN THE COURT OF PROBATE

By BESSIE LEE F. NANCE, Esq., Judge of Probate for said County.

Personally appears Wm. P. Greene, Jr., who being duly sworn, says that he saw C. Vance Ashley sign, seal, publish and declare the annexed instrument of writing, bearing date the            day of May, A. D. 1962 to be and contain his Last Will and Testament; that the said           

C. Vance Ashley was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, according to (Deponent) the best of deponent's knowledge and belief; and that the said Wm. P. Greene, Jr. together with Bessie Lee Nance and G. I. Duggan at the request of the testator            /in his presence, and in the presence of each other, witnessed the due execution thereof.

Sworn to before me, this 29th day ofOctober, Anno Domini 1968Bessie Lee F. Nance /S/

Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

Wm. P. Greene, Jr. /S/

(Deponent)

## ORDER ADMITTING WILL TO PROBATE IN COMMON FORM

On hearing the above petition of C. V. Ashley, Jr.it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed, That the petition be granted and the said Last Will and Testament, ~~with codicil~~

, of C. Vance Ashley, deceased, be entered of Probate in Common Form.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court of Probate, this 29th day of October, 1968/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance

Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

## QUALIFICATION FIDUCIARY

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }

Abbeville County.

I do solemnly swear, that this writing contains the true Last Will of the within named C. V. Ashley 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 the said Will, as far as his goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge me, and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels; So help me God.

Sworn to before me, this 29th day ofOctober, Anno Domini 1968/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance

Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

C. V. Ashley, Jr.

R.F.D. # 3 - Abbeville, S. C. 29620



## PROBATE OF WILL BOOK No. 8

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

County of Abbeville.

The Last Will and Testament of: KATHLEEN PRINCE

# Last Will and Testament

OF

KATHLEEN PRINCE

I, KATHLEEN PRINCE, of the County of Buncombe, State of North Carolina, do make, publish, and declare this to be my last will and testament, revoking all other wills and codicils or instruments of a testamentary nature which I may have heretofore made:

## ARTICLE ONE

My Executors, hereinafter named, shall pay all of my just debts, funeral expenses (including cost of a suitable monument at my grave) and the costs of administration of my estate as soon as practicable after my death.

## ARTICLE TWO

I direct that all estate and inheritance taxes and other taxes in the general nature thereof which shall become payable upon or by reason of my death with respect to property passing by or under the terms of this will or any codicil to it hereafter executed by me, or with respect to the proceeds of any policy or policies of insurance on my life, or with respect to any other property included in my gross estate for the purpose of such taxes, shall be paid by my Executors out of the principal of my residuary estate, and I direct that no part of any such taxes be charged against (or collected from) the person receiving or in possession of the property taxes, or receiving the benefit thereof, it being my intention that all such persons, legatees, devisees and beneficiaries receive full benefits without any diminution on account of such taxes.

## ARTICLE THREE

I authorize, empower and direct my Executors, hereinafter named or any substituted executor or administrator c.t.a., to sell my house at 21 Lynwood Road, together with the lots adjacent thereto on each side of my home. The purchaser or purchasers of said property need not look to the application of the funds paid for said property. My Executors shall receive statutory commissions on fund received from sale of the house. Said Executors are authorized to sell the same at public or private sale, as a parcel or separately, for cash or upon terms as they may deem reasonable and to the best interest of my estate. Such sale shall be made, if possible, within a year following my death, but may be later, in the discretion and sound judgment of my Executors. The said Executors are authorized to execute proper instruments for the effective transfer and sale of said property.

## ARTICLE FOUR

I give and bequeath the following sums in cash, to the persons named, to be theirs absolutely; my Executors being under no duty to see to any particular application or use of such funds:

1. The sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars to Dr. Ernesto Contreras of Tiajuana, Mexico, for the use in his discretion in the advancement of his work.
2. The sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars to my Father, James Hugh Prince, of Abbeville, South Carolina.
3. The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars to James Earl Prince.
4. The sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars to Marion Prince Price.
5. The sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars to Jenny Prince.
6. The sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars to Mildred Prince.
7. The Sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars to Hugh Prince.
8. The sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars to John Albert Prince.
9. The sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars to Gillian Prince.

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PROOF OF WILL

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
Abbeville County.

IN THE COURT OF PROBATE

By BESSIE LEE F. NANCE, Esq., Judge of Probate for said County.

Personally appears Beatrice B. Free, who being duly sworn, says that she saw BRUCE E. FERRELL sign, seal, publish and declare the annexed instrument of writing, bearing date the 4th day of September, A. D. 1968 to be and contain his Last Will and Testament; that the said BRUCE E. FERRELL was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, according to

(Deponent)

the best of deponent's knowledge and belief; and that the said Beatrice B. Free together with Horace Free and Robert F. Inman at the request of the testator in his presence, and in the presence of each other, witnessed the due execution thereof.

Sworn to before me, this 29th day of October, Anno Domini 1968

/s/ Bessie Lee F. Nance

Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

/S/ Beatrice B. Free

(Deponent)

ORDER ADMITTING WILL TO PROBATE IN COMMON FORM

On hearing the above petition of Helen Charles Ferrell

it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed, That the petition be granted and the said Last Will and Testament, ~~with said~~ with said of Bruce E. Ferrell, deceased, be entered of Probate in Common Form.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court of Probate, this 29th day of October, 1968

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance

Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

QUALIFICATION FIDUCIARY

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
Abbeville County.

I do solemnly swear, that this writing contains the true Last Will of the within named BRUCE E. FERRELL 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 the said Will, as far as his goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge me, and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels; So help me God.

Sworn to before me, this 29th day of October, Anno Domini 1968

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance

Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

/S/ Helen Charles Ferrell

Rate # 2 - Abbeville, S. C.

# PROBATE OF WILL BOOK No. 8

## Last Will and Testament

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
County of Abbeville.

of  
KATHLEEN PRINCE

The Last Will and Testament of:

KATHLEEN PRINCE

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10. The sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars to Bessie Lee Prince Hagen.
11. The sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars to Minnie Prince Cunningham.
12. The sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars to Robert Prince.
13. The sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars to Mary Prince Todd.
14. The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars to Ella Simpson.
15. The sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars to Lester Congleton.
16. The sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars to DuMont Clarke, Jr., repaying him in full for \$3,500.00, plus interest, which I borrowed from him during my lifetime and in further appreciation and recognition of his good services to me throughout the years in helping me renovate and repair my home at 21 Lynwood Road.

### ARTICLE FIVE

My household goods, consisting of furniture, furnishings, rugs and antiques located in my house are to be sold by the Executors, in their discretion. I will any books, book shelves, magazines, linens, china, kitchen ware and literature to Universal Harmonizers, Inc.

I will my wearing apparel, and jewelry to my sisters, in the discretion of the Executors.

