

A
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made oath that on April 15th last, Berry the property of William Hunter did come to where her son Hamp was fishing and did raise a fuss with him and took a brush and beat him. The jury found the boy not guilty . . . No. 11. On Nov. 27, 1852 Israel Mayfield made oath that he believes that Henry a slave belonging to Leonard Capehart did on Aug. 8th take and carry away from his patch several watermellons one a very large one . . . No. 12. On Jan. 29, 1850 James White made oath that he believes that Parris a slave the property of Thomas Alexander did on the night of the 25th Inst. commit an assault on the person of Milly Oglesby a free woman of color. Milly Oglesby says that she was waked up between morning and day, heard Rachel hollowing murder and said Paris was choking her, went out to meet them. Rachel went into Mrs. Calhouns house, Paris tried to go in after her. I pushed him back several times and then Paris struck me. They then went on down to next house & Paris followed. They ordered him out of the house but he would not go. Pushed him several times, tried to get him out. Paris made many threats said he would have his money or kill some of them, also threatened to burn down her house, he struck her and bit her finger. Mrs. Calhoun sworn said Rachel & Paris came to her house quarreling, ordered them not to come in her house. Milly pushed Paris out and against the door. Paris struck Milly. Milly tried to keep peace. Paris said he wanted them to go home & give up his money. Milly had been staying with her since Christmas. Lucinda Kelly says, Saw Paris at her mothers house, saw him strike Milly . . . Tom a slave of W. L. Keith said he was at Millys the night the money was stolen. Saw no fighting between them. The jury found Paris guilty and sentenced him to 25 lashes on his bare back . . . No. 13. On Jany. 26, 1850 Susannah Carver made oath that she believes that Gabriel Shoemate a free person of color has within the last week grossly slandered her and her daughter Polly Carver with the following words, that he Gabriel Shoemate and the said Susannah Carver were trying to root out David James for her & her daughter to get his house to live in, so that the said Gabriel might have the use of her said daughter Polly . . . No. 14. On Sept. 26, 1850 G. W. Farr made oath that he believes that Frances a negro woman belonging to Clary Turner & Rebuen a negro boy belonging to G. W. Farr did steal some money from him between 25 & 40 dollars. G. W. Farr sworn says, "That Frances told him she had met with one of her old friends & he paid her 2 dollars & she bought those things with, afterwards she told me how she did come by these things that old Uncle Abraham had let her have the money. The jury found them guilty and sentenced them to be tied and strip their bare backs and that each have fifty lashes.

→ ESTATE OF JOSHUA CHAPMAN BOX 44 NO. 492
PROBATE JUDGE'S OFFICE, PICKENS CO. S. C.

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Estate admnr. Aug. 10, 1857 by Samuel Chapman, Abraham Sargent, J. E. Hagood, E. E. Alexander who are bound unto W. J. Parsons Ord. Pickens Dist. in sum of \$2,000.00 . . . Summons in petition Joseph Merck & wife vs. Joel Chapman. To Elizabeth Chapman, Jacob Chapman, Rachel Chapman, Isaac A. Chapman, Margaret Chapman, Samuel Chapman, David Garret & wife Elizabeth and the heirs of Giles Chapman decd. viz. John F. Chapman and Mary E. Chapman were required to appear before the Ord. to show cause

why the real estate of Samuel Chapman should not be sold . . . Dated Aug. 4, 1858 . . . Owned 192 acres of land more or less lying on Shoal Creek bounded by lands of Carter Clayton, Samuel Chapman & others . . . On April 15, 1861 Obadiah J. Wigington and Ruth his wife of Cobb County, Georgia appointed Samuel Chapman of Pickens District their Attorney. The widow was Elizabeth Chapman . . . J. Merck & wife Susannah were heirs . . . Feb. 19, 1858 Heirs out of the state were viz. Thomas McKinney & wife Mary, Joel Chapman, Israil Chapman, O. J. Wigington & wife Ruth. On August 2, 1869 Susannah Merck, Elizabeth Garrett, Jacob Chapman, Toliver Roper & wife Mary E., David Tompkins & wife Mary, Clinton Hollingsworth and wife Elizabeth were required to appear before the Ordinary on the 6th Sept. 1869 to show cause why the real estate of Joshua Chapman situated on Shoal Creek waters of 12 Mile River should not be sold . . . On June 27, 1869 states that Toliver Roper & wife Mary E. were heirs of Giles Chapman decd. David Tompkins & wife Mary, Clinton Hollingsworth & wife Elizabeth R. were heirs of Isaac Chapman decd. . . . Joel Chapman resides in Tennessee . . . Mary McKinney resides in Georgia. ,

→ ESTATE OF DELLA CHAPMAN BOX 48 NO. 531
PROBATE JUDGES OFFICE, PICKENS CO. S. C.

