

Last Will & Testament } South Carolina }  
of Mrs Mahala Dunn, dec'd } Abbe. Dist. }

In the name of God Amen

I Mahala Dunn being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner as follows

- 1<sup>st</sup> I do give and bequeath unto John C. Hodges one Cow & Calf and a Bedstead, to be selected by him from my Cattle & Bedsteads
- 2<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath to Sarah Antonell Pritchey 1 Bedstead & Bedding, to be selected by her.
- 3<sup>d</sup> I will and devise that the Remainder of my interest in my Husbands (Andrew Dunn), Estate as set forth in his will, shall go to my son Jas Robert Clarence Dunn for his use & Benefit.
- 4<sup>th</sup> I devise the property to remain as contemplated in the will of my Husband, until my son Jas Robert Clarence Dunn shall attain to the age of Twenty one years
- 5<sup>th</sup> I nominate & appoint Andrew Agnew Executor of this my will and give him full power to act & manage, in carrying out the objects and designs contemplated (as set forth above) as is granted to me in my Husbands D. A. Duns's will. He as my Executor shall have power to sell off any property in his judgement not necessary to enhance my sons interest and Estate or make any trade that will enhance the value of the Estate
- 6<sup>th</sup> If Jas. R. C. Dunn my son should not live to the age of Twenty one years and should leave no Heirs then, I devise and will that all my Interest in the above Estate be Equally divided between my Brothers and Sisters and my Brother Enoch Agnews Children to receive his share.

Having entire Confidence in Andrew Agnew as the Executor of this my last Will & Testament, I do not wish any legal responsibility imposed on him for any loss that may at any time occur or happen to the Estate which I herein Confide to his Care & management.

In Witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my seal this Twenty seventh day of May In the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & sixty eight.

In presence of { J. Mc Blain  
J. C. Hodges  
J. F. Donnell

M. Dunn (Signature)

The State of S. C. }  
Abbeville County } Personally appeared J. C. Hodges, one of the subscribing  
Witnesses to the foregoing will, and being duly sworn, says that he was  
personally present and did see Mrs Mahala Dunn, sign, seal, publish, pronounce

and declare the same to contain his last Will and Testament - that testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief - and that J. W. Blain and J. F. Donald, together with himself, in the presence of each other & in the presence of the testator did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

sworn before me this 2 November 1868.

William Hill, Ord. of Abbeville

J. C. Hodges.

The State of S. Ca

Abbeville County

Having examined J. C. Hodges, one of the witnesses to the foregoing writing and being satisfied that the same contains the true last will of Mrs. Mahala Dunn de<sup>d</sup> -

Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Com. form.

William Hill, Ord. of Abbeville

2 Nov 1868

The State of S. Ca

Abbeville County

Personally appeared Andrew Agnew, Executor named in the annexed writing, and being duly sworn say - that said writing contains the true last will and testament of Mrs. Mahala Dunn de<sup>d</sup> to the best of his knowledge & belief; and that he will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies therein contained so far as the goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge him - and that he will make a just & true Inventory and appraisement of all such goods & chattels and return a true statement thereof into the Ordinarys office of said County in order to be recorded within the time prescribed by law.

Andrew Agnew,

sworn before me 2 Nov 1868.

William Hill, Ord. of Abbeville

Last Will & Testament  
of John G. Thornton

In the name of God, Amen!

I, John G. Thornton of the District of Abbeville

in the State of South Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding, but weak and infirm in body; and calling to mind that I must soon die, do make and ordain and publish this instrument as my last will and Testament: to wit:

It is my will, that all my just debts be paid by my Executors hereinafter appointed, and to this end they are authorized to sell, if such be necessary, such property as can



most conveniently be spared from the place.

2<sup>nd</sup> — After the payment of my debts, it is my Will, that all my Estate, both real and personal be kept together on the premises, and that the farm be cultivated and managed as during my life time, till the war in which the Confederate States is now engaged for liberty and independence shall terminate in a just and honorable peace, & till the monetary condition of the Country becomes more fixed and steady.

~~3<sup>rd</sup> — It is my Will, that my half brother William Thornton shall remain and live upon my farm during his pleasure, and receive therefrom a support during his natural life.~~

4<sup>th</sup> To the surviving children of my deceased brother, Hastings G. Thornton, I will and bequeath the sum of Two Hundred and fifty Dollars to be divided between them equally.

5<sup>th</sup> — The residue of my estate, real and personal, I will and bequeath to be equally divided between my niece Mrs. Elizabeth White, my nephews Henry Reel Toliver Reel, Albert Reel, and the surviving children of my niece Mrs. Mary Langley Deceased, that is to say — I will and bequeath to Elizabeth White one share — to Henry Reel one share — to Toliver Reel one share — to Albert Reel one share, and to James Henry Langley, Alfred R. Langley, Mansfield Langley, and Mary Emma Langley, the children of Mary Langley deceased one share, or the portion which their mother would have inherited had she been living.

6<sup>th</sup> — It is my will, that when the time shall arrive for the partition and distribution of my estate that all my property real and personal, shall be sold by my Executors at public sale to the highest bidder, and the proceeds of sale, shall be apportioned and paid over to the Legatees herein named.

7<sup>th</sup> — I do hereby constitute and appoint Henry Reel — Albert Reel, and J. W. Hearst Executors of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this (15<sup>th</sup>) fifteenth day of February in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty five (1865)

John G. Thornton *(Seal)*

Signed Sealed and published as  
his last will in presence of  
R. J. Robinson  
William M. Cain  
E. R. Mc Cain.

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared Wm. M. Cain, one of the  
Abbeville County } subscribing witnesses, to the annexed will, and being  
sworn according to law, saith — that he was personally present and did see

John G. Thornton, sign, seal, publish and declare the same to contain his last will and testament - that testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that <sup>he with</sup> R. J. Robinson and E. R. McCain in the presence of each other and in the presence of the testator signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn before me this

24<sup>th</sup> Oct 1868.

William Hill Ordinary  
of Abbeville County

William McCain

Having examined Wm McCain, one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed writing, and being satisfied that the same contains the true last will & testament of John G. Thornton decd -

Orders that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.

William Hill Ord

24 Oct 1868.

Abbe. County.

The State of S. C.

Abbeville County

Personally appears Henry Reel, and Albert Reel, two of the Executors named in the annexed will, and being duly sworn say, that said writing is the true last will and testament of John G. Thornton decd - so far as they know or believe and that they will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will extend and the law charge them, and that they will make a true and correct inventory and appraisement of all such goods and chattels, and return a true statement thereof to the office of the Ordinary of Abbeville County within the time prescribed by laws.

Henry Reel

Albert Reel

Sworn before 24 Oct 1868.

William Hill, Ord

Abbe. County

Last Will and Testament  
of Johnson Sale decd.

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville Dist. }


In the name of God Amen.

I, Johnson Sale of the State and Dist. aforesaid do make and ordain this my last will and testament in testimony whereof it is my will after my death that my hereafter mentioned executrix and executor shall pay all of my just debts out of



the notes and money that is on hand and should they not be on hand to meet my indebtedness that must then sell some of property either private or public as they may think best for the interest of my estate, to meet my indebtedness, the balance of property if any to be disposed of by my executrix and executor as they may think best for the interest of themselves, and my two minor grandchildren namely Joseph Lake and Elizabeth Lake, it is further my desire that my property should be equally divided between my daughter Josephine R. Lake and her three children namely Johnson S. Watson Joseph Lake and Elizabeth Lake the hole of my estate to remain in the hands of my executrix and executor for the support and education of them all, until Joseph Lake becomes of age or marries and then to be equally divided share and share about. I nominate and appoint Josephine R. Lake and Johnson S. Watson my executrix and executor to this my last will and testament witness my hand and seal this 11 day May 1866.

Witnesses


Johnson Lake 

Thos. J. Ouyts  
Hugh Porter  
J. J. Chipley

Codicil to the will on the opposite page.

It is my desire that the mercantile business now conducted by the firm of Lake and Ouyts be continued under the style of Ouyts and Lake, my daughter Josephine R. Lake becoming a partner in my stead, she having furnished the greater portion of Capital heretofore employed in conducting the business of the firm. The firm of Ouyts and Lake to continue so long as the parties can agree or the conditions as now existing between Lake and Ouyts.

Witness my hand and seal this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1868.

Johnson Lake 

Witness

B. A. Ross  
Thos. Lake  
Peter McKellar

The State of S. C. }  
Abbeville County } Personally appeared Thomas J. Ouyts, one of the  
subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing writing, and being sworn on the Holy  
Evangelists of Almighty God, says that he was personally present and  
did see Johnson Lake, sign, seal, publish and pronounced the same to be his  
last will and testament - that the testator was of sound and disposing  
mind, memory and understanding, to the best of his knowledge and belief  
and that he, with Hugh Porter and J. J. Chipley, in the presence of

each other, and in the presence of the Testator did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

T. J. Ouyts

Sworn before me this 30 Oct 1868

William Hill, Ord. of Abb. County.

The State of S. Ca }  
Abbeville County }

Personally appeared Peter McKellar, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Codicil to the will of Johnson Sale decd. and being sworn according to law, says, that he was personally present and did see the said Johnson Sale, sign, seal and acknowledge the same to be a Codicil to his said last Will and testament - that the testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that he with B. A. Rofs and an d Tho<sup>r</sup> Lake - in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other did sign their names, as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

P. McKellar

Sworn before me this 30 Oct 1868

(W. Hill, Ord. Abb. Co)

Having examined Tho<sup>r</sup> J. Ouyts one of the witnesses to the foregoing will and also having examined Peter McKellar one of the witnesses to the Codicil thereto - I am satisfied that the same is the true last Will & Testament of Johnson Sale decd -

It is therefore Ordered that the paper be admitted to Probate in Com: form, as the last will and testament of Johnson Sale decd

30 Oct 1868

William Hill, Ordinary of  
Abb. County S. Ca

The State of S. Ca }  
Abbeville County }

Personally appeared Josephine R. Lake Esq - named in the foregoing will, and being sworn according to law, says, that said writing contains the true last Will and testament of Johnson Sale decd - so far as she knows and believes - that she will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies therein contained, so far as the goods & chattels will extend and the law charge her, and will make a true inventory of all such goods & chattels.

Sworn before me 30 Oct 1868.

W. Hill Ord.



Last Will & Testament  
of Andrew Gillespie

South Carolina - Abbeville District.

In the name of God Amen.