All the rest and remainder of my estate not specifically devised and bequeathed in the preceding paragraphs, I will, devise and bequeath to Universal Harmonizers, Inc., of Columbia, South Carolina.

### ARTICLE SIX

I give and bequeath all of the shares of stock in American Telephone and Telegraph Company to Miss Ella Simpson, who has been a friend to me for many years, to be hers absolutely, to do with as she may deem best. Any dividends received from said stock prior to the distribution of the same shall be treated as income to the estate for the use and benefit of Ella Simpson, and not to said legatees.

### ARTICLE SEVEN

I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Miss Ella Simpson and James S. Howell as Co-Executors of this my last will and testament, and direct that they may serve without bond. In addition to the powers and authority given them herein and by law, I authorize them in their discretion to exercise any of the various powers as set forth under C. S. 32-26 and 32-27. The said Executors shall both sign all checks and vouchers for the withdrawal of funds or the payments of accounts, and shall further sign any and all instruments necessary for effecting the transfer of real or personal property. If one Executor predeceases the other, the survivor shall continue to administer upon the estate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, KATHLEEN PRINCE, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 1st day of June, 1967.

*Kathleen Prince* (SEAL)  
Kathleen Prince

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Kathleen Prince to be her last will and testament in the presence of us, who, at her request and in the presence of her and in the presence of each other do hereunto set our hands as witnesses.

*Georgia E. Cooke* residing at Asheville, North Carolina.  
*Marion J. Lyda* residing at Asheville, North Carolina

### CERTIFICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

I, R. Curtis Ratcliff, Clerk of the Superior Court of Buncombe County, North Carolina, hereby certify the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the last will and testament of Kathleen Prince, as same appears on file and as recorded in Will Book UUU, at page 231, in my said office.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 1st day of October, 19 68.

R. CURTIS RATCLIFF  
Clerk of Superior Court

BY: *R. L. White*

RECORDED: October 30, 1968  
Will Book # 8 - Page 94 and 95  
File No.: 455-11-827



PROBATE OF WILL BOOK No. 8  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

In the name of God, amen.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Archie K. Gibert of Abbeville County, South Carolina,  
County of Abbeville, do make, ordain, publish and declare this as and for my last  
will and testament.

Item I. I commit my soul to the gracious God who gave it, and direct that my body shall be decently interred according to the rites of my Church, and that a suitable monument be erected to mark my grave, and that all expense incurred therefor be paid out of my estate.

Item II. I will and direct my executrix hereinafter named to pay all of my just debts with the first money coming in to her hands.

Item III. I will, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife, Annie Voyles Gibert, all of my property, both real and personal, in fee simple, with the expectation that she will give any part with which she may die seized and possessed to our two daughters, by will or conveyance.

Item IV. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my wife, Annie Voyles Gibert, as executrix of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal this day of September, A. D. 1955.

Archie K. Gibert

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Archie K. Gibert as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who in his presence, and of each other, at his request, have subscribed our names as Witnesses.

Elmer B. Hawthorn Address Rt. #1, Abbeville, S.C.

Ruth M. Hawthorn " " "

Annie Lee H. Hawthorn " " "

*See page 102 for Chapter Copy*

## PROBATE OF WILL BOOK No. 8

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

County of Abbeville.

The Last Will and Testament of: LESSIE R. ABLES

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT  
OF LESSIE R. ABLES.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:-

I, Lessie R. Ables, of the County of Abbeville, in the State aforesaid, being of sound and disposing, mind, memory and understanding and desiring to make disposition of all of my property in case of death, do hereby make, publish and declare the following as and for my last Will and Testament, to-wit:-

ITEM I:- I direct that my Executrices, hereinafter named, as soon after my death as practicable, pay all of my just debts.

ITEM II:- After the payment of my debts, I will, devise and bequeath the rest, residue and remainder of my property, real personal and mixed, unto my daughter, Dorothy A. Ashley, and unto my daughter, Donna Sue A. Ashley, the division between them to be share and share alike, in fee simple absolute.

ITEM III:- I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my daughter, Dorothy A. Ashley and my Daughter, Donna Sue A. Ashley, Executrices, of this last last Will and Testament, with full power to them to do any and every act necessary to carry this my Will into effect, and without giving bond as such Executrices.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal this 9 day of March, A. D. 1962.

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by, Lessie R. Ables, as and for her last Will and Testament, in our presence, and we in her presence, at her request, and each of us in the presence of the other two, have subscribed our names as attesting witnesses.

Joyce M. Pugh  
Theresa M. Vance  
J. A. Mays

Lessie R. Ables (LS)

Recorded this 6th day of November, 1968  
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## PROBATE OF WILL BOOK No. 8

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
County of Abbeville.

The Last Will and Testament of: JULIUS M. KING, SR.

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

JULIUS M. KING, SR.

I, JULIUS M. KING, SR., of Abbeville County, State of South Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make, publish, and declare the following as and for my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills and Codicils heretofore by me made.

FIRST: All property, both real, personal, and mixed, which I shall own at my death, and all property over which I shall then have any power of appointment, I give, will, devise, and bequeath to my wife, LILLIAN D. KING, in fee simple, if she shall survive me. If my said wife shall predecease me, all property, both real, personal and mixed, which I shall own at my death, and all property over which I shall then have any power of appointment, I give, will, devise, and bequeath to MY CHILDREN in equal shares; but in case either of them shall have died in my lifetime leaving children living at my death, such children shall take by representation between them the share which his or her parent would have taken had such parent survived me.

SECOND: I appoint my wife, LILLIAN D. KING, to be the executrix of this my Last Will and Testament. If she should fail to qualify or cease to act as such Executrix, I appoint my sons, Ralph L. King, David T. King, and Julius M. King, Jr., Executors in her place.

THIRD: Without undertaking to distinguish between the duties and powers of my Executrix or Executors and by way of illustration and not of limitation of her or their powers, I hereby authorize my Executrix or my Executors to sell any property, real or personal, publicly or privately, for cash or on time, without an Order of Court, upon such terms and conditions as to her or them shall seem best, without liability on the part of the purchaser to see to the application of the purchase money.

FOURTH: I request that no Executrix or Executors hereunder be

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# PROOF OF WILL

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
Abbeville County.

IN THE COURT OF PROBATE

By BESSIE LEE F. NANCE, Esq., Judge of Probate for said County.

Personally appears Joyce W. Couch, who being duly sworn, says that <sup>s</sup>he saw Lessie R. Ables sign, seal, publish and declare the annexed instrument of writing, bearing date the 9th day of March, A. D. 1962 to be and contain her Last Will and Testament; that the said Lessie R. Ables was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, according to

(Deponent)

the best of deponent's knowledge and belief; and that the said Joyce W. Couch together with Bessie Lee Nance and J. D. Mars at the request of the testatrix in her presence, and in the presence of each other, witnessed the due execution thereof.