□ Estate admnr. March 29, 1858 by F. N. Garvin, J. N. Lawrence who are bound unto W. J. Parsons Ord. Pickens Dist. in sum of \$300.00.

→ ESTATE OF JOHN CHAPMAN BOX 9 NO. 118
PROBATE JUDGE'S OFFICE, PICKENS, S. C.

□ Estate admnr. April 6, 1840 by Samuel Chapman, Joshua Chapman, Moses Hendrix who are bound unto James H. Dendy Ord. Pickens Dist. in sum \$1,000.00 . . . Samuel Chapman was a son of said John Chapman . . . Left a widow and children, but no names given. (Loose paper found probably goes in this package). April 8, 1843 Rhodney Chapman recd. \$317.00 from estate of her father John Chapman decd.

→ ESTATE OF BENJAMIN CHAPMAN BOX 23 NO. 271
PROBATE JUDGES OFFICE, PICKENS CO. S. C.

□ Estate admnr. Oct. 18, 1850 by General F. N. Garvin, William Smith Esq., J. A. Doyle who are bound unto William D. Steele Ord. Pickens Dist. in sum of \$2,800.00 . . . Expend: 1849 Paid W. A. Chapman for 2 years of work at \$10.00 per month \$240.00. . . Amelia J. wife of William A. Mauldin was a dtr. of said decd. Sarah Chapman, Rebecca Swords, Thomas H. Chapman, J. W. Chapman, Martha E. Fennell, George Chapman, Benjamin P. Chapman, Green E. Chapman, Cynthia Hinton, Elvira Smith were legatees.

→ ESTATE OF GILES CHAPMAN BOX 25 NO. 294
PROBATE JUDGES OFFICE, PICKENS CO. S. C.

□ Estate admnr. March 24, 1845 by Lucy Eleanor Chapman, John O'Briant, W. L. Keith who are bound unto William D. Steele Drd. Pickens Dist. in sum of \$400.00 . . . Lucy E. Chapman later married a Evins? Left a widow and 2

children . . . Expend: July 26, 1866 Paid Mary E. R. Chapman her share \$81.85 . . . Due estate of John F. Chapman decd. \$81.85 less amount of Confederate money paid for coll. for heirs at his special instance & request \$75.00

ESTATE OF JOHN CHAPMAN BOX 40 NO. 454
PROBATE JUDGE'S OFFICE, PICKENS CO. S. C.

Estate admnr. Nov. 23, 1855 by Samuel Chapman, F. N. Garvin, David Freeman who are bound unto W. J. Parsons Ord. Pickens Dist. in sum of \$500.00. Left a widow, Caroline Chapman and 3 heirs, no names given.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH CHAPMAN SR. BOX 6 NO. 75
PROBATE JUDGES OFFICE, PICKENS, S. C.

Estate admnr. Feb. 1, 1863 by Col. Benjamin Hagood, John Burdine, William L. Keith who are bound unto James M. Dendy Ord. Pickens Dist. in sum of \$25,000.00. (One way looked like thousand & then a hundred).

State of Georgia

Hall County) Know all men by these presents that I Joseph Chapman of the State of S. C. and Pendleton Dist. do most solemnly affirm before me John E. Rivers or Rieves? J. P. for Hall Co. that at the intermarriage of my daughter Polly to Wm. Ladd I gave up to the said Wm. Ladd \$800.00 in property and part negroes and the said Wm. Ladd undertook to keep a stud horse for me in the Co. of Harbersham, Ga. for 1 yr. and I have lent him money & sold him other property the bal. of what he made of the horse and of what money I lent him & property sold him long after his marriage amts. in all to \$250.00 besides the \$800.00 given him at his marriage aforesd. I further affirm that the cause of this affidavits being made in Ga. was the removal of the said Wm. Ladd out of the State of Ga. as I was fully determined to have a settlement with him and in order to deal justly with all my children is a further cause of doing so. And I further most solemnly affirm that I never intend hereafter to give said Ladd one cent with as a s. l. or stranger. Sworn before me this 5 Mar. 1827.