I Andrew Gillespie of the State and District above mentioned, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but weak of body, and recalling to mind the uncertainty of life, and being desirous of disposing of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner as follows. To wit:

First. I direct that my body be decently interred in a Christian like manner, and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my Estate and Condition in life.

Secondly - I desire that all my honest debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible, out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my executrix and executor from any portions of my estate. Also, I direct that a fair valuation or appraisement be made by three judicious neighbors of all my said estate, including my household and kitchen furniture, and after being signed with their names that a copy of the same be handed to my executrix and executor.

Thirdly. I also direct that my Grandson David Ramsey Penney manage the affairs of the estate to the best advantage, by and with the consent of myself and my beloved wife Jincy Gillespie during our natural lives, and that he furnish us with a proper and ample support out of the proceeds of the estate during our lives.

Fourthly. I also direct that after my decease, my grandson David R. Penney may, by and with the consent of my wife Jincy Gillespie, sell any of my personal property which may be necessary to pay the expenses of the Estate.

Fifthly. I also direct that after the death of my beloved wife Jincy Gillespie that all my personal estate, except such as is hereafter mentioned, be sold and divided between my Daughter Cynthia Ann Ruff of Miss, and my grandsons John Emory, David Ramsey, and George Abner Penney, and my Granddaughter Ella Amanda Brooks.

Sixthly. My watch I bequeath to my Grandson David R. Penney, and to my Grandson John E. Penney I bequeath fifty dollars besides an equal share with the other legatees above mentioned, share & share alike.

And lastly I do constitute and appoint my said wife Executrix and my Grandson David R. Penney Executor of this my last will and testament by me heretofore made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 5th day of July one thousand eight hundred and sixty six.


Signed, sealed, published and declared

as and for the last will and testament

of the above named Andrew Gillespie in the

presence of us

E. Edwards, E. P. Gray, N. A. Edwards

A. Gillespie 

The State of S<sup>c</sup> Co } Personally appeared N. A. Edwards, one of  
 Abbeville County } the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing writing  
 and made oath that he was personally present, and did see Andrew  
 Gillespie sign, seal, publish and declare the said writing to be his  
 last will and testament; that the testator was of sound and  
 disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his  
 knowledge & belief, and that he with E. Edwards and E. T.  
 Gray in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each  
 other did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of  
 the same.

Sworn before me this 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 1868.  
 W. Hill, Cr. J.

N. A. Edwards

Having examined N. A. Edwards, one of the witnesses to the  
 foregoing writing, and being satisfied that the same contains the  
 true last will of Andrew Gillespie dec<sup>d</sup> —

Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in "Common form"

William Hill Ordinary  
 Abbeville County.

The State of S<sup>c</sup> Co }  
 Abbeville County } Personally appeared David R. Penny, Executor  
 named in the foregoing will, and made oath that the said writing  
 contains the true last will and testament of Andrew Gillespie  
 dec<sup>d</sup>. to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that he will  
 well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts, and  
 then the legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and  
 chattels will extend and the law charge him, and that he will  
 make a true and correct Inventory and appraisement of the Estate  
 of the said dec<sup>d</sup>. and return the same into the Ordinary's office in  
 order to be recorded within the time prescribed by law.

David R. Penny

Sworn before me this  
 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 1868.  
 W. Hill, Cr. J. A. C.

Last will & Testament  
of James I. Gilmer dec<sup>d</sup>

The State of South Carolina

I, James I. Gilmer of Abbeville district

being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding  
 & desiring to dispose of my property do make and execute this  
 my last will & Testament.

1. I direct all my just debts to be paid & I authorize my Executors  
 to collect in whatever money may be due to me & apply it



to the payment of my debts & if not sufficient then to sell such of my personal property not herein after disposed of, as may be necessary to pay the debts.

2. I give to my wife Mary M Gilmer all the property & effects that she brought to me on our marriage and two hundred dollars to be paid her in cash; this money to be raised by my Executors as is directed as to my debts. To be received by her in lieu & in bar of her dower in my lands.
3. I give to John Gilmer my son one Mule named Kib & all the plantation tools.
4. I give to my daughter Agnes Victoria my other mule.
5. I give devise & bequeath the all the balance of my estate both real and personal to my son John & my daughter Agnes Victoria to be equally divided between them their heirs and assigns forever.
6. I hereby appoint my friends Matthew M Donald & Samuel Gilmer Executors of this my last will & Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name & affixed my seal this twenty fifth day of January 1867.

James I Gilmer (Seal)

signed sealed & acknowledged as his last will & Testament in presence of - S. A. Brazgale  
R. A. Fair  
J. S. Coltraw

The State of S<sup>c</sup> Co } Personally appeared J. S. Coltraw before me, and  
Abbeville C. } made oath that he was personally present, and did see James I. Gilmer, sign, seal, publish and pronounce the foregoing writing to be his last will and testament - that the testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, to the best of deponents knowledge and belief - and that he (deponent, with S. A. Brazgale and R. A. Fair in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

J. S. Coltraw.

Subscribed before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. 1868.

William Hill, Crdy. & Judge of Probate elect for A.C.

The State of S<sup>c</sup> Co } Having examined J. S. Coltraw one of the witnesses to the  
Abbeville C. } foregoing writing and being satisfied that it is the true last will of Jas I. Gilmer dec<sup>d</sup> - Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Com. form

William Hill, Crdy. & Judge of Probate elect

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 1868

for Abbeville C.

(Notably the Crdy. The sons named in the foregoing will have filed their renunciation of the appointment) 25<sup>th</sup> Nov/68  
(R. A. Coltraw the son in law of dec<sup>d</sup> was qualified Crdy. & Judge of Probate on the 10 Dec 1868.)

Last Will & Testament } Abbeville District  
 of Samuel Graham, dec'd } South Carolina }

August the 13th 1868.

In the name of God Amen.

I Samuel Graham being in sound mind, and quite feeble in body, and taking into consideration the uncertainty of human life, make this my last will and testament in the following manner and form.

- 1st, that all my just debts to be paid  
 2nd, that all of my personal property be sold  
 3d, that my real estate shall remain unsold, in the possession of my wife Sarah Ann Graham until my youngest child Lura Correne become of age, and then to be sold and divided as the law direct,  
 4th, I do hereby make and ordain my wife my lawful executrix and A M Graham my brother, executor of this my last will and testament

I st

Samuel Graham (LS)

Wm Riley (LS)

J. M. Thomas (LS)

J. W. Means (LS)

The State of S. Co. }  
 Abbeville County } Personally appeared J. W. Means, one of the witnesses to the annexed writing, and being by me duly sworn says, that he was personally present and did see Samuel Graham sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the same to contain his last will and testament, that testator was of sound and disposing mind memory & understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief - and that Wm Riley & J. M. Thomas together with himself in the presence of each other, and in the presence of the testator did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn before me 24th 1868.

J. W. Means.

William Hill, Cr. of Ab. Co.

The State of S. Co. }  
 Abbeville Co }

Having examined J. W. Means, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing paper. I am satisfied that the said writing contains the true last will of Samuel Graham, dec'd.

It is therefore Ordained that it be admitted to probate in Common form.

24th 1868.

William Hill, Cr. of Ab. Co



The State of S<sup>c</sup> Co } Personally appeared Sarah Ann Graham, of the name  
 Abbe Co. } in the foregoing will, and made oath that said writing  
 contains the true last will and testament of said Graham decd - so far  
 as she knows and believes - that she will well and truly execute the same  
 by paying first the debts and then the legacies therein contained so far  
 as the goods and chattels will therewith extend and the law charge her -  
 and that she will make and return into the office of the Ordinary  
 of said County a true and correct inventory and appraisement of all  
 such goods and chattels.

Subscribed and sworn to 1<sup>st</sup> Decr 1868

William Hill. o & c

Sarah Ann Graham  
 her  
 mark

Last Will & Testament  
of James Martin decd

The State of South Carolina

Abbeville District.

In the name of God. Amen.

I, James Martin of Hanisburg, said State and District, being in  
 good health, and of sound mind and memory, make this my last Will and  
 Testament; in manner and form following, viz: -

- 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will and I direct that all my just debts shall be paid as soon as  
 practicable after my decease.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> It is my will and I direct that my estate be kept together and managed  
 as nearly as practicable on the present plan for the use and support  
 of my beloved wife, Anna Eliza Martin, and the support and education  
 of my children.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> It is my will and I direct and authorize my Executors herein -  
 after named should they deem it to be to the interest of my estate and  
 legatus to sell any part or the whole of my estate at such time and  
 on such terms as they may deem best; and to purchase such other  
 property as will be for the interest of the estate without any order  
 from any Court, but in no instance to use the principal, or any part  
 of it for the support or education of the children, unless absolutely  
 necessary.
- 4<sup>th</sup> It is my will and I direct that should my beloved wife,  
 Anna Eliza Martin marry again, that she shall receive two shares  
 of a child during her natural life, and at her decease this  
 portion of my estate to return and be divided between and among  
 my children as herein after provided,
- 5<sup>th</sup> It is my will and I direct, that my dear children get a  
 good, and my sons a classical education
- 6<sup>th</sup> It is my will and I direct, that in the division of my estate  
 between and among my children, that my daughters receive  
 twice as much each, as each son receives, and should the Con-  
 dition of my estate warrant it, that each of my sons, as he arrives  
 (at)

the age of twenty one years, shall receive his proportional part, and that each daughter in one year after her marriage, her proportional part. The above distribution of my estate to my dear children to be left to the judgement and discretion of my executors hereinafter to be named.

7th. It is my will and I direct that in case of the death of my beloved wife Anna Eliza during the minority of any or all of my dear children, that my estate be sold at such time, and on such terms as my executors may think most to the interest of my dear children, and if any children should be of age, a division to be made, and those of age to receive their distributive share or shares, and the shares of the minors to be put at interest for their support and education. And I hereby authorize and empower my executors hereinafter named to make good and sufficient title to any and all the property of my estate.

8th. It is my will, and I direct that my executors hereinafter named shall not be required to make any return to Court in any case except of the appraisement and final settlement of my estate.

9th. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved wife, Ann Eliza Martin, executrix, and my friends John S. Reid and P. H. Bradley executors of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, and in the eighty eighth year of the Independence of the State of South Carolina

Jas Martin (Sd)

sealed, signed, published and delivered, in the presence of us, who at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses.

