

## State of South Carolina.

In the name of God amen.

This is the last will and testament of one Mary Fourn Ladsen. My Farm in Henderson County North Carolina together with all the stock agricultural tools and household furniture therein and all the family portraits in my house in Charleston South Carolina known as No 6 and 8 Meeting Street. I give devise and bequeath to my nephew James H. Ladsen for and during the term of his natural life, and from and immediately after his death in case he leave issue living at his death then to such issue per stirpes absolutely and forever. Should he have no issue then the said farm stock agricultural tools and household furniture or whatever shall stand in their place shall revert to my estate. I now contemplate buying a Farm the possession of which whether by lease or otherwise I purpose to give to my nephew Robert Gilmer Ladsen during my life. This Farm with all the stock agricultural tools and household furniture therein I give devise and bequeath unto my said nephew Robert Gilmer Ladsen for and during the term of his natural life and from and immediately after his death in case he leave issue living at his death then to such issue per stirpes absolutely and forever. Should he have no such issue then the said Farm stock agricultural tools or whatsoever shall stand in their place shall revert to my estate. The House and lot where I now live in Charleston and known as No 6 and 8 Meeting Street in the City of Charleston together with all the furniture and other articles therein at my death I give to my executor Hemminger named his heirs and assigns - In Trust nevertheless to hold the same and to permit and suffer my two nieces Eliza Ann (Buly) Ladsen and Gabel Brien Ladsen to use and occupy the same during their natural lives respectively and so long as they both shall remain or be unmarried - upon the marriage of either of them, then the right of so occupying to the said house and lot furniture and other articles therein (hereinafter to be designated as said premises) shall be suspended



and Cease during her said marriage and the one being  
 unmarried shall have the sole right to use and occupy the said  
 premises during her natural life and so long as she shall  
 be unmarried. But should either of my said nieces being  
 married become a widow, then the right of my said niece  
 to use and occupy the said premises shall immediately  
 upon her becoming a widow revive as if she had never married.  
 Should my niece Sarah now married to Edward Robertson  
 become a widow, then immediately upon her becoming such  
 widow she shall have an equal right with her said sisters  
 Lula and Isobel to use and occupy the said premises upon  
 the marriage of all of my said nieces or such of them as  
 shall at any time be living then my said Executor shall  
 hold said premises for the use benefit and behoof of my  
 then said nieces Lula Sarah and Isobel or the widows  
 of them for and during the natural life of the longest  
 liver of them my said nieces. But the issue of any one or  
 more of them my said nieces who may die in the life  
 time of her sisters or sister, shall during the life of  
 such the longest liver be entitled to the same  
 rights in the said premises as her or their mother  
 if alive would have been entitled unto and in  
 case such one or more so dying have no issue  
 living at her or their death or such issue die  
 before the longest liver of my said nieces then  
 the share or shares of such niece or nieces so  
 dying without such issue or whose issue shall  
 die as aforesaid shall pass over immediately upon  
 the happening of either of such contingencies as the  
 case may be and vest in the survivors or survivor  
 of them my said nieces Lula Sarah and Isobel  
 with like right to their issue as to this agreed  
 part as to the original part taken by her or them  
 under this will. Upon the death of the longest liver  
 of my said nieces Lula Sarah and Isobel then  
 my said Executor shall hold the said premises  
 to the use benefit and behoof of the issue then  
 living of such of my said nieces or nieces as  
 shall have issue then living per stirpes  
 absolutely and forever freed and discharged  
 from all trusts. Should all every the above  
 purposes fail the above property shall  
 revert to estate - Provided always