J. E. Rivers?

his
Jos. X Chapman
mark

The legattes of said Joseph Chapman were: George Chapman, William Chapman, John Chapman, Jeremiah Chapman, Solomon & Elizabeth Magee, William Lynch, William Ladd, Nancy Patterson, John Garner, . . . Archibald Chapman was Attorney for Joseph Chapman, Enoch Chapman, John Chapman, George Chapman, John Henson, Samuel Sullivan, John Garner.

BIBLE RECORDS IN POSSESSION OF
MR. CHARLES NEWTON DURHAM, AGE 80 YEARS
PICKENS, PICKENS COUNTY, S. C.

FATHER—LORENO YOUNG DURHAM was born August 25, 1847 and dept. this life Feb. 11, 1920.

one horse choice all the cattle hogs sheep &c with the corn bacon wheat fodder oats now on hand together with the privilege of the present years crop free of Rent on all of my lands all of which I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Enduring her natural life time or Widow after which I devise the same & increase to my six youngest children viz Camilla Jane, Tinsa Emmer, Thomas Fletcher, Abi, Baily, Malinda Allice Mansells to be sold & Equally divided at the death or widow. I also will & bequeath to my beloved wife Enduring her natural life time or Widow after which I devise collect use and Distribute at her pleasure Also my one Horse wagon to said wife & harness. 2nd. I will & bequeath to oldest son John B Mansell & my third son Addison Mansell the Remainder of my land to be Divided at their pleasure After my wife takes choice of the horses the other horse I devise to said oldest son John B. Mansell also my Double Barreled shot gun & equippage also my Blacksmith tools to my before named son Adison Mansel my rifle gun and Equippage so concludes my will Respecting John and Addison. To my second son Westly Mansell I will and bequeath one negro girl named Ester the oldest daughter of Matilda To my Daughter Sarah Trotter & husband John R Trotter I will and bequeath one negro girl namemed Hannah 2nd daughter of Matilda To my second Daughter Anny Mansell I will and bequeath one negro girl Permelia youngest or third Daughter of Matilda Which includes all of my Real and personal property belonging to me at this time in witness whereof I doe here unto set my hand and afix my seal this the sixth day of March in the year of our lord one thousand Eight Hundred and fifty four and in the seventy Eighth year of the independence of the United States of America. Signed in the presence of

Joshua Jameson
Reuben Ellis
Gideon Ellis

Joshua Mansel

Codicil

Whereas I Joshua Mansell the Testator of the annexed Will still being in a low State of health though of still strong sound mind & Remembering that I have neglected to Appoint an Executor to the said will doe Appoint my Trusty Friend and brother in law Judge G. Ferguson my lawful Executor to this my last will & testament in witness whereof I doe hereunto set my hand and seal the 9 day of May in the year of our lord & saviour Jesus Christ 1854 And in the seventy Eighth year of the Independence of the United States of America. Signed in the presents of

Gideon Ellis
John Ferguson
Reuben Ellis

Joshua Mansell

On June 5, 1854 Gideon Ellis Sen'r states that he saw the other witnesses sign the will.

WILL OF GREEN MANSELL BOX 116 NO. 4
PROBATE JUDGES OFFICE, PICKENS, S. C.

The State of South Carolina
County of Pickens

The Last Will and Testament of Green Mancil In the Name of God

Amen. I Green Mancil Being of sound mind, viewing the uncertainty of this mortal life and the certainty of death do make and Publish this my last will and Testament 1st I Desire that all my just Debts Be Paid 2nd I Desire that all my Personal and Real Estate Be sold and Divided Between my six Children Equily, nameing Harriet Gordon, Amanda Johnson, Perry Mancil, Merida Mancil, James Mancil, Caroline Miller This Will to go Immediately into Effect at my Decease I here By appoint G. M. Lynch my Sole Executor of this my last will an Testament Given under my hand and Seal this the 14th Day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Eight.

G. M. Lynch

(Signed) Green Mancil

Ira T Roper

his

M. R. X Chapman

mark

Filed June 29, 1888.

WILL OF DOLLY FORD BOX 30 PACK. 30
PROBATES JUDGES OFFICE, SPARTANBURG, S. C.

State of South Carolina
Spartanburgh District

I Dolly Ford widow of Capt. Manly Ford De'd of the State and District afore Said, being of Sound and disposing mind memory and understanding praise be God for the Same. But being advanced in Years and calling to mind the uncertainty of life do make and declose this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following

1st I give to the Mount Pleasant Church Five Dollars of which I am a member at present to be paid over unto the hands of Bowin Griffin.