C. Reid

A. C. Reid

D. A. Pressly.

The State of S. Ca }

Abb. County. } Personally appeared Mrs. C. Reid one of the witnesses to the annexed will, and made oath that she was personally present and did see Jas Martin, sign seal publish and pronounce the said writing to contain his last will and testament - that testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory and understanding to the best of her knowledge and



belief, and that A. C. Reid, and D. A. Pressly in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn before me this 7 Decr 1868.

William Hill. o a c

C. Reid

The State of S. Ca }  
Abbeville Co } Having examined C. Reid, one of the subscribing  
Witnesses to the foregoing writing, and being satisfied that it  
is the true last will of James Martin decd. —

Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Com. form

7 Decr 1868.

William Hill, Ord, A C

The State of S. Ca }  
Abbeville Co } Personally appeared J. S. Reid, one of the Exors  
named in the foregoing will, and being duly sworn, says that said  
writing contains the true last will of Jas. Martin decd. so far as  
he knows and believes — that he will, and truly execute the same  
by paying first the debts, and then the legacies therein contained  
so far as the goods and chattels will extend and the law charge  
him, and that he will return a true inventory of all such  
goods and chattels, that the same may be recorded on the Books  
of the Office of the Ordinary of said County within the time  
prescribed by law.

Sworn to before me 14 Decr 1868.

William Hill. o a c

J. S. Reid,

Last Will & Testament

of Larkin Pulliam decd

In the name of God, amen.


I, Larkin Pulliam of the County of Abbeville

and State of South Carolina; being of sound mind and memory, and  
considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore,  
make, ordain, publish, and declare this to be my last will and Testament.

That is to say first after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged,  
the residue of my estate, real and personal I give bequeath, and dispose  
of, as follows, to wit. To my beloved wife, all my estate both real and  
personal, after all of my lawful debts have been paid and discharged,  
to have and to hold during her natural life, and at her death, to my  
children as follows. To my son John Pulliam the real estate to have  
and to hold during his natural life. To my daughter Mary A. Milford  
fifty dollars and to my daughter Belinda E. Ricks fifty dollars  
and one bed and bed clothing, and the residue of my personal  
if there be any, to my son John Pulliam. Likewise I make constitute,  
and appoint my said son John Pulliam to be executor of this my last

will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my seal the seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

Larkin <sup>his</sup> Pulliam   
mark

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Larkin Pulliam in our presence, and acknowledged by him to each of us, and he at the said time, published and declared the above instrument to be his last will and Testament; and we, at the testator's request, and in his presence, have signed our names as witnesses hereto, and written opposite our names our respective places of residence.

Robt P. Buchanan - Abbeville County S<sup>c</sup> Co  
Robt. W. Milford           "           "           "  
W. J. Arnold               "           "           "

The State of S<sup>c</sup> Co } In the Ct of Probate  
Abb. Co. }

Personally appeared R. W. Milford one of the witnesses to the foregoing will, and being sworn according to law, says that he was present and did see Larkin Pulliam sign (by making his mark) seal and publish the same as his last will and testament - that testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief - and that Robt P. Buchanan, and William J. Arnold together with himself in the presence of each other, and in the presence of the testator did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

R. W. Milford.

Sworn before me 8 Jan'y 1869.

William Hill, Probate Judge

S<sup>c</sup> Co. Abb. Co } Having examined R. W. Milford one of the  
subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and  
being satisfied that it is the true last will of Larkin Pulliam  
deceased.

It is ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Com: form  
8 Jan'y 1869

William Hill, Judge of Probate,



S. Ca. Abt. County. }

Personally appeared John Pulliam, Executor named in the foregoing will, and being duly sworn, says that the same is the true last will of the said Larkin Pulliam to the best of his knowledge and belief - that he will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies therein contained as far as the goods and chattels will extend and the laws require - and that he will make a true Inventory and appraisement of all such goods and chattels, and return a true statement of the same into the Court of Probate in order to be readed within the time prescribed by laws

John Pulliam.

Sworn before me 8<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1869

W. Hill. Judge of Probate }

Last Will & Testament

of  
William Butler Brooks

In the name of GOD Amen.

I William Butler Brooks, of the County of Abbeville State of South Carolina, being feeble in body, but of sound disposing mind, doth ordain this to be my last will and testament.

Item 1<sup>st</sup>. I will that all my just debts (if any) be paid.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup>. I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Almena Brooks, the homestead tract of land, whereon I now reside containing One hundred and sixty-six acres more or less. I also give and bequeath to her Almena Brooks - the Dozier tract, adjoining the land aforesaid, containing three hundred and five acres more or less. I do also give and bequeath to her Almena Brooks another tract known as the Baggot place, also adjoining the homestead tract, containing One hundred and seventy five acres more or less, and in order to add a sufficiency of Woodland to the above mentioned tracts, I do further give and bequeath to my wife Almena Brooks, fifty acres of Woodland adjoining the Dozier place above mentioned, it being a part of Shackelford tract, all of the above mentioned tracts of land, together with everything in anywise appertaining to the same, to be hers for and during her natural life, and at her death, I will all the above mentioned tracts or parcels of land to my son Joseph Warren Brooks, not to be subject to appraisement as hereinafter mentioned.

Item 3<sup>d</sup>. Having already given my two children, viz: Carolina Calhoun Slover, the wife of Dr. Samuel Murray Slover of the State of Tennessee and Charles Elisha Brooks - now deceased - each a full distributive share of my Estate, I give and bequeath to my children not heretofore mentioned viz: Stanmore B. Brooks, Elizabeth A. Moore wife of John R. Moore, Pierce B. Brooks, Emma B. Brooks, and Mary E. Brooks all the remaining portion of my real Estate, all of which is situate in the County and State aforesaid, and known in fact as the

Leroy Watson place containing eight hundred acres, more or less, which tract I will to be divided into two tracts of equal value or as nearly so as practicable by survey - the two tracts aforesaid to be drawn for, by my two sons Stanwood B. Brooks, and Pierce B. Brooks.

- Item 4<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth A. Moore, the wife of John R. Moore, all that portion of the Shackelford tract lying north of the Greenville and Columbia Rail Road, and also two acres on the south side of said Rail Road lying nearest to New Market Depot.
- Item 5<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my daughter Emma B. Brooks, the tract of land known as the Coltran tract.
- Item 6<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary E. Brooks the remainder of the Shackelford tract after deducting the fifty acres of Woodland given to my wife Almena Brooks, and the portion given to my daughter Elizabeth A. Moore in preceding clauses of this my will.
- Item 7<sup>th</sup> It is my will that the several portions of my real Estate devised above to my children Stanwood B. Brooks Elizabeth A. Moore Pierce B. Brooks Emma B. Brooks and Mary E. Brooks respectively, be appraised by three competent and disinterested persons, and that the party receiving the most valuable share as determined by the appraisement as aforesaid shall pay the difference to those receiving shares of less value, so that their respective shares shall be made equal in every respect, but nevertheless any improvements made by either of the parties on their respective portions shall not be valued in the aforesaid appraisement.
- Item 8<sup>th</sup> It is my will that all the plantation tools of every description, belonging to the homestead, together with the stock of Horses, Mules, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Goats, Poultry, Wagons and Harness, Buggy, Carriage, Household and Kitchen furniture, and any thing else in anywise appertaining remain on the place until the death of my wife Almena Brooks, then to be appraised and divided equally between my children Stanwood B. Brooks, Elizabeth A. Moore, Pierce B. Brooks, Emma B. Brooks, Joseph Warren Brooks and Mary E. Brooks.
- Item 9<sup>th</sup> I will that the amounts willed to my daughter Elizabeth A. Moore, Emma B. Brooks, and Mary E. Brooks, be entailed upon them respectively, for their sole benefit and exclusive use, and no property so devised shall be held liable under any circumstances to be taken to pay their husbands debts: - I will however that each of them on marrying, or arriving at the years of maturity




be fully empowered to sell or dispose of their respective portions in any manner they may deem best for the promotion of their interests.

Item 10th I will that all my Rail Road stock, together with all moneys, and accounts at interest (if any) crops on hand be left in the care and management of my beloved wife Almema Brooks for her maintenance and the education of my younger children to be used at her discretion and at her decease, if there be any moneys, notes or accounts on hand, I will that the same be equally divided between Stanmore B. Brooks, Elizabeth A. Moore, Peice B. Brooks, Emma B. Brooks, Joseph Waneu Brooks, and May E. Brooks.

Item 11th I will that should my beloved wife Almema Brooks depart this life, before my youngest child marries or becomes of age, that the crop on the place, Household and kitchen furniture, stock of every kind, plantation tools of every variety, wagons and harness, buggy, carriage and anything else appertaining to the place, be appraised and sold and the proceeds of the sale be equally divided between my children Stanmore B. Brooks, Elizabeth A. Moore, Peice B. Brooks, Emma B. Brooks, Joseph Waneu Brooks, and May E. Brooks.

Item 12th And lastly it is my will, and I do hereby appoint my dearly beloved wife Almema Brooks my Executrix; and my son-in-law John R. Moore and my son Stanmore B. Brooks my Executors, to this my last will and testament. As witness my hand and seal this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and sixty-eight.

signed, sealed and delivered  
in the presence of  
S. B. Brooks  
Levinia B. White  
Sallie M. Stover

Wm B. Brooks 

The State of S. C. } Personally appeared S. B. Brooks, one of the subscribing  
Abbeville County } witnesses to the foregoing will, and being sworn accord-  
ing to law, says, that he was personally present and did see William B.  
Brooks, sign, seal, publish and declare the same to contain his last will  
and testament - that testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory  
and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief; and that  
Levinia B. White and Sallie M. Stover, together with himself in the presence  
of each other and in the presence of the testator, signed their names as  
witnesses to the due execution of the same.

S. B. Brooks.

Sworn before me 19 Jan'y 1869.

(W. Hill, J.P. - A.C.)

In the Ct of Probate.

By William Hill, Judge of Probate, Alb. Co. S. Co.

Having examined S. B. Brooks, one of the witnesses to the foregoing will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will of W. B. Brooks decd -

It is Ordered that the same be admitted to Probate in Common form.

W. Hill J.P. - A.C. (Seal)

The State of S. Co. }

Alb. Co }

Personally appeared Almena Brooks, and John R. Moore, Exors and Adors named in the foregoing will, and being sworn according to law, make oath that the same is the true last will and testament of W. B. Brooks decd. that they will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts, and then the legacies therein contained so far as the goods and chattels will extend and the law charge thereon - and that they will make a true inventory of all such goods and chattels, and return the same into the office of the Judge of Probate for said County in order to be recorded within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day 1869 }  
W. Hill, J.P. A.C. }

Almena Brooks  
John R. Moore

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for authentication of S. B. Brooks if required



Last Will & Testament  
of Jas Augustus Black

The State of South Carolina

Richlands District.