Sworn to before me, this 5th day of

November, Anno Domini 1968

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance

Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

Joyce W. Couch /S/

(Deponent)

## ORDER ADMITTING WILL TO PROBATE IN COMMON FORM

On hearing the above petition of Dorothy A. Ashley and Donna Sue A. Ashley

it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed, That the petition be granted and the said Last Will and Testament, ~~with order~~

, of Lessie R. Ables, deceased, be entered of Probate in Common Form.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court of Probate, this 5th day of November, 1968

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance

Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

## QUALIFICATION FIDUCIARY

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
Abbeville County.

I do solemnly swear, that this writing contains the true Last Will of the within named Lessie R. Ables 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 the 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; So help me God.

Sworn to before me, this 5th day of

November, Anno Domini 1968

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance

Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

Dorothy A. Ashley /S/

Donna Sue A. Ashley /S/

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
County of Abbeville. }

The Last Will and Testament of: JULIUS M. KING, SR.

required to give any bond.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name at the foot and  
end of this my Last Will and Testament and affixed my seal this 5th  
day of January, 1965.

Julius M King Sr. (L. S.)

The foregoing instrument, consisting of two (2) typewritten pages,  
typewritten on only one side, was at the date thereof by the said JULIUS M.  
KING, SR. signed, sealed, published, and declared to be his Last Will and  
Testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence, and in  
the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as attesting witnesses.

Frances B. Johnson. of Abbeville, South Carolina.

Haskell Johnson of Abbeville, South Carolina.

Ward L. Sifton. of Abbeville, South Carolina.

*Recorded in Will # 8 - page 98 + 99 this 6th day of Nov, 1968*  
*455-11-828*

# PROOF OF WILL

File:

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Pack 11-828

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
Abbeville County.

IN THE COURT OF PROBATE

By BESSIE LEE F. NANCE, Esq., Judge of Probate for said County.

Personally appears Warder Sefton, who being duly sworn, says that he saw Julius M. Kings, Sr. sign, seal, publish and declare the annexed instrument of writing, bearing date the 8th day of January, A. D. 1965 to be and contain his Last Will and Testament; that the said Julius M. King, Sr. was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, according to

(Deponent)

the best of deponent's knowledge and belief; and that the said Warder Sefton together with Frances B. Johnson and Haske1 Johnson at the request of the testator in his presence, and in the presence of each other, witnessed the due execution thereof.

Sworn to before me, this 30th day of October, Anno Domini 1968  
/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

/S/ Warder Sefton (Deponent)

## ORDER ADMITTING WILL TO PROBATE IN COMMON FORM

On hearing the above petition of Lillian D. King

it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed, That the petition be granted and the said Last Will and Testament, with ~~will~~ of Julius M. King, Sr., deceased, be entered of Probate in Common Form.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court of Probate, this 30th day of October, 1968

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

## QUALIFICATION FIDUCIARY

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
Abbeville County.

I do solemnly swear, that this writing contains the true Last Will of the within named Julius M. King, Sr. 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 the said Will, as far as his goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge me, and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels; So help me God.

Sworn to before me, this 30th day of October, Anno Domini 1968  
/S/ Bessie LEE F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

Lillian D. King  
P. O. Box, Abbeville, S. C.



## PROBATE OF WILL BOOK No. 8

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
County of Abbeville.

The Last Will and Testament of: MARY FRANCES McCOMB

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
COUNTY OF MCCORMICK.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:-

1:- I, Mary Frances McComb, of the City of Abbeville, State of South Carolina, now a teacher in the Abbeville City Schools, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, ordain, publish and declare this as and for my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking any and all other wills or instruments heretofore by me made.

2:- I will and direct that my body shall be decently interred, in Bethia Cemetery, and it is my will that all expenses incurred therefor, my funeral expenses, expenses of my last illness, a monument <sup>erecting</sup> and wire fence be erected around the family plot, and any just debts owing by me at my death be paid out of the first money coming into the hands of my Executrix hereinafter named.

3:- I will, devise and bequeath at my death, unto my beloved mother, Mrs. Clara Pettigrew McComb, all of my property, real, personal and mixed, of whatsoever kind and nature, and wheresoever located, in fee simple; and in the event my said mother should predecease me, then and in that event, I will, devise and bequeath, at my death, unto my beloved <sup>Sister</sup> brother, James <sup>McComb Applefield + M.C. McComb, Executrix + niece Mary Link McComb of Florence, S.C.</sup> <sup>deceased</sup> <sup>Mary Link McComb - May 2, 1965 - Aug. 17, 1965.</sup> all of my property, real, personal and mixed, of whatsoever kind and nature, and wheresoever located, in fee simple.

4:- I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved mother, Mrs. Clara Pettigrew McComb, as Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, to serve without bond and without accounting to the Court; and in the event my said mother shall predecease me, then and in that event, I nominate, constitute and

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## PROBATE OF WILL BOOK No. 8

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
County of Abbeville.

The Last Will and Testament of: MARY FRANCES McCOMB

appoint my beloved <sup>sister, Willie McComb appointed</sup> ~~brother, James Link McComb~~, as Executor of  
<sup>brother John Thomas McComb</sup>  
this my last Will and Testament, he to serve without bond and  
without accounting to the Court.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and  
seal to this my last Will and Testament this 18th day of June,  
1948. *Aug. 17, 1965 - Sisters and Niece put in*  
*this day.* Mary Frances McComb (IL)

Signed, Sealed, Published and  
Declared by Mary Frances McComb,  
as and for her last Will and Testa-  
ment, in the presence of us, who,  
in her presence, and of each other,  
at her request have subscribed our  
names as witnesses.

*James H. Free*

Abbeville, S. C.

*J. M. Mars*

Abbeville, S. C.

*J. Thomas McComb*

Abbeville, S. C.

*Recorded in Wills #8 - Pages 100 & 101 this 6th day of Nov., 1968*  
*455-11-831*

PROOF OF WILL

File:

Box 455

Pack 11-831

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
Abbeville County.

IN THE COURT OF PROBATE

By BESSIE LEE F. NANCE, Esq., Judge of Probate for said County.

Personally appears J. D. MARS, who being duly sworn, says that he saw MISS MARY FRANCES McCOMB sign, seal, publish and declare the annexed instrument of writing, bearing date the 18th day of June, A. D. 1948 to be and contain her Last Will and Testament; that the said Mary Frances McComb was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, according to

(Deponent)

the best of deponent's knowledge and belief; and that the said J. D. MARS together with J. MOORE MARS and FRANCES N. FREE at the request of the testatrix in her presence, and in the presence of each other, witnessed the due execution thereof.