2nd I devise that all my Just Debts and funeral Expenses be paid.

3rd. I give to my Brother William Chunner the One half of all my Estate of whatsoever Kind it may be.

4th. I give to my niece Nancy Inlow and the heirs of her boddy the One half of the Remaining half of my Estate not here to fore disposed of.

5 I Give to Dolly Young daughter of my Sister Sally Young the Residue of my Estate Remaining of what Soever Kind it may be hereby Revoking any and all wills here to fore made and decloses this to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness where of I the said Dolly Ford have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this the Twenty-fifth day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and forty Nine.

DOLLY X FORD (L. S.)

Signed Sealed declared and acknowledged by the Said Dolly Ford for hir last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at hir request and in hir presence have subscribed our names at witnesses thereto.

John Poole

W. I. Brem

Y. J. Wingo

Recorded March 8, 1854.

will & testament.

his
William X Moore (L. S.)
mark

Sign'd Seal'd & delivered in Presence of us 30 Nov. 1810.
David Ewing
David Fitts
Proven Dec. 13, 1810.

PROBATE JUDGES OFFICE, PICKENS, S. C.
BOX 44 NO. 487

L. G. BEACH to PHILIP YOUNG

Release for 700 Acres Land

State of South Carolina

Pickens District. Know all men by these presents that I Laban G. Beach of Pickens District in consideration of the sum of Eight hundred dollars to me in hand paid by Philip Young of Pickens District have granted bargoned sold and Releas and by these presants do grant bargain sell and Release unto the Sd. Philip Young a tract of land containing seven hundred acres situate in Pickens District on Little Eastatoe Creek waters of Keowee River Reference being that to the annexed plat made by Thomas D Garvin on the twenty Seventh day of January Eighteen hundred and 41 will plainly show the bounds and Extent of the Sd. plantation or Tract of Land. Together with all and Singular the wrights mambers Heraditroments and apertainenses to the said premises belonging or in any wise incident or apertaining to have and to hold all and singular the premised before mentioned unto the said Philip Young his heares and assigns forever and I bind myself my heares and Executors and administrators to warent and forever defend all and singular the said premises unto the said Philip Young his heares and assigns against myself my heares and against all persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or aney part thereof. in witness whareof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the twenty fifth day of March & in the Seventy third year of the Sovreingty & independence of the United States of America Assigned sealed & delivered in the preseants of

L. G. Beach

→ Enoch Chapman
Wm. B. Nix
South Carolina

Pickens District. Before me personally appeared Enoch Chapman and made oath in due form of law and upon oath saith he was present and saw L. G. Beach sign seal and deliver the within DEED OF CONVEYANCE unto Philip Young for the use and purposes within mentioned and Wm. B. Nix was present with me and witness the same Deed. Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 5 day of August 1848.

← Enoch Chapman


Rt. Srewart M. P. D.
CERTIFIED Aug. 7, 1848.

hollowed "hoist away," one of the men came back in the bucket with the dead body of James Collins & Henry Kelly. I am one of the banks man was at work with Henry Kelly and at the time I saw him as first stated with my back to him, he was coming out of one can into another. About dinner saw Kelly take a drink of whiskey, he had during the day a bottle of whiskey on the work. The shaft is about 220 feet deep . . . William McFarline said, "That he was Superintendent of No. 2 shaft at Tunnel Hill. At about 3 o'clock had 3 holes charged in the bottom, went thru the regular forms, of hoist away. James Collins and myself was in the bucket. I heard a noise, did not know at the time whether it was below or above, about then something struck me on the arm and leg, I think the bucket was something about 100 feet from the bottom going at terrible speed, before I reached the top, I missed Collins, before I got out of the bucket I asked John Foster what he had let fall in the shaft, he looked around and missed Kelly and said he had fell in. I then said there is two men in the shaft. I then cried to the engine driver to hoist up. I then got Thomas Bradley to go down and bring them up. I then went home and sent William Miller my partner to the shaft, when the matches was set I was with one leg in the bucket, James Collins was in same position, a little time after I reached the top one of the blasts went off . . . Frederick Sharshal was the engine driver.