In the name of God, Amen.

I, James Augustus Black of said District and State, and recently of the District of Abbeville in the State aforesaid being in usual health and of sound and disposing mind & memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, to wit. It is my will that my Executors hereinafter named shall at my death have power at his discretion to sell and make good and sufficient legal titles to so much of my property both real and personal as may be necessary to pay all of my just debts.

Secondly, After my debts are paid as above directed I will and bequeath to my sister Mary Young wife of James Young of Abbeville District in State aforesaid and to my sister Matilda E Skirley wife of John M Skirley of Choctaw County, Mississippi, the sum of Fifty dollars to each of my said sisters and in the event of the death of either or both of them to the child or children living of such deceased sister of mine, and I also will to the children of my brother Joseph F. Black deceased the sum of Ten dollars, each. These legacies to be paid by my Executor hereinafter named at such time as may in his discretion be proper for him to do so within five years after my death.

Lastly, I will and bequeath all the rest and residue of my property of whatever nature kind or description both real and personal to my well beloved brother Wesley Alexander Black of Abbeville District in this state, and to the heirs of his body forever. In this bequest to my Brother Wesley A Black I include hereby my tract of land in said District of Abbeville, to which at his own pleasure he is hereby authorized to make good legal titles, and my negro woman Hannah and her child a daughter & their future increase, and all my rights or claims in action together with all claims of whatever nature which may be due me now or hereafter. In the event of my brother Wesley A. Black's dying without heirs of his body then it is my will that all the property above mentioned be sold and equally divided among my nephews and nieces then living.

I leave it as an injunction on my said brother that so long as he lives he shall furnish my sister-in-law Sarah M Black with a house and do as much for her & her children as he may think right prudent and just. I have made my will in this manner because my said brother is very dear to me and because he has had and still has, charge of my aged and afflicted mother towards whom he has filled his own place as a dutiful son & mine, and I know he will continue

to do so as long as she lives, and that as he has heretofore he will hereafter whilst spared do all that he reasonably can or should do for my sister in law aforesaid & the orphan children of my said deceased brother.

I do hereby constitute make and appoint my said brother Wesley A. Black, sole Executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty nine.

James Aug. Black <sup>(Seal)</sup>  
Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said James Augustus Black as his last will and testament in the presence of us, who in his presence, and at his request have hereunto set our names as witnesses.

G. E. Walker

D. P. McDonald

Saml R. Black

Probate of Jas A. Black's will  
The State of South Carolina }  
Richland County }

By William Hutson Wigg Esquire, Judge of Probate of  
said County.

Personally appeared before me D. P. McDonald, who being duly sworn, made oath and saith, that he saw James Aug. Black sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare the annexed instrument of writing, bearing date the first of June, A.D. 1859, to be and contain his last will and testament, that he the said James Aug. Black was then of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding to the best of Deponents knowledge and belief, and that the said D. P. McDonald together with G. E. Walker and Saml R. Black, at the request of the Testator, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, witnessed the due execution thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this twenty second day of January A.D. 1869 } D. P. McDonald  
William Hutson Wigg }  
Judge of Probate }

(Get New Stamp \$1.00 on orig<sup>e</sup>)

By William Hill, Judge of Probate for the County of Abbeville, S. C.  
The foregoing will of Jas. Aug. Black, having been proven by the oath of D. P. McDonald, one of the subscribing witnesses, before William Hutson Wigg the Judge of Probate for Richland District. I am satisfied that the same is the true last will



and testament of the said J. A. Black decd. - and it is therefore Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.

William Hill. Judge of Probate. A. C.

The State of S. C. } Personally appeared Wesley A. Black, the executor  
Abbeville County } named in the annexed will instrument of writing  
and which bears date the first day of June, 1859. and made oath that said  
writing contains the true last will and testament of Jas. Aug. Black  
deceased, to the best of his knowledge and belief - and that he will well  
and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies  
contained in the said will, so far as the goods and chattels will extend  
and the law require - that he will make a true inventory and appraisement  
of all such goods and chattels, and return the same into the Office  
of the Judge of Probate for said County within the time prescribed by laws  
Wesley A. Black

Sworn before me 25 Jan'y 1869

William Hill. J. Probate for  
Abb. Co. S. C.

Last Will & Testament  
of Eliza W. Caldwell decd

South Carolina

Abbeville District.

I, Eliza W. Caldwell of the State and District

aforesaid, widow, being of sound mind, memory, and understanding, do  
make, ordain, and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in  
manner and form following.

First. After the payment of my just debts, I hereby give and bequeath all my  
Estate, both real and personal, within the State of South Carolina, to my  
son Orran J. and my daughter, Adriana C. as follows; to my said  
son Orran I bequeath two thirds of said Estate, and to my daughter  
Adriana, the remaining one third - the said property to be valued by  
three disinterested persons, and the division to be made as above directed  
according to valuation.

I hereby appoint my said son Orran J. Caldwell Executor of  
this first clause of my will.

Second.

It is my will, and I hereby direct that all my Estate in the State  
of Louisiana (consisting of one tract of land in Canal Parish,) be equally  
divided between my sons, Edward A. and Samuel J. and my  
daughters Serena L. and Eugenia L. - share and share alike - the  
division to be made, by dividing the land, or by dividing the proceeds  
of the land after sale, at the option of my Executors. -

I hereby appoint my said sons Edward A. and Samuel  
J. Executors of this second clause of my will.

Witness my hand and seal this ninth (9) day of  
October, A. D. One thousand eight hundred, and sixty eight.

E. W. Caldwell *(Signature)*

signed in presence of

W. R. White

James Clark

J. N. Burton.

The State of S. C. }

Abbe County } Personally appeared W. R. White one of the  
witnesses to the foregoing writing, and being duly sworn, deposes and  
faith, that he was present and did see Ely W. Caldwell, sign  
seal, publish and declare the same to contain her last will and  
testament - that she was then of sound and disposing mind, memory,  
and understanding, to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief -  
and that James Clark, and J. N. Burton, together with himself  
in the presence of each other, and in the presence of testatrix, did  
sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

W. R. White.

Sworn before me this 1 February 1869

William Hill Judge of Probate }

S. Carolina }

Abbeville County } Having examined W. R. White, one of the subscribing  
witnesses to the foregoing writing, I am satisfied that  
it is the true last will & Testament of Ely W. Caldwell decd

" It is therefore, Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common form

1 Feby 1869

William Hill, Judge of Probate.



Last Will & Testament } In the name of God, Amen!

of W. W. McDill dec'd. } I W. W. McDill of the State of South Carolina and District of Abbeville, being of sound mind and memory, purposing to leave my home for the Army in defense of my rights and liberties, impressed therefore, with the uncertainty of human life, from the numerous causes, incident to the Camp, and the general casualties of war, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following. Viz.

First. I desire that my Executors hereinafter named shall pay all of my just and lawful debts.

Second. The residue of my property, personal and real, I give, bequeath and devise as follows. My real estate consisting of two hundred and twenty two acres of land on which I now reside, bounded by lands of Saul Cruill, Louisa Richey, Hzekiah Elgin and others; my personal estate, consisting of Slaves, Sepny, Hemy, Ellen, Lije, Kizzy and Noc and their offspring, together with all of my Stock of Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Household furniture, plantation tools, crop &c. the above summary of my personal and real estate, I desire, shall be kept for the benefit and maintenance of my wife Jane and living children John C. Elizabeth Law, Margaret Louppine, James Taylors, Emma Jane, Willis Whitfield, David Chalmers and Jefferson Hayrd McDill or other bodily heir or the survivor of them until the youngest child arrives at the age of twenty one; at which time the whole estate be sold and equally distributed between my wife Jane McDill and living children, share and share alike, my said wife's share to be in lieu of all claim of dower &c. Provided, however, if my wife should die or again intermarry, in either event, my will is that my Executors sell my whole estate, both real and personal, as before instructed — To rehearse, my whole estate shall be kept in the possession of my wife Jane McDill until the youngest child arrives at the age of twenty one — then to be sold and equally distributed between my wife Jane and living children; or in the event that my wife Jane should die or intermarry, my will is that my estate should be sold and distributed as before directed. Any monies or property, personal or real falling to me by heirship, shall be incorporated into <sup>my estate</sup> and disposed of in like manner.

In the event that any of my slaves should prove vicious or refractory, my Executors shall have full power to sell and dispose of the same and make full and perfect title thereto.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Jane Executrix and my friend W. R. C. Grier, Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereby subscribed my name and

affixed my seal this the seven tenth day of November, in the year  
of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty two.

W. W. Mc Dill. *(L.S.)*

signed sealed and declared  
by the Testator to be his last will  
and testament, and at his request  
and in his presence, we have subscribed  
our names as witnesses thereto.

The word, "my estate intended before signing

J. N. Young,

W. R. Hemphill

J. L. Miller

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The State of South Carolina } Present: - Honorable William Hill  
Abbeville County } Probate Judge for the County of Abbeville

Personally appeared W. R. Hemphill one of the  
subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting  
to be the last will and testament of W. W. Mc Dill, late of Abbeville  
County deceased, who being duly sworn, deposes and saith that he  
was present, and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed  
by the said W. W. Mc Dill. And deponent further saith that the  
said W. W. Mc Dill at the time of executing the said instrument  
of writing was to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief, of  
sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and  
that J. N. Young and J. L. Miller, together with the deponent  
in the presence of each other, and of the said W. W. Mc Dill, and  
at his request, signed their names as witnesses to the due execution  
of the same.

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this thirteenth day of February in the  
year of our Lord One thousand eight  
hundred and sixty nine.

William Hill. J. Pro. A.C.

W. R. Hemphill

The State of S. C. }  
Abbeville County }

Having examined W. R. Hemphill one of the  
subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, I am satisfied that it is  
the true last will of W. W. Mc Dill decd. and it is therefore  
Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in 'Common form'.

W. Hill,

J. Pro. A.C.



The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared R. C. Grier Esq named in the  
 Abs. Co } foregoing will, and being duly sworn according to law  
 says that said writing contains the true last will of Wm Wm Mc Dill due  
 to the best of his knowledge & belief - that he will well and truly execute  
 the same - by paying first the debts and then the legacies therein contained  
 so far as the goods and chattels will extend and the law charge him,  
 and will make a true inventory and appraisement of all such goods  
 and chattels, and return a true statement of the same into the office  
 of the Judge of Probate for said County within the time prescribed by law  
 Sworn before me 13 July 1869 }  
 W. Stille. J. Pro S. C. } Robt C Grier.