Sworn to before me, this 2nd day of November, Anno Domini 1948

/S/ J. D. MARS (Deponent)

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

ORDER ADMITTING WILL TO PROBATE IN COMMON FORM

On hearing the above petition of Mrs. Clara Pettigrew McComb

it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed, That the petition be granted and the said Last Will and Testament, ~~with~~ ~~admitted~~, of Miss Mary Frances McComb, deceased, be entered of Probate in Common Form.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court of Probate, this 2nd day of November, 1948

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

QUALIFICATION FIDUCIARY

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
Abbeville County.

We do solemnly swear, that this writing contains the true Last Will of the within named Miss Mary Frances McComb deceased, so far as we know or believe;

and that we will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts, and then the legacies contained in the said Will, as far as her goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge me, and that we will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels;

So help us God.

Sworn to before me, this 2nd day of November, Anno Domini 1948

Bessie Lee F. Nance /S/  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

Clara Lee McComb - RFD #1 - Troy, S. C.

J. T. McComb - RFD # 3 - Abbeville S.C.



## PROBATE OF WILL BOOK No. 8

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
County of Abbeville.

The Last Will and Testament of: ARCHIE K. GIBERT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

## LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

In the name of God, amen.

I, Archie K. Gibert of Abbeville County, South Carolina,  
do make, ordain, publish and declare this as and for my last  
will and testament.

Item I. I commit my soul to the gracious God who gave  
it, and direct that my body shall be decently interred accord-  
ing to the rites of my Church, and that a suitable monument be  
erected to mark my grave, and that all expense incurred therefor  
be paid out of my estate.

Item II. I will and direct my executrix hereinafter  
named to pay all of my just debts with the first money coming  
in to her hands.

Item III. I will, devise and bequeath to my beloved  
wife, Annie Voyles Gibert, all of my property, both real and  
personal, in fee simple, with the expectation that she will  
give any part with which she may die seized and possessed to  
our two daughters, by will or conveyance.

Item IV. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my  
wife, Annie Voyles Gibert, as executrix of this my last will  
and testament.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal  
this day of September, A. D. 1955.

Archie K. Gibert

Signed, sealed, published and  
declared by Archie K. Gibert  
as and for his last will and  
testament in the presence of  
us, who in his presence, and  
of each other, at his request,  
have subscribed our names as  
Witnesses.

<u>Elmer B. Louthan</u>	Address	<u>Rt. #1 Abbeville, S.C.</u>
<u>Ruth M. Louthan</u>	"	" "
<u>Annie Lee H. Louthan</u>	"	" "

Recorded this 6th day of November, 1968  
File No. : 455-11-830

## PROBATE OF WILL BOOK No. 8

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
County of Abbeville.

The Last Will and Testament of:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, )  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE. )

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF  
EDNA W. ADAMS

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:-

I, Edna W. Adams, of the County of Abbeville, in the State of South Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and desiring to make disposition of all of my property in case of death, do hereby make, publish and declare the following as and for my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking any and all Wills heretofore by me made.

ITEM I:- I direct that my Executrices and Executor, hereinafter named, as soon after my death as practicable, to pay all of my just debts and funeral expenses, with the first money coming into their hands and it is my will and desire that my Executrices and Executor deposit in the Abbeville Savings & Loan Association the sum of One Thousand Four Hundred and No/100 (\$1,400.00) Dollars and the interest therefrom which is paid wice a year to be used for the perpetual care, upkeep and maintenance of the Wardlaw plots at Sharon Methodist Church Cemetery.

ITEM II:- I will, devise and bequeath unto my first cousin by marriage, Mae W. Wardlaw, the sum of Five Hundred and No/100 (\$500.00) Dollars.

ITEM III:- I will, devise and bequeath unto my first cousin, Mamie Wardlaw, the sum of Five Hundred & No/100 (\$500.00) Dollars.

ITEM IV:- I will, devise and bequeath unto my second cousin, Mary W. Johnson, the sum of Five Hundred and No/100 (\$500.00) Dollars.

ITEM V:- I will, devise and bequeath unto "Buddy" Wardlaw, crippled son of Wallace Wardlaw of Augusta, Georgia, the sum of One Thousand and No/100 (\$1,000.00) Dollars.

ITEM VI:- I will, devise and bequeath unto my friend, Miss Bessie Lee Cheatham, the sum of One Hundred & No/100 (\$100.00) Dollars.

ITEM VII:- I will, devise and bequeath unto my friend, W. W. Johnson, Jr., my Farmer's Warehouse Stock.

ITEM VIII:- I will, devise and bequeath unto my second cousin, Mattie Eakin Dantzler the sum of Five Hundred and No/100 (\$500.00) Dollars

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*Edna W. Adams, Mrs. 1*

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# PROOF OF WILL

File:

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
Abbeville County.

IN THE COURT OF PROBATE

By Bessie Lee F. Nance, Esq., Judge of Probate for said County.

Personally appears Ruth M. Strawhorne, who being duly sworn, says that she saw Archie K. Gibert sign, seal, publish and declare the annexed instrument of writing, bearing date the 4th day of September, A. D. 1955 to be and contain his Last Will and Testament; that the said

~~XXXXXX~~ Archie K. Gibert was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, according to (Deponent)

the best of deponent's knowledge and belief; and that the said Ruth M. Strawhorne together with Annie Lee H. Woodhurst and Eleanor B. Grantham at the request of the testator in his presence, and in the presence of each other, witnessed the due execution thereof.

Sworn to before me, this 4th day of November, Anno Domini 19 68  
/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car. Ruth M. Strawhorne /S/ (Deponent)

## ORDER ADMITTING WILL TO PROBATE IN COMMON FORM

On hearing the above petition of Annie Ruth V. Gibert it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed, That the petition be granted and the said Last Will and Testament, ~~with codicil~~ of Archie K. Gibert, deceased, be entered of Probate in Common Form.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court of Probate, this 4th day of November, 19 68

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

## QUALIFICATION FIDUCIARY

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
Abbeville County.

I do solemnly swear, that this writing contains the true Last Will of the within named Archie K. Gibert 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 the said Will, as far as his goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge me, and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels; So help me God.

Sworn to before me, this 4th day of November, Anno Domini 19 68  
/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car. Annie Ruth V. Gibert  
Route # 4 - Abbeville, South Carolina 29620



# PROBATE OF WILL BOOK No. 8

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
County of Abbeville.

ITEM X:-

The Last Will and Testament of:

my first cousin, Frank Wardlaw, the sum of One Hundred and No/100 (\$100.00) Dollars.

my first cousin, Georgia W. Denney, the sum of One Hundred and No/100 (\$100.00) Dollars.

ITEM XI:-

I will, devise and bequeath unto

my sister-in-law, Maude A. DeCamp the sum of Five Hundred and No/100 (\$500.00) Dollars.

ITEM XII:-

I will, devise and bequeath unto

my sister-in-law, Mary A. Ellis, the sum of Five Hundred and no/100 (\$500.00) Dollars.

ITEM XIII:-

I will, devise and bequeath unto

Bethel Methodist Church the sum of One Thousand and No/100 (\$1,000.00) Dollars.