PETER SHARP NO. 2 INQUEST

An inquest was held Nov. 26, 1859 for Peter Sharp. The jury brought it out that he came to his death by conjection of some vital caused by intemperance at the Cross Roads near Harvey Smiths old work shop . . . Lewis C. Smith sworn says, That he found Mr. Sharp a few minutes before he died lying in the road near Harvy Smiths old shop. He was lying on his right side rather quartering the right leg was crooked rather under him, his left leg was straight and lying on his right. His eyes were opened and set in his head and were red, his face was dark purple. I spoke to him 3 times, he made no answer. I went to see about him at the request of the family. Jeremiah Hinton said that he saw Mr. Sharp at the Muster Ground some 150 yards from where he was found dead. He left the muster grounds about 3 P. M. Thinks he went alone, he was drinking some, was not complaining any as I heard of.

WILSON McKINNEY NO. 3 INQUEST

 An inquest was held at the grave yard at Mrs. Mary McKinneys in Pickens Dist. July 14, 1857, upon view of the body of Wilson McKinney there lying dead. The jury brought it out that he came to his death by drowning in the Keowee River about a quarter of a mile above the McKinneys Ford on sunday between the hours of 7 and 12 A. M. Held at the burial ground of Mrs. Mary McKinneys on Keowee River 13 miles above Pickens Court House on the Jocassee Road . . . Enoch Chapman states that he was the first person who found decd. in the river, was in swimming water, hands & feet in the position of a man swimming. He and Martin Hopkins and Thomas McKinney took decd. out of the river. He was perfectly naked. Saw no sign of violence on body. William Morgan states that decd. was drowned. Lived about a

half a mile from where decd. was discovered. Decd. was floating on the water when found, the water was about 10 feet deep where decd. was found in what is called a turn hole in the river. Made no effort to take him out of the river when he first found him but went for Martin Hopkins to assist him and Martin Hopkins went to John McKinneys for help . . . Wm. Morgan said that he was coming down the river on last sunday morning about 7 oclock. Saw Wilson McKinney standing in the river near the bank holding to some bush on the east side of the river about a quarter of a mile above the McKinney Ford. I asked him could he swim and he said yes and waded into the river until it got up to his neck and then struck off swimming and swam pretty near to the bnak on the other side. He then turned his head right down stream & began to sink. The water was swift when he turned down stream. Saw him sink one time and then broke and ran after Enoch Chapman, it was 15 minutes or more before he and Enoch Chapman started back. Came on down to the river and found decd. near where he had left him in the river. . . .

EDWARD COLBER NO. 4 INQUEST


An inquest was held at Tunnel Hill over the dead body of Edward Colber. William Dunkley sworn says, He was working with Edward Colber in shaft No. 4 on the morning of July 8, 1857 at 3 o'clock when he suddenly observed that something fell near him, and after inquiring into the matter, he found Edward Colber lying senseless near him in the water, where upon he took hold of him and had him hoisted up to the surface where it was found that the skull was smashed. W. H. Frick says, that Edward Colber used to fill the water into the buckets and also to send tools up. On this morning however a bucket loaded with water and sundry tools was hoisted up out of which I took two shovels and 2 hammers and when the water ceased to make noise of this fall of about 120 feet, he supposes something fell to the bottom, when immediately after the bucket was sent down, his body was brought up . . . Franklin Belloo says that after taking out the 2 hammers and shovels, he felt in the bucket, but supposed that no tool was left in it. He thinks as the bucket is more than 3 ft. deep he could not ascertain whether there was any tool left in the bucket or not . . . Lucius Chambers says, That he was working together with Edward Colber on the shaft No. 4 when on the morning of July 8 at 3 o'clock, after a bucket with water was send up, he heard something strike above his head, and then saw Edward Colber falling near him and he intending to help him or to or to rescue him out of the water, found that blood was running from him, and he put the body in the bucket and Mr. Dunklin brought him to the surface, and then directly he found a hammer of which the handle was broke in an unusual manner, and he supposes that said hammer might have fallen from above and caused the death of Edward Colber, who used to load the water in the bucket and send tools up with the dirt or water . . . John Suit also was working with him and said that he heard something fall and at the same instance saw Edward Colber who stood about 2 feet from him and to whom he handed some drills, sink down whereupon he took hold of him and saw that he was hurt on the head, after which he called the other men to help up and that e believed he was dead, because he felt about his head and found that his skull was broken, whereupon Mr. Dunklin lrought his body to the surface. Afterward he found

the hammer and thinks that it might have fallen from the top . . . Willis Crow said that he was also working with him and that while he was charging for a blast he heard a blow like something and that he heard a blow like something striking against the shaft after which the other men called him for help, saying there was a man killed, whereupon he saw Edward Colber lie down on his hands and knees. . . .