Last Will & Testament  
of Henry Fosbrook decd

State of South Carolina,  
 Abbeville County.

In the name of God Amen.

I, Henry Fosbrook, Tailor, of the County and State aforesaid,  
 being feeble in health, but of sound and disposing mind and  
 memory, make this my last will in manner and form. (Viz)


First - It is my will and I direct that my funeral expenses, the  
 expenses of my last illness, and my just debts be paid as  
 soon after my decease as practicable.

Second - I give, bequeath, and devise all my estate, both real and  
 personal to my beloved wife, Jane Eliza Fosbrook to her, her heirs,  
 administrators, and assigns forever.

Third - It is my will, and I direct <sup>that</sup> my executor and executor  
 hereinafter to be named, shall not be required to have an  
 appraisement of my estate, or to make any return to any  
 Court, after this my last will is probated, and I hereby give  
 my executor and executor hereinafter to be named full power  
 to settle my estate in such manner as will be most to interest  
 of my legatee above named.

Fourth - I hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint my beloved wife  
 Jane Eliza Fosbrook, and my friend James F. Gilbert, executor  
 and executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
 seal the twenty second day of February one thousand eight  
 hundred and sixty nine

Henry x Fosbrook   
 his mark

signed, sealed & published in the presence of us, who at the request  
 of the Testator, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names  
 as witnesses -

A. J. Woodhurst.  
 Sarah A. Armstrong  
 Elizabeth A. Gilbert.

(see over)

The State of South Carolina } Present: - Honorable William Hile  
Abbeville County. } Probate Judge for the County of Abbeville

Personally appeared Andrew J. Woodhust  
a subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing, pur-  
porting to be the last will and testament of Henry Fosbrook  
late of Abbeville County deceased, who being duly sworn, de-  
posed and said that he was present and did see the said  
instrument of writing duly executed by the said Henry Fosbrook  
And deponent further saith that the said Henry Fosbrook  
at the time of executing the said instrument of writing, was to  
the best of deponent's knowledge and belief, of sound and  
disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that he  
(the deponent) and Elizabeth A. Sibert and Sarah A.  
Armstrong, in the presence of each other, and of the said  
Henry Fosbrook, and at his request, signed their names as  
witnesses, to the due execution of the same.

A. J. Woodhust  
sworn and submitted to before me this eighth day of April  
in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty nine

William Hile.

J. Pro. S. C.

The State of S. C. } Having examined A. J. Woodhust, one  
Abbeville Co. } of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed  
Will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and  
testament of Henry Fosbrook deceased.

Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form

William Hile

8 April 1869

J. Pro. S. C.

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true  
last will of the within named Henry Fosbrook deceased, so  
far as I know or believe, and that I will well and truly  
execute the same by paying first the debts and then the  
legacies contained in said will, so far as his goods and chattels  
will therewith extend and the law obliges me

So help me God?

Jane Eliza Fosbrook.

sworn and submitted to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> April 1869

William Hile.

J. Pro. S. C.



Last Will & Testament  
of Docithens C. Moore,

The State of South Carolina  
 In the name of God, Amen.

I, Docithens C. Moore, a captain in the Army of the Confederate States, and a citizen of Abbeville District being in good health and of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, in consideration of the uncertainty of life in the military service, do make and constitute this my last will in manner following.

I give and bequeath my whole estate of whatever the same consists, including all my slaves and other personal property, as well debts due me as all securities for the payment of moneys, and all other things which I now own or may hereafter acquire, to my brother Augustus W. Moore, absolutely and in fee simple.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty ninth day of December one thousand eight hundred and sixty three.

D. C. Moore (S)

signed, sealed and published as his last will, in presence of us, who in his presence and at his request, and in presence of each other, subscribed our names as witnesses to the execution of the same.

Geo. Franklin  
 Thos. Stacey  
 Foster Calvert.

The State of South Carolina  
 Abbeville County.

Present: - Honorable William Hill, Probate Judge  
 for the County of Abbeville.

Personally appeared Geo. Franklin, one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Docithens C. Moore late of Abbeville County - deceased, who being duly sworn, deposed and saith that he was present, and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said D. C. Moore - And deponent further saith that the said D. C. Moore, at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was, to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that he, Geo. Franklin (the deponent), and Thos. Stacey and Foster Calvert, in the presence of each other, and of the said D. C. Moore, and at his request, signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Geo. Franklin

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this fifteenth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty nine.

W. Hill, J. Pro. A. C. (Seal)

Having examined Geo Franklin, one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed writing, and being satisfied that the same is the true last will of D. C Moore decd —

It is Ordered that the same be admitted to probate in Common form.

15<sup>th</sup> Apr 1869

William Hill.

J. Pro. A. C. (Seal)

In the Court of Probate — 7 May 1869

William A Moore having applied for Letters of Administration with the foregoing will of D. C Moore decd annexed — a Citation to that effect being duly published and no objections made — He the said W. A. Moore was on this day duly qualified, as Adm<sup>r</sup> with will annexed of the Estate of the said D. C. Moore decd

William Hill J. Pro. A. C.

The Last Will & Testament  
of David Greer.

In the name of God's Amen.

I David Greer of Abbeville District and State of South Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and Testament in form and manner following / viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> I will my Body to the ground from whence it came, and my Soul to God who gave it.
- 2<sup>d</sup> I desire that all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid.
- 3<sup>d</sup> I devise give and bequeath to my beloved wife Jennette Greer all my estate both real and personal, except so much as may be necessary to pay debts and funeral expenses, for and during her natural life or widowhood and at her death or marriage I will that all my estate both real and personal be sold by my executor hereinafter named upon such terms and at such times as they think best and the proceeds to be divided as follows. viz —  
To my son Wm S Greer or his legal heirs one equal share after accounting for Two Hundred & fifty three Dollars & fifty cents.  
To my son James L Greer or his legal heirs one equal share after accounting for Two Hundred and fifty three Dollars and fifty cents.
- 4<sup>th</sup> I desire and will to my Daughter Mary Philips one equal share of my Estate under the restrictions hereafter mentioned after



accounting for Two Hundred and eighty three dollars which she has received I desire that one hundred and fifty dollars shall be invested in a House and Lot of land for a permanent Home for her during her natural life, should I not purchase said Home during my Lifetime I desire that my Executors shall be empowered to do so out of any portion of my Estate they may think best as so much of her share of my Estate said Home to be for her separate use and benefit during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided between her children share and share alike said Lot of land not to be subject to any Contracts made by her or any person for her also Twenty-five Dollars worth of Provisions this year.

- 5<sup>th</sup> I will and devise to my Grandson John Greer John Greer son of Calib W. Greer an Equal Share of my Estate after accounting for Two Hundred & fifty three Dollars & fifty cents which Calib W. Greer received in his life time
- 6<sup>th</sup> I will and devise to my Grand daughters Nancy Jane and Clary Ann Adams Children of my Daughter Clarissa Adams deceased one equal share of my estate to be equally divided between them after accounting for fifty Dollars which their mother received during her life time.
- 7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to Sabra a freedwoman and her son Gabriel one share of my Estate to be equally divided between them Provided they stay and work for me and my wife during our lives and if they do not then they are to receive nothing
- 8<sup>th</sup> And Lastly I constitute and appoint my wife Jennette Greer, Executrix and my friend David Moore Executor of this my last will and Testament with full power to carry out the same.

In witness whereof I have hereunto assigned my name and affixed my seal the fourth day of April one Thousand Eight hundred and sixty eight.

David<sup>his</sup> Greer<sup>test</sup> L.S.

Signed sealed declared and Published for the Last will & Testament of David Greer in his presence and in the presence of each other

G. M. Mattison

John W. Bigby

John M. Donlap.

The State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville County

Present: - Honorable William Hill Probate Judge for the County of Abbeville.

Personally appeared John M. Donlap a subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing - purporting to be the last will and testament of David Greer late of Abbeville County deceased, who being duly sworn, deposed and said that he was present, and did see the said instrument of writing

duly executed by the said David Grier. And deponent further saith that the said David Grier at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was, to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that he - John Donlap (the deponent), and E. M. Mattison and John W. Bigley in the presence of each other, and of the said David Grier the testator, and at his request, signed their names as witnesses, to the due execution of the same.

John M. Donlap.

Sworn and subscribed to, before me, this eighth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine.

8 June 1869.

William Hill, J. Pro. A. C.

The State of S. C. } In the Ct. of Probate.

Abbeville Co. } Having examined John M. Donlap one of the witnesses to the annexed will, and being satisfied that the same is the true last will of David Grier dec'd -

Ord: that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.

8 June 1869

William Hill J. Pro. A. C.

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

David Moore.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 8th day of June 1869.

William Hill, J. Pro. A. C.

Last Will & Testament  
of John Patterson dec'd

State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville County. }

In the name of God, Amen. I John Patterson of the State and County aforesaid being of sound and disposing mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this mortal life do make and declare this my last will and testament, in manner and form following.

After paying my just and lawfull debts I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Anna, the residue of my estate real and personal, viz.

My plantation and all appurtenances, and all the stock, viz. Mules, Cattle, hogs, &c. And plantation tools, wagons, Buggies, &c. All to be for her benefit during her widowhood and at her death



or provided she should marry then all of my property must be sold and equally divided among my lawful heirs, except to my Grandson Jessie Obediah Burt Patterson, I will and bequeath one Hundred Dollars of the of his father's share of my estate the said grandson is to have annually from my death the interest of sd One hundred dollars for educational or other indispensable purposes if deemed necessary by my Executor, I also declare it to be my will that if sd Grandson should not live to be twenty one year old that his part of my estate shall be equally divided among the rest of my lawful heirs.

Witness my hand and seal this the twentieth day of February One thousand eight hundred and sixty nine.

John Patterson (S)

Signed, sealed, delivered and published by John Patterson as his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribing witnesses who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of sd testator at his instance and request and in the presence of each other the twentieth day of February One thousand eight hundred and sixty nine.

H. H. Scudder

Mr. A. Lesly

G. G. Dawson

I hereby constitute and appoint my friend William L. Campbell Executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me, witness my hand and seal, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, the twentieth day of February one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine.