ITEM XIV:-

I will, devise and bequeath unto

Main Street Methodist Church, Abbeville, S.C. the sum of One Thousand and No/100 (\$1,000.00) Dollars.

ITEM XV:-

All household furnishings will be

designated and marked by me before my death as to which party shall take the separate pieces, and each piece or pieces shall go to that party or parties, and if not taken by the designated party or parties, then I will, devise and bequeath the piece or pieces not taken unto the Salvation Army.

ITEM XVI:-

All the rest, residue and remainder

of my property, real, personal and mixed I will, devise and bequeath unto my second cousin, Mary W. Johnson; unto my cousin "Buddy" Wardlaw, the crippled son of Wallace Wardlaw; unto my second cousin, Mattie Eakin Dant- zler; unto my first cousin, Frank Wardlaw; unto my sister-in-law, Maude A. DeCamp; unto my sister-in-law, Mary A. Ellis and unto my first cousin, Mam- ie Wardlaw, share and share alike, in fee simple absolute.

ITEM XVII:-

I hereby nominate, constitute and

appoint my second cousin, Mary W. Johnson and my first cousin, Mamie Ward- law, Executrices and my friend, W. W. Johnson, Jr., Executor of this my last Will and Testament with full power to them to do any and every act necessary to carry this my last Will and Testament, into effect, and with- out giving bond as such Executrices and Executor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal this 7th day of May A.D. 1966.

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by Edna W. Adams, as

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*Edna W. Adams No. 2*

# PROOF OF WILL

File:

Box 455

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
Abbeville County.

IN THE COURT OF PROBATE

By BESSIE LEE F. NANCE, Esq., Judge of Probate for said County.

Personally appears J. D. Mars, who being duly sworn, says that he saw Edna W. Adams sign, seal, publish and declare the annexed instrument of writing, bearing date the 7th day of May, A. D. 1966 to be and contain her Last Will and Testament; that the said Edna W. Adams was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, according to

(Deponent)

the best of deponent's knowledge and belief; and that the said J. D. Mars together with Bessie Lee Nance and Addie S. KInard at the request of the testatrix in her presence, and in the presence of each other, witnessed the due execution thereof.

Sworn to before me, this 20th day of November, Anno Domini 1968

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

/S/ Mr. J. D. Mars  
(Deponent)

## ORDER ADMITTING WILL TO PROBATE IN COMMON FORM

On hearing the above petition of Mary W. Johnson, Mamie Wardlaw, and W. W. Johnson, Jr.

it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed, That the petition be granted and the said Last Will and Testament, with codicil, of EDna W. Adams, deceased, be entered of Probate in Common Form.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court of Probate, this 20th day of November, 1968

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

## QUALIFICATION FIDUCIARY

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
Abbeville County.

We do solemnly swear, that this writing contains the true Last Will of the within named Edna W. Adams deceased, so far as we know or believe; and that we will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts, and then the legacies contained in the said Will, as far as her goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge us, and that We will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels; So help us God.

Sworn to before me, this 20th day of November, Anno Domini 1968  
/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

Mamie Wardlaw /S/  
Mary W. Johnson /S/  
W. W. Johnson, Jr.

## PROBATE OF WILL BOOK No. 8

THE STATE OF

Signed, Sealed, Published and  
Declared by Edna W. Adams, as  
and for her last Will and Testa-  
ment, in our presence, and we, in  
her presence, at her request, and  
County of Atchafalaya, us in the presence of the  
other two, have hereunto signed our  
names as attesting witnesses.

The Last Will and Testament of:

Edna W. Adams

Lessie Lee Vance  
Eddie S. Vinard

Edna W. Adams  
Mark

J. D. Mars

Recorded this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 1968  
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Edna W. Adams  
mark



## PROBATE OF WILL BOOK No. 8

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
County of Abbeville.

The Last Will and Testament of: F. S. HAYS

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

1. I, F. S. Hays of the County and State aforesaid, do make, ordain, publish and declare this as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all wills and instruments of a testamentary nature by me made.
2. I will and direct that my Executrix hereinafter named shall pay all of my just debts with the first money coming into her hands.
3. I will, devise and bequeath to my wife, Selma Zadie Hays One-third of my property, both real and personal that I may die seized and possess of, in fee simple absolute.
- 4:- I will, devise and bequeath to my children, Harrison Anderson Hays, Hazel Ann Hays, and Franklin Sylvester Hays, all the rest, residue and remainder of my property, both real and personal, share and share alike, in fee simple absolute.
- 5:- I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my wife, Selma Zadie Hays Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of December, 1939.

F. S. Hays (L.S.)

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

H. Curtis Fennel D.D.S. /S/

W. R. Broom /S/

Hubert M. Thomas /S/

## PROBATE OF WILL BOOK No. 8

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
 County of Abbeville.  
 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
 COUNTY OF GREENVILLE

The Last Will and Testament of:  
 LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.

IN THE NAME OF GOD? AMEN:

I, Hannah Hemphill Coleman of the City of Greenville, State and County aforesaid, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, but mindful of the uncertainty of life, do hereby make, publish and declare the following as and for my Last Will and Testament, to wit:

1. I direct my Executor and Executrix hereinafter named to pay all my just debts as soon after my death as possible.

2. I further direct that my Executor and Executrix to erect a monument to my memory and said monument shall match the one erected to my beloved husband.

3. I will, devise and bequeath unto my daughter, Eugenia Coleman Smith, the sum of One Hundred and NO/100 (\$100.00) Dollars to be used by her to furnish a room for herself.

4. I will, devise and bequeath unto my daughter, Lavinia Coleman Kennedy, all my books, manuscripts, diaries, clipping and other papers of a personal nature, she to have the right to dispose of the same to the other members of my family as she sees fit.

5. I will, devise and bequeath unto my daughter, Eugenia Coleman Smith, my cedar chest, a pair of my blankets, she to make her choice, and my feather pillows marked with her name.

6. I will, devise and bequeath unto my great grandson, Danny Smith, all my paints, burshes and art supplies.

7. I will, devise and bequeath my large beautiful doll unto the youngest daughter living of my great-grandchildren.

8. I will, devise and bequeath unto my daughter, Lavinia Coleman Kennedy all the rest and residue of my furniture, household articles and silver now in use at her home, except as hereinabove disposed of to other members of my family.

9. I will, devise and bequeath unto my son, Robert Hemphill Coleman, my volumes of the files of the Abbeville Medium, provided however it is understood that the files are now in the

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of writing, bearing date the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
and contain \_\_\_\_\_ Last Will and Testament; that the said \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, according to  
(Deponent)  
the best of deponent's knowledge and belief; and that the said \_\_\_\_\_  
together with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ at the request  
of the testat \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ presence, and in the presence of each other, witnessed the due execution thereof.

Sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Anno Domini 19\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car. } \_\_\_\_\_  
(Deponent)

### ORDER ADMITTING WILL TO PROBATE IN COMMON FORM

On hearing the above petition of \_\_\_\_\_ Selma Zadie Hays \_\_\_\_\_  
it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed, That the petition be granted and the said Last Will and Testament, ~~with codicil~~  
\_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_ F. S. HAYS \_\_\_\_\_, deceased, be entered of Probate in  
Common Form.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court of Probate, this \_\_\_\_\_ 22ND day of \_\_\_\_\_ November \_\_\_\_\_, 19 68.

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

### QUALIFICATION FIDUCIARY

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
Abbeville County. }

I \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear, that this writing contains the true Last Will of the within named \_\_\_\_\_  
F. S. HAYS \_\_\_\_\_ 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  
the said Will, as far as \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ 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;  
So help \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ God.

Sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ 22nd \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
November \_\_\_\_\_, Anno Domini 1968 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car. } \_\_\_\_\_  
Selma Zadie Hays /S/ \_\_\_\_\_



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PROOF OF WILL

File:

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ALL THREE WITNESSES ARE DECEASED!!

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
Abbeville County.

IN THE COURT OF PROBATE

By BESSIE LEE F. NANCE, Esq., Judge of Probate for said County.

Personally appears (SEE AFFIDAVITS ATTACHED), who being duly sworn, says that he

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.

A F F I D A V I T

PERSONALLY appeared before me, Sadie M. Shaw, who being duly sworn says that she has examined the purported Will of the late, F. S. Hays who was her Uncle and that she verily believes that the signature thereon is the authentic signature of her late Uncle, F. S. Hays.

The Deponent further states that she had occasion to see her Uncle's signature numbers of times.

The Deponent further states that she makes this Affidavit in order to aid the Executrix, Mrs. Selma Zadie Hays, to Prove the said Will and have same filed for record in the office of the Judge of Probate for Abbeville County, S.C. due to the fact that the three witnesses, H. Curtis Fennel, D.D.S, W. R. Broom and Herbert M. Thomas are now deceased.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me,  
this 22nd day of November, 1968

Carol T. Low IS  
Notary Public for South Carolina.

Sadie M. Shaw  
Sadie M. Shaw

November, Anno Domini 1968

Selma Zadie Hays /S/

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.

A F F I D A V I T

PERSONALLY appeared before me, Selma Zadie Hays, who being duly sworn says that the signature on the Will of the late F. S. Hays is that of her husband, F. S. Hays and that she is satisfied that this is his authentic signature and that she desires that the said Will be Proven and filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, S. C.

Deponent further states that she makes this affidavit due to the fact that the three witnesses, Curtis Fennel, D.D.S., W. R. Broom and Herbert M. Thomas, that appear on the said Will are now deceased. She further states that said Will is dated the 29th day of December, 1939 and that she has had said Will in her possession since said Will was signed and witnessed.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me  
this 22nd day of November, 1968

Carol A. Sauer LS  
Notary Public for South Carolina.

Selma Zadie Hays  
Selma Zadie Hays

State of SOUTH CAROLINA,  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.

A F F I D A V I T

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, Franklin Sylvester Hays, who being duly sworn says that he is the youngest son of F. S. Hays, deceased and that he has resided in the home of his father all of his life and that he is now thirty-two (32) years of age.

Deponent states that his father, the late, F. S. Hays left a Will dated December 29, 1939 properly signed and witnessed, however, the three witnesses, H. Curtis Fennel, D.D. S., W. R. Broom and Herbert M. Thomas are all now deceased.

Deponent further states that he is satisfied that the said Will of that of his father, F. S. Hays and that the signature is the authentic signature of his father, F. S. Hays and that he is desirous that the Will be proven in proper form and filed in the office of the Judge of Probate for Abbeville County, S. C.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me  
this 22nd day of November, 1968.

Carol A. Sauer LS  
Notary Public for South Carolina.

Franklin Sylvester Hays  
Franklin Sylvester Hays

November , Anno Domini 1968

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

Selma Zadie Hays /S/

## PROBATE OF WILL BOOK No. 8

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

custody of Miss Mary H. Greene of Abbeville, South Carolina, and

The Last Will and Testament of:

that she shall have the right and privilege of either selling the entire file, in the event of said sale the proceeds belonging to my estate shall be divided equally or share and share alike between the following children and grandchild, to wit: Robert Hemphill Coleman, Lavinia Coleman Kennedy, Eugenia Coleman Smith and Fran Coleman, provided further that the said Mary H. Greene shall have the right and privilege of donating or depositing the entire file with some reputable institution, library or museum for safe keeping.

10. I will, devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my property, real, personal or mixed, unto Robert Hemphill Coleman, Lavinia Coleman Kennedy, Eugenia Coleman Smith and Fran Coleman, share and share alike.

11. It is my will and desire that any note, loan or promise to pay me for money advanced is canceled by my death and my Executor and Executrix hereinafter named are specifically requested not to press such accounts.

12. It is my further will and desire that should I have in my possession at the time of my death any other article of personal property not hereinabove disposed of, the same shall be delivered to the person whose name is thereto attached.

13. All my wearing apparel in good condition shall be available to any member or members of my immediate family or kin, any part thereof not claimed as hereinabove stated should either be given to Betty Cowan or destroyed.

14. I do hereby appoint my son, Robert Hemphill Coleman and my daughter Lavinia Coleman Kennedy as Executor and Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament, they to serve without bond.

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# PROOF OF WILL

File:

Box 455

Pack 11-837

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
Abbeville County.

IN THE COURT OF PROBATE

By Bessie Lee F. Nance, Esq., Judge of Probate for said County.

Personally appears W. P. Kennedy, Jr., who being duly sworn, says that he saw Hannah Hemphill Coleman sign, seal, publish and declare the annexed instrument of writing, bearing date the 5th day of January, A. D. 1955 to be and contain her Last Will and Testament; that the said

HANNAH HEMPHILL COLEMAN was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, according to (Deponent)

the best of deponent's knowledge and belief; and that the said W. P. KENNEDY, JR. together with SARA MOULDER and W. R. REED at the request of the testatrix in her presence, and in the presence of each other, witnessed the due execution thereof.

Sworn to before me, this 25th day of November, Anno Domini 1968. /S/ W. P. Kennedy, Jr. (Deponent)  
/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

## ORDER ADMITTING WILL TO PROBATE IN COMMON FORM

On hearing the above petition of Lavinia Coleman Kennedy it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed, That the petition be granted and the said Last Will and Testament, with codicil, of Hannah Hemphill Coleman, deceased, be entered of Probate in

Common Form.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court of Probate, this 25th day of November, 1968

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

## QUALIFICATION FIDUCIARY

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
Abbeville County.

I do solemnly swear, that this writing contains the true Last Will of the within named HANNAH HEMPHILL COLEMAN 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 the 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;

So help me God.