ROBERT STUART NO. 5 (INQUEST)

An inquest was held at Jumping Off Rock in Pickens District Oct. 20, 1857 before Lenard Rodgers a Magistrate upon view of thee body of Robert Stuart. The jury brought it out that he came to his death by misfortune or accident. John Hancel sworn said, that the decd, was lying on his left side his gun lying across his neck. He did not see any appearance of any violence being used upon the body. He said that Elija Hinkel, Silas Hinkel, Isaac Stuart, Jackson Stuart, Thomas Stuart were present when the body was found. Dr. J. N. Lawrence said that he examined the body and found that his neck was broken. . . .

ANSEL GODFREY NO. 6 INQUEST



An inquest was held at William Stows in Pickens District Jan. 10, 1858 upon view of the body of Ansel Godfrey. The jury brought it out that he came to his death in the woods not far from the Seven Mile Port or Post on the road leading from Pickens Court House to Greenville Court House on or about the 23 Dec. 1857 from a dislocation of the neck produced probably from a fall while in a state of intoxication or by some other manner unknown to the jury . . . Mahaly Godfrey says that she saw the decd. 3 weeks ago. Ate breakfast at home, left soon after saying he was going to Elijah Alexanders to get some money, and that he would be back soon as he could go there and back. HaveNt seen decd. since or heard of him until yesterday, when decd. left home. I never looked for him until he always came back home. Decd. was a drunkard, but went off sober. Was in the habit of hiding bottles out and thought she saw him have a bottle when he was leaving. When he was drinking he was very ill in his family and when sober very kind to his family. All was in harmony when he left home. He had no enemies as I know of. Never heard any one threaten or to do him any violence or injury. When ever he was drunk he was distracted and said that he remembered nothing while drunk. Was a dangerous man when drunk, and was afraid of him, he would get up and rave, stamp and throw axes at the family. Would have to leave home and stay until he was sober. Dont know how much money he went for, he family knew that he was going for money. Had been letting Mr. Alexander have cane, started with it and never recd. pay as I know of. Saw the bottles near the body, dont remember ever seeing them before Decd. came home under the influence of liquor the evening preceding his departure. There was no difficulty between the decd. and the boys before they went hunting that she knows of. which they did the night decd. came home. He was always given to going away and staying as long as he pleased some times a month or two, even when he promised to come back soon. Was always uneasy about him when he was absent. I told George Young to ask Cousin Ansel Godfrey if he had seen or heard any thing of him,

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this was about 2 weeks ago. When George Young returned he reported that Ansel had saw or heard nothing of decd. and I allowed that the decd. had gone to Spartanburg where he had children married. Ansel Godfrey lives at Mr. Smiths about 3 miles distant. Decd. frequently went to Spartanburg without letting me know and would some times stay 2 or 3 months and come back, just when the notion took him . . . Alfred Godfrey sworn says, that he is the son of said decd. and nearly 19 years old. Lived at home with the family, was there when decd. left home. Decd. left home 3 weeks ago today and said he was going to Elijah Alexanders to get what was owing to him. He had been to Bill Hunters the day before he left home and got a bottle of whiskey. Had been drinking when he returned from Bill Hunters. Did not see the bottle, decd. had hid it out. There had not been any late difficulty between decd. and family and never any except such as resulted from his drunkness. Decd. left home in a drinking spree, had done so over before when he lived near Cedar Rock & was gone a month or two. Decd. came home from Hunters about dark. I went hunting about an hour after he came home from Hunters, he was in a good humor. I returned from hunting the next morning before breakfast, he was there at home and left about an hour or two after breakfast. I had threatened decd. to the boys (John Gilham and Mrs. Youngs boys) I was the oldest son living at home, had a little quarrel with decd. near Cedar Rock. My father was trying to whip me. Mother and myself prevented him. Decd. generally passed along the path near where his body was found, when going to Balis Claytons and it would be his nearest way in returning home from Gilstraps . . . Robert W. Godfrey sworn says, He is a son of decd, lives at home and about 14 years of age. Was at home when father left there. Was with him the day before at Bill Hunters and came with him home. Father went to Bill Hunters and got him a quarter of whiskey and put it in 2 bottles. A black and a white bottle. The black bottle a pint bottle and the white held a little over. He drank most of the liquor as he came home from Hunters. About a pint and the rest after he came home. He hid the bottles out when he came home. I went hunting that night and returned home the next morning before sunrise. He was at home and left sober, as soon as he put on his clothes. I heard Alfred say that he would whip father if he whipped his mother, but he never did, but there was no difficulty between his father and Alfred when he left home. Father said that he was going to Mr. Howards when he left home. Asked me to go with him and said he would stay long if I went. He asked me this in the yard, no one was present. I and Alfred were at Mrs. Youngs the day he left. Stayed there nearly all day, then came home. The next day went to cut logs for Howard. Asked Mr. Howard about father and he said that father went by there and said he was going to Mr. Alexanders . . . John Gilham sworn says, He and Mrs. Youngs boys went by decd. house going possum hunting, last saturday night, 3 weeks ago. The old man was drinking some. Alfred said that his father whipped his mother when he was small and that he should not do it now . . . Isaac Chapman sworn says, he found the decd. about 3 oclock yesterday evening, saw him lying on the ground, thought perhaps it was some person drunk, that had layed down there, hollowed to him, approached and found him dead. . . .