John Patterson (S)

H. H. Scudder

Mr. A. Lesly

G. G. Dawson

The State of South Carolina

Abbeville County

Present: Honorable William H. C. Probate Judge  
for the County of Abbeville.

Personally appeared Mr. A. Lesly a subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of John Patterson deceased, who being duly sworn, deposed and saith, that he was present, and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said John Patterson. And deponent further saith that the said John Patterson, at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that he, the said Mr. A. Lesly, the deponent, and H. H. Scudder and G. G. Dawson in the presence of each

other, and of the said John Patterson the testator, and at his request signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Wm. A. Seely

Sworn and subscribed to before me this seventeenth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand, eight hundred and sixty nine.

William Hill, J. Pro. A. C.

The State of S<sup>c</sup> Carolina }  
Abbeville Co. } By William Hill, Judge of Probate.  
Having examined Wm. A. Seely, one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being satisfied the said paper contains the true last will of John Patterson decd —

Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in "Common form"

17 June 1869.

William Hill, J. Pro. A. C.

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

Sworn and subscribed to before me }  
this sixth day of July 1869 } Wm. L. Campbell  
William Hill, J. Pro. A. C.

Last Will & Testament  
of Jane Wilson decd

State of South Carolina.

Abbeville District.

I, Jane Wilson do make this my will.

My sister Nancy & myself have made Devise of the slaves Rinda & her three sons Andy, Lee & Hali, and in the Division Lee and Hali have been allotted to me.

- 1<sup>st</sup> I give to my sister Nancy Wilson my two slaves Lee & Hali, and also all the rest and Residue of my property for and during her life
- 2<sup>nd</sup> From & after the death of my sister Nancy I devise all my property to be sold. My slaves Lee & Hali to be appraised and allowed to choose their master — provided the person or persons chosen be willing to give the full amount of the appraisement — if not to be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> From the proceeds of the sale, I give, after payment of my debts, to my Brother Robert C Wilson the sum of Six hundred dollars, and if he be dead at the time of my death, then I give of the same to my nephew Robt Henry Wilson two hundred (\$200)



Dollars - and to my nephew James S. Wilson, one hundred of the same - and to my nephew Thomas S. Wilson, one hundred dollars of the same, and to my nephew John S. Wilson the sum of fifty dollars of the same, and I give to my nephew Saml. A. Wilson fifty dollars in trust for the sole & separate use of my niece Elizabeth Tittle. I give to my nephew Lewis Wilson the sum of One hundred Dollars, and to my nephew Elyah Wilson the sum of fifty dollars.

4th. I desire the Balance of the proceeds of the sale of my property to be divided into three equal parts, and I give to my Brother Samuel A. Wilson one share or part, and if he be dead at the time of my death, then I give the same to my nephew D. A. Wilson & my grand nephew John B. Wilson, to be equally divided between them. I give to my Brother Robert C. Wilson one share or part, and the remaining one third part I give to my nephew Saml. A. Wilson, in trust for the family of my deceased sister Gonzilla - to be equally divided between them. The shares of my two Nieces Ann Eliza & Nancy Caroline to be held by my said Nephew in trust for the sole & separate use of my said Nieces respectively, for their lives, and at the death of either of them to any child or children she may have living, - and if no children - then remainder to her or their surviving brother & sister. The share of Jane Eveline to be paid to her absolutely twelve months after the decease of my sister - or twelve months after my decease should I survive my sister. The remaining two fifths I also desire to be held in Trust by my said Nephew, for the sole & separate use of Jane S. Wilson, wife of my nephew Lewis Wilson and for the sole & separate use of Anna Wilson wife of my nephew Elyah Wilson for and during their respective lives, and at the death of either of them the same to go over to their children respectively.

5th. After the payment of my debts & before the distribution of legacies, I desire & so direct that my executors, reserve and appropriate out of the proceeds of my property money sufficient to purchase and erect tombstones over the graves of my sister Elizabeth, also over that of my sister Nancy, and over my own grave.

6th. If there be any of my property remaining undisposed of, I give the same to my brother Robert C. Wilson. I appoint as executor of this will my sister Nancy Wilson, my brother Robert C. Wilson & my nephews Frank Wilson & Thomas J. Wilson

Witness my hand this 19th of July 1860.

Jane M<sup>o</sup> Wilson

Signed by Testator in our presence & attested by us in her presence

Jane A. Cary

David Roberson

W. S. Robertson.

(In the matter of the will of Jane Wilson dead)

The State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville County }

Honourable William Hill, Probate Judge, for the  
County of Abbeville.

Personally appeared William S. Robertson, one of  
the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing, purport-  
ing to be the last will and Testament of Jane Wilson late of  
Abbeville County deceased, who being duly sworn, deponeth and  
saith that he was present and did see the said instrument of  
writing duly executed by the said Jane Wilson. And deponent  
further saith that the said Jane Wilson, at the time of executing  
the said instrument was to the best of deponent's knowledge  
and belief of sound and disposing mind, memory and under-  
standing; and that he (the deponent) and David Roberson  
and Jane A. Cary in the presence of each other, and of the  
said Jane Wilson and at her request, signed their names as  
witnesses, to the due execution of the same.

W. S. Robertson.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this thirteenth day of July  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine

William Hill

J. Pro. A. C.

The State of S. Ca }  
Abbeville County }

In the Court of Probate.

Having examined William S. Robertson one  
of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing  
and being satisfied that the same contains the true last will  
and testament of Jane Wilson deceased, late of Abbeville County -

It is Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common form

William Hill

13 July 1869.

J. Pro. A. C.

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

J. A. Wilson,

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 13th day of July 1869

William Hill. J. Pro. A. C.



Last Will & Testament  
of

Thomas Stacey, decd.

The State of South Carolina

I. Thomas Stacey, of Abbeville District -

in the said State, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make this my last will and testament.

1. I give and bequeath all my effects, both personal property and real estate after my just and legal debts have been paid, to my wife Ann Elizabeth Stacey, to be by her enjoyed during her life time.
2. In the event of my wife, Ann Elizabeth Stacey marrying a second time, I desire and order, that all my property left after the liquidation of my debts, be equally divided between my wife Ann Elizabeth, and six children, viz David King, Mary Elizabeth, Susan Eliza, Sarah Ann, Thomas Benjamin, and the infant to be baptized Wyatt Aiken.
3. I do hereby nominate and appoint D. Wyatt Aiken to be the sole executor of this my last will and testament.

Witness my hand and seal this the seveneenth day of November, the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty two, and in the eighty sixth year of the independence of the State of South Carolina.

Tho Stacey *T.S.*

W. C. White, G. P. O'neal, Geo M. Smith.

signed, sealed, published and delivered by the Testator as, and for his last will and testament in our presence, who in his presence, and at his request, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

The State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville County }

Present: - Honorable William Hile, Probate Judge,  
for the County of Abbeville.

Personally appeared G. P. O'neal a subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Thomas Stacey, late of said County deceased, who being duly sworn saith that he was present, and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said Thomas Stacey - And deponent further saith that the said Thomas Stacey, at the time of executing the said instrument of writing, was to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that he (the deponent) and W. C. White and Geo. M. Smith in the presence of each other, and of the said Thomas Stacey, and at his request signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

G. P. O'neal

sworn and subscribed to before me, this twenty fifth day  
of August - in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and sixty nine

William Hill,

J. Pro A. C.

Having examined G. P. O'Neal, one of the witnesses to the  
annexed Will, and being satisfied that it is the true  
last will of Thomas Stacey decd.

Orders that it be admitted to probate in 'Common form'

William Hill

25 Aug 1869

J. Pro A. C.

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true  
last will of the within named Thomas Stacey, deceased  
so far as I know or believe, and that I will well and  
truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then  
the legacies contained in said will, as far as his goods  
and chattels will therunto extend and the law charge  
me, and that I will make a true and perfect inventory  
of all such goods and chattels -

So help me God.

W. Wyatt Aiken -

sworn and subscribed to before me  
this 25th day of August 1869.

William Hill

J. Pro A. C.

Last Will & Testament  
of  
Wm. J. Jones decd.

St of S. Carolina  
Abbeville Ct.

I, Wm. J. Jones (Physician) being of sound

mind and memory do make this my last will & tes-  
tament. First Clause. It is my will and desire that  
all my just debts, and funeral expenses be paid -  
second Clause. I give unto my son-in-law G. W. Jones  
in trust for the sole use & benefit of my beloved daughter  
Sarah Ann Summerfield Jones one half & one fourth of my  
real estate, which is represented by a Plat and survey made by  
Gabriel Madison Esq. to have and to hold the same for her sole  
use & benefit during her natural life, not to be subject to any  
debt or contract of G. W. Jones whatever, and at her death my  
will and desire is that the said land be sold and equally divi-  
ded among her surviving children, and if any of her children be  
(dead)



death, having left living issue, said issue of such deceased child or children to inherit the same share, to which their parent or parents would have been entitled to. The half & one fourth of my said in this clause bequeathed to my daughter will be fully explained in the next clause of my will, & the land on the demise of my daughter be discharged of all trust until the children respectively become age, at which time the Trustee G. W. Jones will pay over to them their respective shares with interest.

Third Clause. I give and bequeath to my grand-son Mr. T. Jones, son of my deceased daughter Maria Elizabeth, the balance of my real estate represented by a survey & Plat made by Gabriel Madison Esq<sup>r</sup> during his natural life, but in case he dies before he becomes of age, or after he becomes of age, and leave no living issue, my will & desire is that his part of the land be sold and equally divided between the children of my daughter Sarah Ann Summerfield as they respectively become of age, child or children of deceased parents inheriting the share to which their parents would have been entitled to: the in case he should leave living issue, then the land to be sold and equally divided between them with interest as they respectively become of age, child or children inheriting their parents share. My will and desire is that my land be equally divided, and this division to be made by three disinterested men to be selected by the parties to whom I have will'd the land, and if in the estimation of those three men, the improvements on one half is worth the fourth of the other half, they shall so determine and if my daughter Sarah Ann Summerfield and if she be dead her children should draw the half with the improvements on it, they shall be taken in lieu of the one fourth part of the other half, and if my grand-son Mr. T. Jones son of Maria Elizabeth should draw the half with the improvements on it, he shall pay the value of the improvements to my daughter Sarah Ann Summerfield if she be alive, and if she be dead to her children, to be equally divided between them.

I give and bequeath to my Grand-son Mr. T. Jones son of Maria Elizabeth (my daughter) the choice of one of my horses, mares or males, and also his choice of a Cow & Calf & bedstead and furniture.

