

**South Carolina
Will Transcripts**

1782 - 1868

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INTRODUCTION

This microfilm publication contains typed transcripts of most of the surviving pre-Civil War wills of 21 South Carolina counties. The counties whose records appear here are Abbeville, Anderson, Barnwell, Chester, Darlington, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenville, Horry, Kershaw, Laurens, Marion, Marlboro, Newberry, Pickens, Richland, Spartanburg, Sumter, Union, Williamsburg, and York.¹ No pre-Civil War probate records have survived for Beaufort, Chesterfield, Colleton, Georgetown, Lancaster, Lexington, and Orangeburg Counties. Also omitted from this publication, although for different reasons, are the will transcripts for Charleston County, the only other county for which such records exist. The Charleston County transcripts are indexed separately² and contain wills for the entire state in the colonial period; they constitute, at least for research purposes, a separate series. The Charleston transcripts were filmed for the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints in 1952 and are already available through that filming project.³

Often casually though erroneously referred to as "WPA Typed Copies," the records reproduced in this microcopy were actually a product of the Works Progress Administration's predecessor, the Civil Works Administration (CWA). The CWA program that produced these volumes began several years before the more widely known WPA Statewide Historical Project and Historical Records Survey. Projects such as these developed in the 1930s as the federal government, seeking to combat the problems of unemployment and survival, shifted their emphasis from simple relief to the work-relief concept. On November 20, 1933, a conference on emergency needs for women was held at the White House. Attended by women who were nationally prominent in government and social work and by representatives from social and cultural organizations, among whom was the President-General of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), they discussed and devised projects that could provide work for the unemployed white-collar female. A subsequent conference was called

¹ The wills contained in Laurens County Estate Record Book, 1834-1838, and Will Book E, 1836-1839, were omitted from the transcripts. The former of these two volumes is available on our microfilm roll number C69 and the latter on roll C70. The transcribers varied from county to county in how they interpreted the 1853 end date for the project. In some counties transcription stopped with a will written in 1853; in others it ended with those probated in that year. In yet other cases the work was carried through to the end of a volume.

² Charleston Free Library, *Index to Wills of Charleston County, South Carolina, 1671-1868* (Charleston: Charleston Free Library, 1950; reprinted, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1974).

³ William Koehler, Weekly Microfilming Report for the Week Ending June 6, 1952, Inventory and Arrangement Division files, South Carolina Department of Archives and History. These microfilmed transcripts are available for sale to libraries and research institutions (not private individuals) from the Genealogical Society of Utah.

by Malcolm J. Miller, South Carolina State Supervisor, to meet ten days later at the Governor's Mansion in Columbia. Participants included Mrs. St. Julian M. Barnwell, the State Director of Women's Work, and Mrs. Thomas Joab Mauldin, the South Carolina State Regent of the DAR. As a result of these conferences, the South Carolina DAR agreed to sponsor a project whose ambitious initial goals were to copy "all the valuable records in our several counties both for their preservation and to give employment to many."⁴ The project subsequently limited its transcription to the wills of the 22 counties in existence in 1853 whose probate records had survived. The statewide copying of wills began under the supervision of Mrs. Jessie Reid Burnett, DAR State Historian, in conjunction with the CWA.

The economic stringencies that produced this project also deprive us of some information about it. The DAR reported in 1934 that, like many other organizations, it found itself "in an embarrassing financial condition" and was forced, therefore, to omit from its *Yearbook* the reports of the state officers.⁵ Conditions apparently improved, and subsequent reports were printed. By the annual meeting in March 1935, Mrs. Burnett could report that "the twenty-two counties eligible to the project of reclaiming the records of the Probate Courts through 1853 are complete with the exception of Charleston, Edgefield, and Abbeville. . . . so far, the file of this work at the University of South Carolina numbers sixty-one volumes of old Wills, the earliest dating back to 1671."⁶ Mrs. Burnett did not attend the annual meeting in 1936, but her final report was read by the State Regent at the Historical Session on March 4:

My personal attention has, this year, been given to the concluding work of the reclaiming of the Wills of the Court of Ordinary (Probate Court) of South Carolina records through 1853. Abbeville, the last county to do the work, will bind her last volume by the end of March. This will place the 99th volume of this work on the shelves of the University Library, and means that the State of South Carolina has a complete file, bound in 99 volumes of the reclaimed wills of the records of the Court of Ordinary (Probate Court) in the 22 counties of the state, antedating 1853.⁷

Before the Abbeville volumes were finished the WPA was providing the funding, and the work was being supervised by Flora Bell Surles of the successor copying project, the Statewide Historical Project. Nonetheless, although they did not finish the work themselves, the DAR did have the satisfaction of seeing the will project complete. The will transcripts, which were first made available

⁴ South Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution, *Yearbook* 1934, p. 31.

⁵ *Ibid.*

⁶ South Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution, *Yearbook* 1935, p. 52.

⁷ South Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution, *Yearbook* 1936, p. 39.

to researchers at the University of South Carolina, were transferred to the Archives Department in 1951 where they continued to receive constant use.

Probate records provide much information for several aspects of historical research. A will is defined as "the legal expression or declaration of a person's mind or wishes as to the disposition of his property, to be performed or take effect after his death."⁸ Handwritten by the testator or for him by his attorney, but in any event bearing his signature or mark, the will was presented for probate at the appropriate courthouse after the testator's death. In the probate office a clerk entered a copy of the document into books kept for that purpose, after which the original will was itself filed in an "estate packet" with other documents relating to the settlement of the particular estate. The loose will was the original document while the clerk's copy became the copy of record. "An Act Concerning the Office and Duties of Ordinary" passed in December 1839 required keeping separate books for wills; for inventories, appraisements, and sales; for returns; and for other types of probate documents, but prior to that date the various types of documents were generally recorded in miscellaneous "Estate Records Books." In a few counties after the enactment of the 1839 court reforms, pre-1840 wills were extracted from the miscellaneous books and transcribed into separate "Will Books;" in those cases where the CWA transcribers worked from these compiled books, the transcripts therefore became fourth generation copies of original wills.⁹

Although twice or three times removed from the original wills, the transcripts in this series are not without importance. As a consolidated set, these volumes, in conjunction with the Charleston will transcripts, have long provided the most expeditious route to the contents of antebellum South Carolina wills. The volumes were rendered widely accessible by a published county-by-county index;¹⁰ in addition a much more easily used unpublished consolidated index to testators has been available for use in the Search Room of the South Carolina Archives and is reproduced here for the first time. The value of the set goes beyond mere convenience, however; in some cases these

⁸ Henry Campbell Black, *Black's Law Dictionary* (Fourth Edition; St. Paul, Minn.: West Publishing Co., 1951), p. 1772.

⁹ *South Carolina Statutes at Large XI* (Columbia: Reprinted by Republican Printing Company, State Printers, 1873), p. 53. Handwriting, paper, and ink visually confirm the thesis that some surviving pre-1840 "Will Books" actually represent 19th century compilations of wills from earlier "Estate Records Books." In a few counties the CWA transcribers also copied some loose original wills not found in a recorded form.

¹⁰ Mrs. John D. Rogers, *Indexes to the County Wills of South Carolina* (Washington: Martha Lou Houston, 1946; reprinted Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1964 & 1975). The reprint erroneously attributes the compilation to its publisher and assumes the date of a typescript preface (1939) as the date of initial publication. The first of the two reprints has been reproduced as a microfiche edition by Library Productions Corporation of Atlanta, Georgia.

transcripts may well reproduce information no longer extant in damaged originals. Although we have not made the detailed collation that would be necessary to establish this as fact, we do know this to be the case with the companion Charleston transcripts.