EDMUND CAINEY OR CAIREY NO. 73

State of South Carolina

Pickens District) By W. L. Keith Clerk of the Court and by virtue of office Commissioner of Location in and for the District aforesaid. To any lawful Surveyor you are hereby authorised to lay out and admeasure unto Edmund Cainey or Cairey? a tract of land not exceeding ten thousand acres observing the Surveyor Generals instructions in laying out the same and a true plat of the same return into my office within two months from the date hereof. the above warrant is for the purpose of having the tract of land whereon the said E. Gainey? now lives on the Waters of Village Creek regranted and vacant land adjoining the same. Given under my hand and seal this 23 Octr. 1844.

W. L. Keith (SEAL) C. C. & C. L. P. D.

Executed the within warrant 80 acres Oct. 21, 1844.

John O. Grisham D. S.

Certified Nov. 8, 1844.

"LAND WARRANTS," PACK. 114

CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE, PICKENS, S. C.

JOHN C. GORDON NO. 42

South Carolina

Pickens District) To any lawful surveyor you are hereby authorized and required to lay out unto John C. Gordon a tract of land not exceeding ten thousand acres, observing the Surveyor Generals instructions in laying out the same and a true plat thereof return into my office within two months from this date given under my hand & seal this 24th day of October 1842.

W. L. Keith (SEAL) C. L. P. D.

Executed part of the within warrant Nov. 1, 1842.

Robt. Fullerton D. S.

Certified Dec. 5, 1842.

MILTON R. HUNNICUT NO. 33

State of South Carolina

Pickens District) By W. L. Keith Clerk of the Court and Ex officio Commissioner of Location for Pickens District. To any lawful Surveyor you are hereby authorized and required to lay out and admeasure a tract of land unto Milton R. Hunnicut not exceeding ten thousand acres, to include a certain tract of land lying on the waters of Conneross formerly owned by W. Hunnicutt adjoining lands of Col. J. C. Kilpatrick originally granted to . . . and such lands as may be vacant adjoining the same. You will observe the Surveyor Generals instructions in laying out the same and a true plat thereof return into my office within two months from the date hereof. Given under my hand and seal this 19th day of June A. D. 1842.

W. L. Keith (LS) C. L. P. D.

Executed for the within 212 acres July 8, 1842.

John O. Grisham D. S.

JOSEPH CHAPMAN NO NUMBER

State of South Carolina

Pickens County) Office of the Comsr of Locations I R. A. Bowen Clerk of



the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions and ex officio Commissioner of Locations for the County aforesaid. To J. B. Clayton or some other lawful Deputy Surveyor for the said County, you are hereby authorized and required with proper attention to the instructions of the Surveyor General to lay off and locate unto Joseph Chapman a tract of vacant land within the County aforesaid which has been entered by him, and will be shewn to you in his behalf, and to return this warrant when executed, together with a true and correct plat of the survey you make under it, certified by you, into this office within two calendar months from the date hereof. Given under my hand and seal of office at Pickens C. H. this 30th day of August 1861.

R. A. Bowen C. C. P. & Ex Officio
Commsr of Locations

CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE, PICKENS, S. C.