Fourth Clause. My will and desire is that all my personal property, goods & Chattels of every description be sold - excepting my books, and I give and bequeath to G. W. Jones in trust for the sole use and benefit of my daughter Sarah Ann Summerfield the half of the proceeds of Dutch Cals & the one fourth of the other half if my said daughter be alive, and if she be dead, in like manner the 2<sup>d</sup> half & one fourth of the proceeds of the other half I give unto G. W. Jones in trust for the sole use and benefit of her children not to be subject to any debt or contract of G. W. Jones whatever, and on the demise of my daughter Sarah Ann Summerfield, & fund to be paid to her children as they respectively become of age, my daughter during her life <sup>may</sup> using the interest of said fund. The other half of the proceeds of my personal property, goods & Chattels after the

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one fourth is deducted from it, to be disposed of as I have directed in the preceding part of this clause I give and bequeath to my grandson Mr. T. Jones son of my deceased daughter Maria Elizabeth, and this fund to be put out at interest untill he becomes of age, and then paid to him principal and interest and if my said Grandson should die before he becomes of age — — — — —

having left no living issue, then I give the said fund in trust to G. W. Jones for the sole use and benefit of my daughter, Sarah Ann Sumnerfield if she be alive. I mean the interest of said sum to be subject to her use and at her death my will and desire is that it be paid to her children, with interest as they respectively become of age.

Fifth Clause. My will & desire that all my books be equally divided between my said daughter Sarah Ann Sumnerfield and my two grandsons the W. T. Jones, and if she be dead, her children to receive her share. And if I leave any money my will & desire is that it be subject to the same trusts & divided as I have directed in the fourth clause of my will for the distribution or division of my personal property, goods, and chattels — and my notes to be collected subject to the same trusts & in like manner to be divided.

I hereby appoint G. W. Jones my Executor, with full power to carry into execution this my last will and testament.

Signed in presence of this 27th January 1869.

Jest. Marshal Sharp

J. R. Smith, M. D.

James A. Agnew

W. T. Jones

The State of South Carolina

Abbeville County.

Present: - Honorable William Hill, Probate Judge.

Personally appeared Marshal Sharp, a subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of William T. Jones, late of Abbeville County deceased, who being duly sworn, deposes and saith that he was personally present, and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said William T. Jones. And deponent further saith that the said William T. Jones, at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that J. R. Smith, and James A. Agnew, and himself (the deponent) in the presence of each other and of the said William T. Jones, and at his request signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Marshal Sharp.



Sworn and subscribed to before me this twenty fourth day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty nine.

William Hill. J Pro A.C.

The State of S. Ca

Abbeville County

Having examined Marshal Sharp, one of the witnesses to the annexed will, and being satisfied that the same is the true last will of William S. Jones decd.

It is Ordained that it be admitted to Probate in Com: form

William Hill.

(Seal)

24 August 1869

J Pro A.C.

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will of the within named William S. Jones, 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 good and chattels will thereto extend, and the law charge me, and that I will make a true and perfect Inventory of all such good and chattels

So Help me God!

S. W. Jones.

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 27th day of August 1869.

William Hill.

J Pro A.C.

Last Will & Testament  
of Mrs. Mary A. McDonald

The State of South Carolina  
Abbeville District.

In the name of God - Amen.

I Mary A. McDonald of said State and District being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, but knowing the uncertainty of life do make declare and ordain this as my last will and testament - revoking all others by me heretofore made; and appoint my friends John Agnew and Thomas Thomson, Executors of this my will.

1<sup>st</sup> Item: I wish all my just debts paid.


2<sup>d</sup> Item: I will and bequeath to my only surviving child and beloved daughter Fannie E. Lee all my estate and property of every kind and nature whatsoever being personal estate, consisting of negroes, household and kitchen furniture, in short: all my personal estate, moneys and choses in action, for the sole and separate use and behoof of my said daughter Fannie E. Lee free from the debts, contracts obligations or assignments of her present husband, or of any future husband; and after the death of my said daughter Fannie E. Lee then to such issue as she may leave living at the time of her death share and

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share alike - children representing a deceased parent; and in the event the said Fannie P. Lee should have no children, or issue living at the time of her death then my said daughter is empowered to dispose of all said property by her last will and testament notwithstanding any coverture.

3<sup>d</sup> Item:

I wish my Executor to act as Trustee for my said daughter until one is appointed, and see that the above dispositions are faithfully carried out. Witness my hand and seal this twenty second day of April Anno Domini 1865.

Mary A. McDonald 

Signed, sealed, declared and published by Mary A. McDonald as her last will and testament who first signed in our presence, and then we signed in her presence and in, and in presence of each other

Robt H Wardlaw

Jno. F. Livingston

J. T. Owen

The State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville County }

Present: - Honorable William Hill, Probate Judge, for the County of Abbeville

Personally appeared Robert H Wardlaw a subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Mary A. McDonald, late of Abbeville County deceased, who being duly sworn, deposed and faith that he was present, and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said Mary A. McDonald. And deponent further faith that the said Mary A. McDonald, at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the best of deponents knowledge and belief of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that he (the Deponent) and John F Livingston and J. T. Lyon, in the presence of each other, and of the said Mary A. McDonald, and at her request signed their names as witnesses, to the due execution of the same.

Robt H Wardlaw

Sworn and subscribed to before me this fourteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine.

William Hill

J. Pro A.C.



The State of S. Ca }  
 Abbeville County } Having examined Robert H. Wadlaw, one of the  
 subscribing witnesses to the annexed writing, and being satisfied that  
 the same contains the last will and testament of Mary A. McDonald  
 dec'd — It is Ordained that it be admitted to probate in "Common form"  
 14 Oct 1869  
 William Hill (Seal)  
 J. Pro. A. C.

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

Thos Thomson.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 18th Day of October 1869

William Hill (Seal)  
 J. Pro. A. C.

Last Will & Testament  
of Philip Le Roy dec'd.

"The last will & testament of  
 Philip Le Roy,  
 Abbeville District South Carolina  
 March 18<sup>th</sup> 1865.

I in the full exercise of my mental powers do  
 will & order the following disposition of my property. Viz.

I will & bequeath the plantation on which I now reside to my  
 present wife Elisabeth, to be her own property & of her heirs after her,  
 also my buggy & horse jock, one cow & calf whichever she may chose,  
 one sow & pigs, one bed & furniture, one bureau & glass, half a dozen  
 of chairs, spinning wheel & cards, such crockery ware & kitchen utensils  
 & furniture as she may select, also four head of sheep, & all the poultry  
 on the place, two tables & clock, one pair of smoothing irons, all the fine  
 cloth that is not made up, with all the fine yarn. In addition to  
 this, the reel.


I will & bequeath to my son Thomas Lee aged about eight weeks  
 the following negroes. Viz: my boy Nick, & girl Ella, if my wife cannot  
 employ these negroes profitably on the farm they are to be hired out yearly  
 by the Executor whom I shall appoint & the proceeds to go to the sup-  
 port of her & her son.

After all my just debts shall have been paid I wish the  
 remainder of my property to be divided among my old set of children  
 in proportion to what they have received, so that what they now received

It have heretofore received shall be an equal division.

I hereby appoint my son John to be the Executor of this will, in the event of his death, or if it shall be necessary to sell the property before John can attend to it, my son Alice is appointed to execute the will.

Witness my hand & Seal

P. Le Roy 

Witnesses

James Macelroy

P. C. Legend

J. O. Lindsay

The State of South Carolina


Abbeville County

Present: - Honorable William Hill, Probate Judge for the County of Abbeville.

Personally appeared P. C. Legend a subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Philip Le Roy late of Abbeville County deceased - who being duly sworn, deposes and saith, that he was present, and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said Philip Le Roy. And deponent further saith that the said Philip Le Roy at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was, to the best of deponents knowledge and belief, of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding; and that he (the deponent) and James Macelroy and J. O. Lindsay, in the presence of each other, and of the said Philip Le Roy, and at his request signed their names as witnesses, to the due execution of the said

P. C. Legend

sworn and subscribed to before me this twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine

William Hill   
J. Pro A. C.

The State of S. Ca }  
Abbeville County } By William Hill, Judge of the Court of Probats. for Abbeville County,

Having examined P. C. Legend, one of the witnesses to the annexed paper, I am satisfied that it contains the true last will of Philip Le Roy decd. and I therefore Order that the said paper - that is to say, the part duly and legally executed, shall be admitted to probate in Com. form - but the remaining part of said writing marked as a Codicil - is to be considered as invalid

20 Oct 1869

William Hill J. Pro A. C. 



I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will of the within named Philip Le Roy deceased, so far as I know or believe and that I will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies contained in said will, as far as his good and chattels will thereto 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.

John B. Le Roy

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 20th day of October 1869.

William Hill, J. Pr. A. C.

Last Will & Testament  
 of  
 Daniel Beachum dec'd

I Daniel S Beachum of the County of Abbeville State of South Carolina, near Cokesbury, do make and publish this my last Will and testament, and first

I direct that my body be decently interred and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate & situation in life. And as to such worldly goods or estate as it hath pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of the same as follows. First I direct that all my debts & funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my wife from any portion of my estate real or personal, to whom, as my beloved wife, Elizabeth Beachum I bequeath till her death the whole of my possessions real & personal to be managed by her as she may think best, but at her death I direct and appoint my daughter Elliott M. Center (should she be surviving) my Executrix, who is to have a fair valuation & appraisement made of all my real & personal Estate, and after such appraisement and the sales of such property as may be sold, the whole is to be equally divided between my children or their heirs, Mary Frances Higgins, Elliott M. Center, Elizabeth Mays & Jefferson Beachum. Also I direct that my daughter Elliott M. Center may take the Homestead & lands adjoining (near 400 acres more or less) upon a fair valuation or appraisement, by paying over to the other heirs whatever may be over her equal and pro rata share of my estate, and should she not desire to do so, either one of the surviving children, upon agreement may do the same. The balance of my real & personal estate of whatever kind, household & kitchen furniture, stocks of all kind must be appraised & sold & the proceeds, equally divided among the four heirs or their surviving children as my desire is that my four children should equally share in my estate whatever may be the arrangement agreed upon. Should my daughter Elliott not survive her mother either of the surviving, may carry out the design of my will so that my property be divided equally among the four children or their issue. In witness whereof I, Daniel S. Beachum, the testator have to this my will, written on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this the 12<sup>th</sup> November

in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty eight.

