

Whereas by an agreement heretofore made and entered into between my husband William W. Garrison and myself and one Alexander S. Wallace it was provided that certain property and estate should be conveyed to and held by the said Alexander S. Wallace for my use and benefit during my life, and that I should have the right, notwithstanding my coverture, to dispose of said estate by my last Will and Testament or other instrument of writing in the nature thereof, and as though I were a feme sole . And being desirous of exercising the said power so bestowed upon me, and disposing of said estate, I, Sarah C. Garrison, do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner following — that is to say —

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Item 3. I give and bequeath to Leroy Adams for and during the lifetime of my Mother Elizabeth L. Stowe one Negro girl named Lenora and her child Roxanna in trust for the alone and separate use of my mother "

should it so happen that both of my said nieces should die leaving no issue surviving them then the said estate to be held for the use and benefit of any sister of my said nieces, who may then be living; and in default thereof to be equally divided amongst their brothers. On the death of either of my said nieces leaving issue, such issue or children then alive are to take the share so given to her, her or their parent discharged of all trusts. When ~~any said nieces~~ - I mean any of the female children of my sister Margaret, who under this clause of my Will may be entitled to any portion of my estate - arrive at the age of twenty years or marry, my Executor may deliver to each her portion of the property and estate herein bequeathed; but in so doing my said Executors are directed and required to take proper acknowledgments from them as to the times on which said property and estate are to be held, and to secure to my said nieces the said estate for and during their respective lives, free from the control, and debts of their husbands, and upon the further trust and limitations herein before stated. During the minorities of my said nieces I desire the said estate to accumulate for their benefit and none of it is to be expended for them except in the opinion of my Executors it may be absolutely necessary to do so for their support and education."

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Item 9. My Executors, should they think it advisable are hereby
empowered to make sale of any male negroes of whom I may
die possessed, and who are not herein specifically be-
queathed, and to invest the proceeds in other property, bonds,
or stocks as they may think most advantageous for my said
nieces, and to be held on the terms directed in the eighth
Item of this Will.

Item 10. My Executors are empowered to invest the monies
coming into their hands in whatever way they may think most
advantageous for my said nieces, and to change such
investment as often as they may deem necessary.

Item 11. I will and direct that the property herein bequeathed
to my Mother for life be disposed of at her death as I have
directed in regard to my property in the eighth Item of this
my Will.

Item 12. I hereby nominate and appoint George W. Williams
and Samuel W. Milton Executors of this my
Last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
& seal to this ~~the~~ last page of my said Will and my
hand to each of the other four pages, my said Will
being contained in two sheets of paper, occupying

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five pages and composed of Twelve items - this the
Eleventh day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand
eight hundred and fifty, nine.

Signed sealed published declared
by the said Sarah C. Garrison as and for
her last Will and testament in the presence
of us, who in her presence and of each
other and at her request subscribed
our names as witnesses thereto.

J. Blair Hunter
J. F. Wilson
Robert Wilson

Sarah C. Garrison (Seal)

South Carolina

York District

Personally appeared J. B. Hunter & made oath
that he was present & saw Sarah C. Garrison sign & seal the
 foregoing instrument of writing as her last Will & Testament
that J. F. Wilson & Robert Wilson were also present and that
he together with said J. F. Wilson and Robert Wilson
in the presence of each other and of the said Sarah
C. Garrison subscribed their names thereto as witnesses

"and that said S. C. Garrison was then of sound & disposing mind.
 & Blair Hunter

Sworn to &c. Nov. 7th 1859 -

Before me J. M. Kays. C. Y. &c.

Qualifier G. M. Williams, as Executor 7th Nov. 1859.

J. M. Kays C. Y. &c.

State of South Carolina
 County of York

I, Joseph A. McLean, Probate Judge
 in and for the County of York and State aforesaid, which
 is a Court records hereby certify that three attached sheets
 of paper contain a true copy of the last Will and Testament
 of Sarah C. Garrison on file and record in this office.

Given under my hand and seal of
 Office this the 17th Day of April
 A.D. 1873.

Joseph A. McLean
 Probate Judge
 York County, S.C.

State of South Carolina
 County of York

I hereby certify that Joseph A.

County of York

I hereby certify that Joseph A. McLean, whose true and genuine signature is attached to the foregoing certificate was at the date thereof Probate Judge of York County, in the State of South Carolina.
Witness my hand this 18th day of April 1873 -

J. J. Mackey
Presiding Judge of the Circuit S.C."

It not appearing affirmatively from the foregoing that said Will has been duly proved, It is therefore ordered that a summons issue to the Sheriff of Gaston County commanding him to summon John F. Wilson to be and appear at Dallas on Tuesday the 10th day of June 1873 to answer such questions as may be asked him touching the execution of said Will.

Summons issued 9th June 1873.

Summons returned 10th June 1873, and endorsed in presence of Probate Judge by J. F. Wilson
"Received Accepter 10th June 1873. J. F. Wilson"

Thence said John F. Wilson being duly sworn did make affidavit in writing as follows:

North Carolina } In the Probate Court
Easton County } Before E. H. Withers, P. J. & C. S. C.

In the matter of the Last
Will and Testament of }
Sarah C. Garvin dec'd }

John F. Wilson being duly sworn says:
That he was present and saw Sarah C. Garvin sign and seal
an instrument of writing (of which the exemplification of the
records of York County Probate Court in the above stated case
filed is a true copy) as her last Will and Testament; and
that Robert Wilson and J. B. Hunter were also present, and
that affiant, together with said Robert Wilson and J. B. Hunter
at the request and in the presence of said Sarah C. Garvin
and in the presence of each other did subscribe their
names as witnesses, testify, and that as affiant is ~~believer~~
said Sarah C. Garvin was of sound mind and capable
of disposing of her property according to her own will
at that time.

J. F. Wilson

at that time.

J. P. Wilson

In me to and subscribed before me this 10th day of June 1873
C. H. Withers,

Probate Judge & C. S. C.
for Gaston County.

Now therefore it is adjudged that the Will of said
Sarah E. Garvin has been duly proved according
to Law, this 10th day of June 1873. C. H. Withers

Probate Judge & C. S. C. for
Gaston County, N. C.

North Carolina } Before the Probate
Gaston County } Court of said County.

June 12, 1873. — Now Whereupon and

therefore it is adjudged that W. A. Stowe is entitled to the
administration upon said estate of S. E. Garvin dec'd, and
according to the provisions of said Will, and that he be & is
hereby appointed Administrator of the Estate of said
S. E. Garvin dec'd with said Will annexed.

C. H. Withers Probate Judge & C. S. C.
for Gaston County N. C.