

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

I, Thomas ~~of the county of South Carolina, Pickens Dis-~~
trict, of a sound mind and memory and aware of the uncertainty
of the duration of my life, and desirous of disposing of such worldly
estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with, do make and
constitute this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others
heretofore made by me.

First, I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

Secondly, I will and bequeath unto my beloved and cherished wife
Darcas, during her life or widowhood, a negro woman named Juliet and
her future increase. Also the use and possession of my dwelling and
other buildings where I now live, together with the use and possession
of so much of the lands which I own on the East side of 12 Mile river
(together with the mills) as are necessary for the comfortable support
of herself and negroes. Also so much of my household and kitchen fur-
niture as she may select for her use together with such stock as she
may desire for use, to be selected from what I may own.

Thirdly, I will and bequeath unto my son Samuel F. a negro boy
William.

Fourthly, I will and bequeath unto my son James D. a feather bed
and furniture, and a bureau, and the tract of land on which he now
lives containing about one hundred and fifty acres.

Fifthly, I will and bequeath unto my daughter Lucinda, the wife of
Allen C. Harbin, during her lifetime, a negro girl Amy and her future
increase, and after her death to the heirs of her body, if any, if not,
then the said woman Amy and her increase to revert to the then surviv-
ing children of my deceased son, John W. Cassaway.

Sixthly, I will and bequeath unto my son Thomas H. a negro boy
Elijah, and a bookcase.

Seventhly, I will and bequeath unto my son Joseph Smith, all the
lands of which I may die possessed lying on the East side of the
road leading from Pendleton to Mauldins Ford on 12 Mile River, being
composed of the Campbell place and a small part of the Homestead where-

on are the mills, said lands being subject to the provisions as stated in my second bequest. Also a tract of land containing about two hundred acres, on the West side of 12 Mile river known as the Todd lands. Also a negro boy John, together with a feather bed & furniture, bedstead and walnut bureau, and a sorrel horse known as Mary.

Eighthly, I will and bequeath unto my daughter Darcas Ann, a negro girl Mariab ~~her~~ her future increase, a cow & calf, two feather beds and furniture & bedsteads, and all the land I may die possessed of lying on the West side of the road leading from Penitence to Mauldins Ford on 12 Mile river, known as the Home place, said land being subject to the provision expressed in the second bequest of this my will. In case my daughter Darcas Ann should die without any heir of her ^{own} body, I will that said lands shall revert and be equally divided among all the heirs of my body.

Ninthly, I will and bequeath unto my son ~~Frank D.~~ a negro boy Henry.

Tenthly, I will and bequeath unto my son James D. in trust for the use and benefit of my daughter Elizabeth, the wife of Jesse C. Crenshaw, a tract of land containing about eighty acres, on which she now lives, being the same for which I have this day paid J. T. Sloan the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, and also I will unto said James D. in trust for the use of said Elizabeth the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars, with interest from this date, and I hereby empower said James, after my death to keep said amount at interest and pay the interest annually to said Elizabeth, or to invest said amount in other good property ~~with~~ her consent for her use and benefit. Said lands & money or its proceeds after the death of said Elizabeth to be equally divided among the heirs of her body.

Eleventhly, I will and bequeath unto my Granddaughter Matilda Cassaway (the daughter of my deceased son Wesley) a negro girl Rebecca, said girl to remain in the possession of my wife Darcas during her life.

Twelfthly, I will that after the death of my wife the woman Juliet be permitted to choose which of my children she desires to go to, together with her future increase, and that whichever she may choose shall become the owner of her and her future increase.

Thirteenthly, I will that any property of which I may die possessed

divided among my heirs.

Fourteenthly, I desire that if my brother Daniel shall directly or indirectly present any claim or demand against my estate, my Executors to take so much of the same as may be necessary to prosecute my claim to the real estate which my father James Cassaway died seized and possessed.

Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my son James D. Cassaway, and my friend Henry L. Gaines Executors of this my last will and testament.

SIGNED sealed and executed this the 8th day of November, 1853.

In presence of

JOHN T. SLOAN.
DENNIS SULLIVAN.
M. R. BOGGS.

THOS. GASSAWAY. (SEAL)

SOUTH CAROLINA. }
PICKENS DISTRICT. }

PERSONALLY appeared Dennis Sullivan and made oath in due form of law that he was present and did see Thos. Cassaway, late of Pickens District, deceased, sign, seal and publish the within to be his last will and testament and that John T. Sloan and M. R. Boggs were together with himself subscribing witnesses to the same.

SWORN to and subscribed to before me this 13th day of December one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

D. SULLIVAN.

W. J. FARSONS, C.P.D.

RECORDED in Pickens District Will Book No. 1, pages 170-171.