Daniel S. Beachum <sup>(S)</sup>  
 signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us, who have  
 subscribed in the presence of each other

James P. Smith }  
 J. P. Ligon } Witnesses.  
 J. A. Moore }

The State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville County }

Present: - Honorable William Hill, Probate Judge for  
 the County of Abbeville.

Personally appeared J. A. Moore, one of the subscribing witnesses  
 to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will  
 and testament of Daniel Beachum late of Abbeville County decea-  
 sed who being duly sworn deponeth and saith that he was present, and  
 did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said  
 Daniel Beachum. And deponent further saith that the said  
 Daniel Beachum at the time of executing the said instrument  
 of writing was to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief of  
 sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and  
 that he (the deponent), and James P. Smith, and J. P. Ligon in  
 the presence of each other, and of the said Daniel Beachum,  
 and at his request, signed their names as witnesses to the due  
 execution of the same

J. A. Moore.

Sworn and subscribed before me this fifth day of January  
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

William Hill, J. Pro A. C. Seal

Having examined J. A. Moore one of the witnesses to the annexed  
 writing and being satisfied that the same contains the true last  
 will of Daniel Beachum decd -

Orders that it be admitted to Probate in Com. form.

W. Hill, J. Pro A. C. Seal

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will  
 of the within named Daniel Beachum deceased, so far as I know  
 or believe, and that I will well and truly execute the same by  
 paying first the debts and then the legacies contained in said  
 will, or for as his goods and chattels will thereto extend and  
 the law charge me and that I will make a true and perfect



Inventory of all such goods and chattels. So help me God.

M. E. Center

Sworn and subscribed to before me

this 5th day of January 1870

William Hale J. Pro A.C.

Last will & Testament  
of Martin Hackett decd

State of South Carolina, Abbeville County.

The last will & Testament of Martin Hackett of the State & County aforesaid witnessed, that he is of sound mind & disposing memory & has thought proper to make the following distribution & arrangement of his worldly effects & revoking all former wills made by him—

Trust It is my will & desire that all my just debts be paid, with my funeral expenses, and that suitable grave stones be erected to myself & my wife Mary S. Hackett, and the balance of my estate be distributed as follows. (viz)

2<sup>nd</sup> I will to my Grandson Martin Coleman my silver lever watch & one hundred dollar in cash, and to my grand-daughter Mary Julia Elizabeth McSwain such articles which belonged to her mother (viz) a gold watch—Piano—Bureau. Wardrobe, these articles to be regarded as special bequests to them.

3. It is my will that all the balance of my estate both real & personal go to my wife Mary S. Hackett during her natural life or widowhood, & at her death or manage to be sold at the discretion of my executors, and divided into three parts, and go to the children of my three daughters (viz) Almonia F. Coleman, Emeline S. Rogers & Julia McSwain share & share alike to them or their legal representatives

4<sup>th</sup> It is my will, that the share & property thus willed to her, be equally divided between the children of the other daughters Almonia Coleman & Emeline S. Rogers as named above.

5. I do hereby constitute & appoint my friends W. L. Anderson & J. C. Lipscomb ~~Coleman~~ Executors of this my last Will & Testament.

Given under my hand & seal the 20 day of May A. D. one thousand eight hundred & sixty nine

Martin Hackett (L.S.)

signed sealed & delivered

in the presence of

Jas. Gilland

W. W. Rowland

W. R. Green

The State of South Carolina

Abbeville County

Present:—Honorable William Hale, Probate Judge  
for the County of Abbeville

Personally appeared James Gilland a subscribing  
(witness)

witness to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Martin Hackett late of Abbeville County deceased, who being duly sworn, deposes and saith that he was present, and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said Martin Hackett. And deponent further saith that the said Martin Hackett, at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding: and that W. W. Rowland & D. R. Greer and he (the deponent) in the presence of each other, and of the said Martin Hackett and at his request, signed their names as witnesses, to the due execution of the same.

Jas. Gillam

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this fourteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

William Hill. (Seal)  
J. Proctor

Having examined Jas. Gillam one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed writing, & being satisfied that the same contains the true last will & testament of Martin Hackett deceased. — Ord, that it be admitted to probate in "Common form"

William Hill J. Proctor (Seal)

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

J. C. Lipscomb

Sworn and subscribed before me

14th day of January 1870.

W. Hill. J. Proctor

Last Will & Testament  
of  
Andrew Edwards, dec'd

The State of South Carolina

In the name of God, Amen!

I Andrew Edwards of the County of Abbeville, in the said State, being of sound

and disposing mind, memory and understanding, do make this my last will and testament in manner following.

It is my will that my just debts, if there be any, and my funeral expenses shall be promptly paid.



I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Hannah W. Edwards, during her natural life, my real estate, consisting of about eight hundred acres, in the County and State aforesaid, lying on waters of Blagg Run & Crick, and on both sides of the Bellweather road, and adjoining lands of Matthew Edwards, James Williams and others, being the farm, or plantation on which I now reside, all the household and kitchen furniture, and so many of the horses, mules, neat Cattle, hogs, poultry, agricultural implements, and all other personal chattels as she may desire and select, without any liability to account as a tenant for life: and that such chattels as my wife shall not desire and select, shall be sold by my Executors: And at the death of my wife, should she survive me, it is my will that my real estate above described, and the personal chattels, herein devised and bequeathed to her, during her life, shall, at her death be sold by my executors and the proceeds, together with all moneys, credits, and securities for money, which may be in their hands, be equally divided amongst my children, Anna Amanda Mann, wife of Robert M. Mann, Matthew Lewis Edwards, Andrew M. Edwards, Nathan A. Edwards, John S. Edwards, Jane Elizabeth Mabry, Ephraim Edwards, Margaret Bass, and Amor Whiteford Edwards, excepting that my Executors, and the survivor of them shall hold the share of my daughter, Anna Amanda Mann, in trust, to pay to her, annually during her natural life, and for her sole and separate use, the interest and proceeds thereof, and at her death to divide the principal with any interest that may be in their hands amongst my surviving children herein named.

If I shall survive my said wife, then it is my will that at my death, my whole estate, real and personal shall be sold by my executors, and the proceeds, together with any moneys, credits, or securities for moneys which may belong to me shall be disposed of by them, in the same manner as is herein provided to be done at the death of my said wife, should she survive me.

If one or more of my children above named should depart this life, before my death, and the death of my wife, it is my will that the child or children of such child so dying shall take his or her share of my estate under this will.

For the advantageous sale of my real Estate, my executors shall have authority to cause the same to be divided into two or more suitable tracts, and sell the same on such terms as they may deem advisable, with undoubted

Security for the purchase money.

In the event of the death of any of my children herein named without leaving living at his, her or their death a child or grandchild, it is my will that the share of such child, shall at his, or her death be equally divided amongst my surviving children.

I hereby appoint my sons John G. Edwards and Eparndas Edwards Executors of this my will.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the twenty second day of October Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine, and in the ninety fourth year of the Sovereignty and Independance of the United States of America.

Signed, sealed and published  
as and for his last Will in  
presence of us, who subscribed  
our names in his presence as  
Witnesses to the due execution  
of the same.

Andrew Edwards

Henry S. Cason.

Lewis H. Rusule

Robt E. Hill

The State of South Carolina }  
Abbeville County }

Present: - Honorable William Hill, Probate Judge  
for the County of Abbeville.

Personally appears L. H. Rusule a subscribing  
Witness to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to  
be the last will and testament of Andrew Edwards,  
late of Abbeville County deceased, who being duly  
sworn, deponeth and saith that he was present, and  
did see the said instrument of writing duly executed  
by the said Andrew Edwards. And deponent further  
saith that the said Andrew Edwards, at the time of  
executing the said instrument of writing was to the  
best of deponent's knowledge and belief, of sound and  
disposing mind, memory and understanding; and  
that he (the deponent), and Henry S. Cason and Robt  
E. Hill, in the presence of each other and of the said  
Andrew Edwards, and at his request, signed our names



as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

L. H. Russell.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this seventh day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy

William Hill J. Pro A.C. (Seal)

The State of So. Ca }  
Abbeville County } Having examined L. H. Russell, one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will, and being satisfied that it is the true last will of Andrew Edwards dec'd. Ord. that it be admitted to Probate in "Common form"

William Hill (Seal)  
J. Pro A.C.

7 July 1870

We do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will of the within named Andrew Edwards deceased, so far as we know or believe and that we will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies contained in said will, so far as his 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.

J. G. Edwards,  
E. Edwards,

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3 00 Sworn and subscribed to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 1870-

W. Hill. J. Pro A.C.

The Last Will & Testament  
of Addison Clinkscales  
dec'd

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Addison Clinkscales, a Citizen of the State of South Carolina, and district of Abbeville, being about to leave home for the tented field in defence of the rights and liberty of my Country, and considering the casualties of war, and the uncertainty of human life - do make public, and declare this to be my last will and testament, in manner and form following. That is to say

First. I desire that my Executors hereinafter named, shall pay all my just and lawful debts.

I give and bequeath, my Staff unto my son Melton Melvin during his natural life, and at his decease unto his brother John Melvin (Calvin)

Calvin. The plantation containing five hundred and thirty acres to remain for the use and benefit of my wife and four children, namely John Calvin, Milton Melvin, Mary Frank, and Sally Harrison until my son Milton Melvin arrives to the age of twenty one years of age. My will is that my whole estate, after the payment of my debts as aforesaid, remain in possession of my wife Elizabeth Ann until my youngest son Milton Melvin is twenty one year of age, unless it is ascertained that my said land can be sold for more than seventeen dollars per acre, and in the judgement and discretion of my Executors it would be to the interest of my estate to sell the same, should my said land not be sold until my son Milton Melvin arrives to the age of twenty one years, my will is that my whole estate both real and personal, be sold by my Executors, and after allowing to my wife Elizabeth Ann, the one third of my whole estate real and personal, the residue to be equally divided between my four children, John Calvin, Milton Melvin, Mary Frank and Sally Harrison, and further my will is, that the one third of my estate willed to my wife Elizabeth Ann, at her decease be equally divided between all of my living children, share and share alike, or the legal representatives of any of my children who may not be living.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint, my wife Elizabeth Ann Clinkscales Executor and my friend and father in law John Pratt Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my seal the twenty fifth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty one.

Addison Clinkscales



Signed sealed and declared by the testator to be his last will and testament, in our own presence, and we in the presence of the testator, and at his request have subscribed our names, as witnesses hereunto

A. C. Hawthorn

R. C. Sharps

J. S. Miller