Sworn to before me, this 25th day of November, Anno Domini 1968. /S/ Lavinia Coleman Kennedy /S/  
/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

## PROBATE OF WILL BOOK No. 8

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
County of Abbeville.

The Last Will and Testament of:

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Hannah Hemphill Coleman as and for her Last Will and Testament this 5th day of January, 1955, A. D.

Hannah Hemphill Coleman

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Hannah Hemphill Coleman as and for her Last Will and Testament in our presence and we in her presence and in the presence each of the other and at her request have hereunto signed our names as attesting witnesses:

W. R. Kennedy Jr  
Sara Moulden  
W. R. Reed

Recorded this 26th day of November, 1968  
File # 455-1-837

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
County of Abbeville.

The Last Will and Testament of:

WILLIAM B. BAGWELL

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE )

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that I, William B. Bagwell, of the County of Abbeville, State of South Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and mindful of the uncertainty of life do hereby make, publish and declare this as and for my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills or instruments of a testamentary nature by me at any time heretofore made.

I

I direct my executor to pay all of my just debts, taxes and my funeral expenses from the proceeds of my estate as soon after my death as practicable.

II

I will and bequeath to my son, Lewis Bagwell, my automobile which I shall own at the time of my death.

III

I give and bequeath to my Grandson, Keith Summer, my shotgun.

IV

All the rest and residue of my property, both real and personal, that I shall own at the time of my death I will, bequeath and devise to my beloved wife, Ruby H. Bagwell, in fee simple.

V

I hereby nominate and appoint my son, Lewis Bagwell, as executor of this my will and direct that he serve without bond.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I sign, seal, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in the presence of the persons witnessing it at my request this 29 day of July, 1967.

*WBS*  
+  
*mrh*  
William B. Bagwell  
TESTATOR

Signed, sealed, published and declared by William B. Bagwell, the above named Testator, to be his last will and testament and we, at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses this 29 day of July, 1967.

WITNESSES:

ADDRESSES:

Leid H. Shirley, Ware Shoals, S.C.  
Pat J. Deters, Ware Shoals, S.C.  
Chas. L. Budger, Ware Shoals, S.C.

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## PROBATE OF WILL BOOK No. 8

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
County of Abbeville.

The Last Will and Testament of: C. P. TOWNSEND

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:-

I, C. P. Townsend, of the County of Abbeville, in the State of South Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and desiring to make disposition of all of my property in case of death, do hereby make, publish and declare the following as and for my last will and Testament, to-wit:-

ITEM I:- I direct that my Executrix, hereinafter named, as soon after my death as practicable to pay all of my just debts, with the first money coming into her hands.

ITEM II:- After the payment of my debts, I will, devise and bequeath all of my property, real, personal and mixed unto my wife, Mary Link Townsend, for and during the term of her natural life, however, with full authority to sell and dispose of any of my said property during her lifetime if she needs same, or finds it best to do so, and after her death, I will, devise and bequeath my house and lot on Magazine Street, City of Abbeville, South Carolina, unto my adopted son, Robert S. Link, in fee simple absolute; I will, devise and bequeath my house and lot on Farley Avenue, City of Laurens, State of South Carolina, unto my adopted son, William E. Link, in fee simple absolute; and I will and bequeath my house and lot just outside the City Limits of the City of Highland, State of North Carolina, unto my adopted daughter, Mary Link Robey, in fee simple absolute.

ITEM III:- After the death of my said wife, Mary Link Townsend, I will, devise and bequeath my grandfather's portrait unto my adopted son, Robert S. Link and my secretary unto my adopted daughter, Mary Link Robey.

ITEM IV:- After the death of my said wife, Mary Link Townsend, I will, devise and bequeath unto my granddaughter, Sally Pinckney Robey (daughter of my adopted daughter, Mary Link Robey) the sum of Two Thousand and No/100 (\$2,000.00) Dollars.

ITEM V:- All the rest, residue and remainder of my property, real, personal and mixed, I will, devise and bequeath unto my wife, Mary Link Townsend, for and during the term of her natural life, but with full authority to sell and dispose of any of my said property during her lifetime if she needs same, or finds it best to do so, and after the death of my said wife, Mary Link Townsend,

I will, devise and bequeath the rest, residue and remainder of my property, real, personal and mixed unto my adopted daughter, Mary Link Robey; unto my adopted son, Robert S. Link and unto my adopted son, William E. Link, share and share alike in fee simple absolute.

ITEM VI:- I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my wife, Mary Link Townsend, Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, with full authority to sell and dispose of any of my property during her lifetime if she is in need of same or finds it best to do so, and to serve as such without being required to execute bond, however, should my said wife, Mary Link Townsend, pre-decease me or for any reason be unable to act as said Executrix, then it is my desire that my adopted son, William E. Link serve as Executor of my Last Will and Testament, without bond.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal this 31st day of December, A.D. 1965.

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by C. P. Townsend, as and for his last Will and Testament, in our presence, and we, in his presence, at his request, and each

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## PROOF OF WILL

File:

Box 455

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
 Abbeville County.

IN THE COURT OF PROBATE

By BESSIE LEE F. NANCE, Esq., Judge of Probate for said County.

Personally appears Calvin L. Bridges, who being duly sworn, says that he saw WILLIAM B. BAGWELL sign, seal, publish and declare the annexed instrument of writing, bearing date the 29th day of July, A. D. 1967 to be and contain his Last Will and Testament; that the said William B. Bagwell was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, according to (Deponent)

the best of deponent's knowledge and belief; and that the said Calvin L. Bridges together with Ted H. Shirley and Pat Johnson at the request of the testator in his presence, and in the presence of each other, witnessed the due execution thereof.

Sworn to before me, this 2nd day of

December, Anno Domini 1968

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance

Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

/S/ Calvin L. Bridges (Deponent)

## ORDER ADMITTING WILL TO PROBATE IN COMMON FORM

On hearing the above petition of William Lewis Bagwell, Sr.

it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed, That the petition be granted and the said Last Will and Testament, with codicils

, of WILLIAM B. BAGWELL, deceased, be entered of Probate in Common Form.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court of Probate, this 2nd day of December, 1968

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance

Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

## QUALIFICATION FIDUCIARY

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
 Abbeville County.

I do solemnly swear, that this writing contains the true Last Will of the within named

WILLIAM B. BAGWELL 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

the said Will, as far as his goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge me, and

that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels;

So help me God.

Sworn to before me, this 2nd day of

December, Anno Domini 1968

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance

Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

William Lewis Bagwell, Sr.

## PROBATE OF WILL BOOK No. 8

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
County of Abbeville.

The Last Will and Testament of: C. P. TOWNSEND

of us in the presence of  
the other two, have sub-  
scribed our names as at-  
testing witnesses.

