

I OF GOD, AMEN:

I, Jesse P. Lewis of the District of Pickens, in the State of South Carolina, do make a will to be my last will and testament. That is to say - I devise and bequeath to my Executors hereinafter named all property both real and personal of whatsoever kind or description for the trusts, uses and purposes hereinafter mentioned, viz - In the first place they are to pay all my just debts and my funeral expences out of the sale of such of my property as they may deem the least profitable and such as can be spared with the least inconvenience to my family; or the proceeds of such sale may be placed at interest or vested in other property, and my debts and funeral expences paid out of the other assets which may come to their hands. I authorize my executors to sell all or any part of my property real and personal, except as hereinafter excepted, whenever they may deem it for the interest of my wife and children, and the proceeds to vest in other property or placed at interest at their discretion, and so to continue to do as often as they think advisable. I will that all my estate after the payment of debts, &c., shall constitute a fund for the joint support and maintenance of my wife and children and the education of the latter. Should my wife not marry again before one of my children shall arrive to full age or marry, on the happening of either of these latter events, I desire that all my estate shall be appraised or estimated by three good men chosen by my executors and that the child so marrying or arriving to full age shall then receive from my Executors his or her proportion or dividend, allowing a like share or dividend for my wife and each of her other children. And if my wife shall marry again before either of my children shall marry or arrive at full age, the like course is to be pursued, she receiving her share or proportion, allowing a like share or portion for each one of her children. As long as my wife remains unmarried, my property is to be considered a joint fund for the maintenance and education of that child or children remaining under age or

unmarried, and herself, but if she married before either of her children marries or arrives to full age, my executors shall determine whether it will be most advantageous to the children to divide their property or keep it together for their joint maintenance and education

I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my trusty friends, R. A. Maxwell; David S. Taylor, and my wife S. M. Lewis, Executors of this my last will and testament, and Guardians of my children, their persons and property, until their marriages or full age respectively.

My beloved wife, the Mother of my children, to be joined in the said Guardianship during her widowhood, but at the termination of that, her share in the guardianship is to cease.

SIGNED, sealed, published and declared to be the last will of the Testator in our presence, & signed by us this 20th day of Nov. 1841.

I desire that my dear and trusty friends B. F. Sloan and J. V. Shaulin shall also be joined and act as executors and trustees for the purposes specified and to be specified in this my will and the said executors and trustees are directed on the assignment and delivery of the of the portion of any child or children to make such settlement or limitation of all or any part thereof as they may in their discretion may deem advisable.

I desire also that my beloved wife Susan may act as an Executrix in the execution of the ordinary matters connected in this wills but not as trustee for the extraordinary specified in this . If the claim to Amy and her issue supposed by some to belong to my daughter Nancy shall be insisted on she shall take nothing under my will.

(The words with and she interlined above before signed.)

SIGNED, sealed, published & declared to be the last will of the testator in our presence & signed by us in his this 20th Nov'r, 1841.

JESSE P. LEWIS. (SEAL)

R. F. SIMPSON.
E. J. SIMPSON.
SAM'L HALL.

SOUTH CAROLINA.)

PICKENS DISTRICT.)

PERSONALLY appeared before me W. D. Steele, Ordinary for Pickens District, Maj. Richard F. Simpson, who being duly sworn made oath that he was present & seen Jesse P. Lewis sign the within as his last Will & Testament and that M. M. Simpson & Samuel Hall was with himself subscribing witnesses to the same.

Given to before me

31st Oct. 1845.

R. F. SIMPSON.

W. D. STEELE, O.P.D.

Be it Remembered that on the 31st day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five that the foregoing last Will & Testament of Jesse P. Lewis, Esq., late of Pickens District, deceased, was proven in common form by the oath of Richard F. Simpson.

W. D. STEELE, O.P.D.

RECORDED in Will Book No. 1. pages 109-110-111.