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The foregoing will was admitted to probet and ordered  
to be recorded see minutes & page 149 Recorded 15 Sept  
1838 James D Craig Clerk

Joseph Lawrence Will

In the State of South Carolina York District In the name  
of God amen I Joseph Lawrence of the State and district  
of aforesaid State being of sound mind & disposing mind do  
make and ordain this my last will & testament in manner & to  
form following & c. 1<sup>st</sup> I will & bequeath unto my son Allen the  
tract of Land & lot of John James containing about or  
two hundred acres more or less reference to the conveyance to myself  
the founding thereof will fully appear to him & his heirs forever  
also one bed furniture & one Cow & calf & my negro girl named  
Gianna will her increase borne after this day if Gianna dies  
before Allen obtain the possession of her from use then her value  
to be made up to him out of my estate. 2<sup>nd</sup> I will & bequeath  
to my son Allen in special trust for the separate use & support  
and maintenance of my daughter Frances during the  
term of her natural life the following property to wit:  
I make her daughter Sarah & her child now at this present  
being a female & with the said negroes their future increase  
born after this day & after the death of my said daughter the  
said negroes with their increase to be equally divided among  
my said child or children as the said Frances may  
leave living at the time of her death & these & I care shall  
be taken that their heirs forever and should my said daughter  
die without leaving such child or children alive at the  
time of death then the said negroes with their increase shall re-  
vert to my heirs at law & be equally divided among them &  
their heirs forever should anake or his children or any of them  
die before possession possessed from me the value thereof  
to be made up from my estate under the same limitations  
and restrictions as anake then increase. 3<sup>rd</sup> I will and  
bequeath unto my wife Martha her support and maintenance  
out of the plantation I now live on during her widowhood &  
at her death or marriage the same to be equally divided between  
my sons Allen & William and their heirs forever the said  
last mentioned tract of Land containing two hundred  
and thirty one acres more or less being the same lot of  
Samuel Warler reference to the conveyance to myself the  
boundaries will fully appear. I also will & bequeath to my  
said wife a negro girl named Leega if Leega die before myself  
I will & bequeath to her a nether negro girl worth two hundred  
and fifty dollars. 4<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my son Willi-  
am in special trust for the special use support and

Maintenance of my daughter Clementine during  
the term of her natural life Three negroes of  
same of those bequeathed to my daughter Frances under the same  
regulations restrictions and limitations as those Willed by said  
daughter Frances & in every future letter to pass in the same  
way and manner. 5<sup>th</sup> I will direct that all the negroes  
of which I may die possessed except those willed to Allen  
and my daughter Frances do remain on the plantation  
whereon I now live together with my stock of horses cattle  
sheep and hogs household & kitchen furniture & farming  
implements which property I charge with the education of my sons  
Robert & Joseph and the maintenance of them my wife  
& my children William and Clementine my daughter I wish  
my son William to remain on the plantation with his  
mother during her life, but if he refuses to do so when he arrives  
at the age of twenty one year I allow him one negro of the same  
value of Allen I also allow my son Robert & Joseph as they  
arrive at the age of twenty one year respecting one negro boy  
each of the value of Allen negro and do when my  
daughter Clementine marries or comes of age she is then  
to have her portion off. 6<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath at the  
death of my wife that all my negroes & personal property  
shall be equally divided amongst my children I have  
and shall alike their executors & administrators forever  
the negroes & other personal property conveyed by these clauses  
is not to include any specific bequest heretofore given  
or devised. 7<sup>th</sup> I allow my son Allen the benefit of  
both the meadow land on the Water Tract and I also  
so much of my stock to be sold by my Executors as they  
may think proper for raising money to educate my sons  
Robert & Joseph. 8<sup>th</sup> I nominate and appoint my wife  
and my son Allen Executors & Executor of this my last  
Will and testament hereby revoking & annulling all  
former Wills by me made. In testimony whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand & seal this 29<sup>th</sup> July 1834

Signed sealed & acknowledged Joseph Leavance Esq  
in the presence of us who in the presence of the testator  
and of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses  
thereto. There was no marriage was entertained before this  
will was signed John Carrance Isaac  
Campbell Daniel Carrance South Carolina  
York District & Benjamin Chambers Esquire  
Ordinary of the District aforesaid do hereby certify  
the foregoing & within to be a true copy of the last  
Will & Testament of Joseph Leavance late of  
the district & State aforesaid. Given under my hand &

private. Seal hereby my no public Seal of office.  
March 27<sup>th</sup> 1837 Benjamin Chambers Esq. J. D.  
The State of South Carolina B. A. Butler by his  
Excellency Governor and Council and in chief de &  
over the State aforesaid go all to whom these presents  
shall come know ye that Benjamin Chambers whose  
Signature and Seal of office appears on the annexed  
sheet of paper in the Judges of the Court of ordinary  
for the District of York in the State aforesaid to whom  
belongs the care and safe keeping of original will and  
granting probate thereof that he satisfied & in due form  
by the proper office & his Signature General. Therefore all  
due faith credit and authority is and ought to be had &  
given to the proceedings and certificates as such. In  
Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
Caused to be affixed the Seal of the State in the town of  
Columbia the twentieth day of December in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven and  
in the sixty second year of the independence of the  
United States of America By The Governor B. H. Saxon  
Secretary of State

The foregoing Will was admitted to Probate & ordered to be  
Recorded see Minutes of page 231.  
Recorded September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1835  
James T. Craig Clk.

### Ashley Woods Will

I Ashley Wood of the County of Dallas and State  
of Alabama being of sound mind though of weak and infirm  
body do hereby make and publish this my last will and  
testament to take effect immediately after my earthly exis-  
tence shall have terminated. That is to say after the pay-  
ment of my just debts and funeral expenses. it is my  
will and desire that my dear beloved daughter Leticia Ann  
now the wife of doctor Wm. A. Grigsby shall have all of my  
remaining property and effects (not heretofore disposed of by me  
in writing) and I hereby give and bequeath unto her for  
her own sole separate and special use benefit & all my  
property (saving only as aforesaid) and effects whether in money  
bills bonds or notes for payment and of money or other  
thing of value. Slaves horses Cattle Lands or tenements  
or hereditaments, and whatever else of value of which  
I may be seized or possessed. I hereby give and  
bequeath to my said daughter during her life and after  
wards to the heirs of her body if any she should have.