Joyce W. Couch /S/

Bessie Lee Nance /S/

C. P. Townsend /S/

J. D. Mars /S/

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PROOF OF WILL

File:

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
Abbeville County.

IN THE COURT OF PROBATE

By BESSIE LEE F. NANCE, Esq., Judge of Probate for said County.

Personally appears Joyce W. COUCH, who being duly sworn, says that she saw C. P. TOWNSEND sign, seal, publish and declare the annexed instrument of writing, bearing date the 31st day of December, A. D. 1965 to be and contain his Last Will and Testament; that the said C. P. TOWNSEND was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, according to

(Deponent)  
the best of deponent's knowledge and belief; and that the said JOYCE W. COUCH together? with BESSIE LEE NANCE and J. D. MARS at the request of the testator in his presence, and in the presence of each other, witnessed the due execution thereof.

Sworn to before me, this 31st day of December, Anno Domini 1968  
/S/ BESSIE LEE F. NANCE Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car. /S/ JOYCE W. COUCH (Deponent)

ORDER ADMITTING WILL TO PROBATE IN COMMON FORM

On hearing the above petition of MARY LINK TOWNSEND

it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed, That the petition be granted and the said Last Will and Testament, ~~WILL~~ of C. P. TOWNSEND, deceased, be entered of Probate in Common Form.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court of Probate, this 31ST day of DECEMBER, 1968

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

QUALIFICATION FIDUCIARY

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
Abbeville County.

I do solemnly swear, that this writing contains the true Last Will of the within named C. P. TOWNSEND 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 the said Will, as far as his goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge me, and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels; So help me God.

Sworn to before me, this 31st day of December, Anno Domini 1968  
/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car. Mary Link Townsend/ /S/

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

County of Abbeville.

The Last Will and Testament of:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF  
J. C. TUCKER

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:-

I, J. C. Tucker, of the County of Abbeville, in the State aforesaid, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and desiring to make disposition of all of my property in case of death, do hereby make, publish and declare the following as and for my last Will and Testament.

1:- I direct that my Executor and Executrix, herein-after named, as soon after my death as practicable, pay all of my just debts.

2:- After the payment of my debts, I will, devise and bequeath the rest, residue and remainder of my property, real, personal and mixed to my wife, Leila G. Tucker, for and during the term of her natural life, and at the death of my wife, Leila G. Tucker, I will, devise and bequeath all of my property, real, personal and mixed to my son, J. L. Tucker and to my daughter, Elizabeth T. Lawton, the division between them to be share and share alike, in fee simple absolute.

3:- I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son, J. L. Tucker, and Elizabeth T. Lawton, Executor and Executrix of this my last Will and Testament with full power to them to do any and every act necessary to carry this, my Will, into effect and without giving bond as such Executor and Executrix.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal this 27 day of May, A. D. 1966.

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by J. C. Tucker as and for his last Will and Testament in our presence, and we in his presence, at his request, and each of us in the presence of the other two have hereunto signed our names as witnesses.

Conie P. Stalder  
Bessie Lee Nance  
J. S. Mars

J. C. Tucker - (LS).

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
County of Abbeville.

The Last Will and Testament of: LILLIAN KILLINGSWORTH

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

1. I, Lilliam Killingsworth of County and State aforesaid,,do make ordain publish and declare this my last will and testament.
2. I will and direct that my Executrix here in after named shall pay all of my just debts with the first money coming into her hands.
3. I will and direct that my Executrix shall have erected over my last resting place a suitable tombstone monuement.
4. I will, devise and bequeath to my Nephew Doctor Nicky Forlida the following furniture--- desk, drop leaf table, buffet, red lusters, break front, settee, Mr. & Mrs. Chairs, four poster bed and bureau 8 chairs, upholstered in green. For these be will assume my burial expenses.
5. I will, devise and bequeath to my good friend, Billie Darrocott, who has been most kind to me in my sicknesses and at all times my six piece silver service.
6. I will, devise and bequeath to Frances Gilliam, my friend who has been good to me in my illness and at all times my lamp with red flowers.
7. I will and devise that my neices, Elizabeth Howard Million, Fannie Lee Howard Whitaker, Mary Annetta HowardAges, Mary Grace Killingsworth Williams on Betty Farlida Lambert, Lillian Bruce Davis, Jean Bruce Broome, My Nephews Billy Howard, Kistler Kenneth Killingsworth, J. N. Killingsworth and Thomas Bruce be given the privilege of paying for some item of my personal belongings, pay to my Executrix a reasonable fee for chosen item to go for my debts.
8. I will, devise and bequeath the rest, residue and remainder of my property of whatsoever kind and ~~whereas~~ situate real and person to my sister, Bessie Killingsworth Bruce with request that the house and lot be kept till such time that the Maximum price be received that a trust fund be established for Hilda Bruce at the death of my sister, Bessie Bruce.
9. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my sister Bessie K. Bruce, Executrix of this my last Will and Testament without bond.

Lilliam Killingsworth /S/

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of March, A.D. 1961.

Witnessess:

Hannah Cochran /S/

Pamelia C. Madden /S/

Georgia Edwards /S/

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# PROOF OF WILL

File:

Box 455

Pack 11-851

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
Abbeville County.

IN THE COURT OF PROBATE

By BESSIE LEE F. NANCE, Esq., Judge of Probate for said County.

Personally appears Connie P. Stalnaker, who being duly sworn, says that she saw J. C. Tucker sign, seal, publish and declare the annexed instrument of writing, bearing date the 27th day of May, A. D. 1966 to be and contain his Last Will and Testament; that the said J. C. TUCKER was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, according to

(Deponent)

the best of deponent's knowledge and belief; and that the said CONNIE P. STALNAKER together with BESSIE LEE NANCE and J. D. MARS at the request of the testator in his presence, and in the presence of each other, witnessed the due execution thereof.

Sworn to before me, this 8th day of

January, Anno Domini 19 69

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

/S/ Connie P. Stalnaker

(Deponent)

## ORDER ADMITTING WILL TO PROBATE IN COMMON FORM

On hearing the above petition of J. L. Tucker and Elizabeth T. Lawton

it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed, That the petition be granted and the said Last Will and Testament, ~~was read~~ of J. C. TUCKER, deceased, be entered of Probate in Common Form.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court of Probate, this 8th day of January, 19 68

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

## QUALIFICATION FIDUCIARY

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, }  
Abbeville County.

We do solemnly swear, that this writing contains the true Last Will of the within named J. C. TUCKER deceased, so far as we know or believe; and that we will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts, and then the legacies contained in the said Will, as far as ~~by~~ his goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge<sup>s</sup> us, and that we will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels; So help me God.

Sworn to before me, this 8th day of

January, Anno Domini 19 69

/S/ Bessie Lee F. Nance  
Judge of Probate, Abbeville County, So. Car.

/S/ J. L. Tucker

/S/ Elizabeth T. Lawton