JOHN O. GRISHAM NO. 72
State of South Carolina

Pickens District) I W. L. Keith Clerk of the Court and by virtue of office Commissioner of Location for the District aforesaid. To any lawful Surveyor you are hereby authorized to lay out and admeasure unto Jno O. Grisham a tract of land not exceeding ten thousand acres observing the Survelor Generals instructions in laying out the same and a true plat thereof return into my office within two months from this date hereof the above warrant is for the purpose of resurveying a tract of land that lies on branches of little River and was originally granted to Thos. Beard and such vacant land as may be adjoining the same. Given under my hand & seal this 9th day of Sept. Anno Domini 1844.

W. L. Keith (LS) C. L. P. D.

Executed for the within 1475 acres Sept. 13, 1844.
Certified Oct. 22, 1844.

WILLIAM VAN WYCK NO. 176
State of South

Pickens District) By W. L. Keith Clerk of the court and by virtute of office Commissioner of Location for the District aforesaid. To any lawful Surveyor you are hereby authorized to lay out and admeasure unto William Vanwick a tract of land not exceeding ten thousand acres observing the Surveyor Generals instructions in laying out the same and a true plat thereof return into my office within two months from the date hereof the above warrant is for the purpose of having certain lands regranted. Given under my hand and seal this 11th day of June A. D. 1853.

W. L. Keith (SEAL) C. C. & C. L. P. D.

Executed on the within warrant 371 acres June 23, 1853.

Thomas D. Garvin D. S.

Certified July 8, 1853.

JOHN O. GRISHAM NO. 81
State of South Carolina

Pickens District) By W. L. Keith Clerk of the Court & by virtue of office

near the Table Rock which is subject to partition . . . The heirs were: Allen Keith, Mary B. Keith, Cornelius Keith Jr. Marquis D. Keith, Temperance Keith, Rebecca Keith, Elizabeth Keith, Stephen D. Keith residing in Pickens District, S. C. and G. W. Keith residing in Greenville District, S. C. William L. Keith resides in the State of Alabama.

Filed March 21, 1864. . . . George W. Keith was killed after the filling of this bill . . . Elizabeth Keith had intermarried with George K. Hendricks.

HUNDLEY EVATT PACK. 118 (EQUITY)
CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE, PICKENS, S. C.

Elizabeth Evatt of Pickens District states that her husband Hundley Evatt died in 1853 . . . He owned 500 acres lying on waters of Twelve Mile River adjoining lands of Russell, J. N. Arnold, A. Weems and others and a negro girl called Amy now about 15 years of age. His widow also states that she is now old and infirm and physically unable to attend properly to her affairs, and that the slaves and other property bequeathed to her for life are in a manner profitless, troublesome and annoying to her. That the said land and slave are subject to partition amongst the next of kin and heirs at law of Hundley Evatt viz. Elizabeth the widow, who is entitled to one third, and his 4 children viz. Thompson Evatt, William M. or W? Evatt, Mary C. Evatt, Sarah A. Evatt and his 2 grandchildren viz. Abbey Rilla Evatt and James F. S. Evatt and the personal representative and heirs at law of Hundley E. Campbell a grandson of said decd. who lately died intestate . . . F. N. Garvin, J. N. Arnold & wife Mary, J. T. S. Evatt, James Chapman & wife Sarah, and Wm. McCurry & wife Matilda, Wm. T. M. Campbell were ordered to appeare in court . . . Thompson Evatt resided out of the state. Filed Mar. 23, 1860. . . .

SLAVE PAPERS PACK. 119
CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE, PICKENS, S. C.

NO. 1

On May 13, 1863 Jacob Phillips appeared before H. J. Anthony a Magistrate for Pickens Dist. and swears that he does believe that Melissa a slave belonging to Elzie L. Keith did on the night of April 16th come to his house and break open his door which was locked which he said he and his family was absent and did steal some bacon & middlings, 1 trunk containing two razors, & \$12.30 all of which has since been recovered from the premises of Elzie L. Keith by the hand of the said negro girl, except the trunk & razors which said Jacob Phillips found in the barn of Elzie L. Keiths . . . Jacob Phillips states that the negro girl Melissa came to his house and wanted him and his wife to come over. He did so and after he went there Mrs. Keith said he would write an order for her boy Tom to go for some whiskey and while he was there, Mrs. Keith said what if your house was to be broken open tonight and he said that there was no danger. Mrs. Keith said something about some of sal Phillips geting lonseome that night . . . After the articles were missing the next day he and John Phillips and found the things in Mrs. Keith's barn. He told her that this was a terrible scrape and she said what, and he said that he believed her negro had done it, and Mrs. Keith said that she would see about it. About sundown Mrs. Keiths negro girl came to his house

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