nevertheless that all and singular the said gifts bequests and devises are subject to the rights of my sister in law Mrs. Isabel Ann Benson Bodson widow of my brother Wm Henry Bodson during her life time according to her own discretion to live and reside in any of the houses upon the said farms or either of them or on the lot in Charleston and to occupy the same in common with the legates and devisees of the said respective pieces of property as a home or residence staying at each place such part or parts of the year or the whole thereof as to her from time to time during her said life shall be agreeable to her. And provided further that power is hereby given to my Executor hereinafter named with the assent of the respective legates and devisees being left tenants respectively of the said several pieces of property to sell any one or all of them and in such case he shall hold the sale money and invest and keep the same invested charging the investment thereof as often as may be necessary and collect and receive the income thereof paying the same to the life tenants or life tenants entitled to the use respectively of such piece of said property holding the principal thereof for the of the remainderman respectively so that the sale moneys shall represent and stand in the place of the said several pieces of property respectively and be applied in the same manner as the same are herein before described to be applied. All the rest residue and remainder of my property I give to my said Executor his heirs and assigns in trust nevertheless to sell the same at such time and in such manner and on such terms whether as a whole or in lots into which he may divide the same and whether for all cash or part cash and part credit and generally in such way as he may think most advantageous and the net proceeds of such sale after payment of all my debts and expenses connected with the administration under this will to divide equally among such of my nephews and nieces namely the said James H. Robert Elvira Eliza Ann (Lala) and Isabel Bodson and Sarah Robertson and also Edith



Fearn and Virginia Lee Fearn as may be living at the time of my death; the issue of any deceased nephew or niece nevertheless to represent her shares his her or their parents or parents and to take such share or shares as such parent or parents if alive would have been entitled unto. Should I at any time find it necessary to mortgage any one or more of the aforesaid pieces of property herein after specifically devised viz: the said farms and the house and lot in Charleston then it shall be the duty of my Executor to pay such mortgage debts on debt from the rest and residue of my estate as far as practicable and if this is not sufficient for the purpose then each piece so specifically devised shall be charged pro rata according to its value with a proportion of the said mortgage debt or debts. I hereby appoint Henry E. Young Executor of this my last will and testament giving unto him subject to the above declared restrictions as to the farms and house and lot specifically devised full and absolute power to lease sell or otherwise dispose of all or any part of my estate as to him shall seem good and he may said Executor shall be liable only for wilful default and not mischance error of judgment or mistake.

Witness my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April anno Domini One thousand eight hundred and eighty  
 At  
 Mary F. Ladsen

Signed published and declared by the above named Mary Fearn Ladsen as, and for her last will and testament in the presence of us who all present together at the same time and place at her request and in the presence of her and of each other have hereto subscribed our names as witnesses the words "of withe" on the second page fifteenth line being first erased.

Ben H. Rutledge Jr  
 W. Maudslayi Gauden  
 E. N. Thurston Jr

I hereby declare this a codicil to my will. From the family portfolio given to my nephew James H. Ladsen, 25 Sept



those pointed by my late uncle Mr Charles Fraser  
and those so excepted I give to my nieces Edith  
Fraser and Virginia Lee Fraser or if either  
predecease me to the survivor absolutely and  
forever Furthermore the rest residue and remainder  
of my estate consists now in part of shares in  
action and in part of real estate. Out of the  
part now consisting of shares in action not  
used in the purchase and stocking of the farm  
divested as above to my nephew R. Gilman  
Lodsen I give the sum of (\$3000) three thousand  
dollars or if this part does not amount to said  
sum then I give the whole thereof to my two said  
nieces Julia and Isabel Brun Lodsen each  
one half absolutely and forever. And I do  
declare this to be a codicil to be taken as part  
of my said will and ratify and confirm the  
same in all particulars not affected by  
this codicil. In witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and subscribed  
my name this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1886.

May F. Lodsen

Signed published and declared by the  
above named Mary Fraser Lodsen as  
and for a codicil to her last will and  
testament in the presence of us who all  
present together at the same time and  
place at her request and in the presence  
of her and of each other have hereunto  
subscribed our names as witnesses.

Bury H. Rutledge Jr  
W. Mullin Gordon  
E. N. Thurston Jr.

Probate in common form  
will & codicil before William E. Vincent  
Judge of Probate Charles Co. County on the twenty  
sixth day of August A.D. 1886 and on the  
thirtieth day of August A.D. 1886. qualified  
Henry S. Bury & co. for their names



The State of South Carolina }  
 County of Charleston }

Present: - Honorable William E. Vincent

Probate Judge for the county of Charleston.  
 Personally appeared E. N. Thurston Jr. subscribing  
 witness to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting  
 to be the last will and testament & codicil of Mary F.  
 Loden late of Charleston deceased, who being  
 duly sworn deponeeth and saith that he was  
 present and did see the said instrument of writing  
 duly executed by the said Mary F. Loden and  
 dependent further with that the said Mary F.  
 Loden at the time of executing the said instru-  
 ment of writing, was, to the best of deponent's knowl-  
 edge and belief, of sound and disposing mind  
 memory and understanding, and that

