

PICKENS DISTRICT.
BE IT REMEMBERED That I, John Verner of the aforesaid State and District, being weak in body but of sound mind, do hereby make this my last will and testament as follows, having given off to my sons Samuel J. Verner, E. P. Verner, my daughter Rebecca, now Mrs. Shaler also, what I intend for them, by deeds of gifts and otherwise. Do hereby give and bequeath unto my absent children, Viz - Wm. E. Verner, Mary P. Cockerham John T. Humphreys, Charles J. Verner and M. S. Stribling an equal divide of all the property I may die possessed of.

Having full confidence in my sons Samuel J. Verner and E. P. Verner I do hereby appoint them as my Executors and to apportion off to D. D. Verner and L. H. Verner such a divide of the common property as they may think them entitled to. It is my desire that the negroes may have a right to chose their masters giving them the same humanity extended to my other slaves heretofore.

It is my desire and my charge that you all be satisfied, and maintain a dignity of character not to have any difficulty in the settlement of this my last will and testament.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 4th Decr. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

In the presence of

JOHN VERNER. (SEAL)

S. H. JOHNS.
A. W. Haslett.
OLIVER P. HIX.

SOUTH CAROLINA.)
PICKENS DISTRICT.)

PERSONALLY appeared S. H. Johns and made oath in due form of law and says that he saw John Verner late of Pickens District, deceased, sign, seal and publish the within will as his last will and testament and that Oliver P. Hix, A. W. Haslett was with himself subscribing witnesses to the same.

S. H. JOHNS.

SWORN to and subscribed before me
the twenty-ninth day of September,
in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and fifty-three.
W. L. PARSONS, S.P.D.

RECORDED in Will Book No. 1.
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