E. N. Thurston Jr. (the  
 deponent) and W. Moultrie Lunden and Benj  
 H. Rutledge Jr. in the presence of each other,  
 and the said Mary F. Loden and at her  
 request, signed names as witnesses, to the due  
 execution of the same E. N. Thurston Jr.  
 sworn and subscribed to before me, this  
 twenty sixth day of August in the year of our  
 Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty six.

W. E. Vincent P. J. On due consideration of the  
 testimony had in this case and the sufficiency thereof,  
 I do hereby adjudge and decree probate in  
 common form said last will and testament  
 & codicil of Mary F. Loden

W. E. Vincent P. J.

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the  
 true last will of the within named Mary F. Loden  
 deceased, so far as I know or believe, and that I  
 will will 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  
 thimble & find 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. H. E. Gurney  
 sworn and subscribed to before me this 30  
 day of Augt 1886.



The State of South Carolina  
County of Charleston

By William C. Vincent Esquire, Probate Judge. To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting: Know ye, that on the twenty six day of August which was in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty six the last will and testament of Mary T. Sadler late of Charleston in this state, deceased, was proved, approved and allowed of; the said deceased having whilst she lived, and at the time of her death, diverse goods, rights, credits, within the state aforesaid; by means whereof the approbation and allowance of her testament and the power of granting the administration of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased to one is manifestly known to belong, and that the administration of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased and her testament, any manner of way concerning was granted and committed unto Henry C. Perry named

Executor in the said last will testament; being first sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God and faithfully to administer, and make a full and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased, and to exhibit the same into the Probate Court in Charleston in order to be recorded, on or before the thirtieth day of October now next coming; and to render a just and true account calculation and reckoning thereof when thereunto required.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the thirtieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty six and in the 111<sup>th</sup> year of American independence

William C. Vincent  
Judge of Probate

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State of South Carolina } For the Probate  
County of Charleston } Court.

I William E. Vincent Judge of the Probate  
Court of the County of Charleston, and State  
of South Carolina and ex-officio clerk of  
said Court, do hereby certify the foregoing  
papers to be, and contain a true and correct  
amplification and copy of the appointment  
of Henry E. Gurney of Charleston attorney at  
law as Executor of the estate of Mary F.  
Brown late of said County and State, deceased,  
and of the letters to be issued thereon. In testimony  
whereof, I have hereunto set my official signature  
as Judge and ex-officio clerk of said Court, with  
the seal of said Court attached this thirteenth day of August  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and eighty six.

Wm E Vincent Clerk  
Judge and ex-officio of the  
Probate Court of Charleston County } Official  
South Carolina } Seal

State of South Carolina  
County of Charleston

I William E. Vincent Judge  
of the Court of Probate of the County of Charleston,  
and State of South Carolina, do hereby certify  
that there is no clerk of said Court, and that  
none is required by law, and that the Judge of said  
Court is ex-officio clerk of said Court, and I do  
further certify that the foregoing attestation  
of said Judge as ex-officio clerk of said Court is  
in due form. In testimony whereof, I have  
hereunto set my official signature as Judge,  
with the seal of said Court attached, this thirteenth  
day of August 1886.

William E. Vincent  
Judge of the Probate Court  
of the County of Charleston State  
of South Carolina

Official  
Seal



State of North Carolina }  
Crisp County }

Judge Superior Court  
Before the Clerk.  
Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1886

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be a copy of  
the last will and testament of Mary P. Laddan late of  
the Charleston State of South Carolina is exhibited before  
me by Henry E. Young the executor therein named, and  
it appearing ~~that~~ from the foregoing certificate that the  
said will has been duly probated in the County of Charleston  
State of South Carolina, and the foregoing copy duly certified  
and it appearing that the testator had property in the  
County of Crisp State of North Carolina.

It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed  
that the same together with the certificate and this  
certificate be ~~registered~~ recorded and filed.

Wm. Pace

Clerk Superior Court.