Subjected to many years of very heavy use, the deteriorating transcripts in this series have been a source of concern for some time. A microfilm publication seemed the best method of preserving this useful research tool, but a number of the volumes in the department's set were so damaged that pages and parts of pages were already missing. Fortunately, when the transcripts were made one copy of each volume had been deposited in its respective county. County libraries and probate offices have generously lent their copies when they were needed for producing this microcopy; the department's Local Records Section assisted with picking up and returning the volumes. Although many of the locally held copies were themselves in poor condition, we were able, between those volumes and the department's set, to fill all the gaps and assemble on this microfilm publication a complete run of the transcripts.¹¹

A few words of caution are in order. This project had a two-fold purpose—to provide employment and to copy records—with priorities in that order. Many unemployed typists, and good ones too, were put to work, but few were experienced in reading and transcribing old manuscripts. There are, of course, the usual transposed letters and misspellings. But sometimes the errors carry more weight. The biographer of Christopher Gadsden, for instance, should be warned against reading too much into Gadsden's bequest to the grandchildren of his "last worthy friend, George Gabriel Powell, Esquire; deceased." Reference to the manuscript volume reveals the more prosaic description, "late worthy friend."¹² The careful researcher will want to go beyond these transcripts to examine the originals. Fortunately almost all the manuscript volumes from which these transcripts were made are available on microfilm sold either by this department or by the Genealogical Society of Utah. In many cases the estate packets have also been filmed. The only counties where the manuscript volumes are not thus fully available are Barnwell, Horry, Sumter, and Kershaw. In the case of the unfiled Sumter volumes (M, D-1, and D-2) the originals have been transferred to the South Carolina Archives.

¹¹ It should be pointed out that all sales copies of this microcopy, like all the department's microfilm, are third generation positives created from a second generation reproduction negative. Given the nature of the sometimes fuzzy carbon copies reproduced here, fourth generation paper copies made from this film may not always be clearly legible. Because the first generation master negative must be retained unused for security purposes, it is not possible to sell second generation duplicates. One second generation positive has been made so that the department can supply clear paper copies upon request.

¹² This example is from the Charleston County transcripts not included in this publication. Christopher Gadsden's will was recorded in Charleston District, Court of Ordinary, Will Book D, pp. 594-597. The transcript is in Civil Works Administration Transcripts of South Carolina Wills, Charleston County, Volume 30, pp. 869-873. The quotation is on the first page of the will.

FINDING AIDS AND RELATED RECORDS

Dating and pagination of the volumes reproduced here are unsystematic. Some of the volumes are described by dates that refer to the years in which the wills were probated or recorded; others are described by the years in which the wills were first drawn up. The method of pagination in transcript volumes that contain more than one will book also varies. In some of these volumes the pages are numbered in one continuous sequence; in others each will book has its own discrete pagination.

The finding aid to this microcopy, set out in Appendix A, helps to clarify these ambiguities. The dates given in Appendix A are the dates the CWA transcribers assigned to each of the volumes; in those cases where they indicate the dates when the wills were written, dates of probate have been added in brackets to assist the researcher. The method of dealing with the problem of unsystematic pagination is best illustrated by an example of how Appendix A may be used to find a particular will. Roll 1 reproduces the consolidated alphabetical index to testators. The transcripts follow on subsequent rolls in alphabetical order by county. A researcher interested in Elizabeth Abbott should first look at roll 1 and there find that Elizabeth Abbott's will is in Anderson County Wills, Volume 2, Will Book B, page 334. Volume 2 of Anderson County, reproduced on roll 4, is shown in Appendix A as containing several will books, the beginning of each indicated by a counter number, which has been placed in the upper right-hand corner of the frame to which it refers. Will Book B begins at counter number 540. From this counter number the researcher should be able to quickly reach page number 334 and the will of Elizabeth Abbott. If the researcher wishes to go beyond the microfilmed copy of the transcript of Elizabeth Abbott's will to examine the record copy from which the transcript was made, Appendix B provides a convenient listing of microfilm of these manuscript volumes. As already noted, some of the volumes for Barnwell, Horry, Sumter, and Kershaw Counties are not available on microfilm. It should also be pointed out that the estate packets for Abbeville, Anderson, Barnwell, Chester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Laurens, Marlboro, Pickens, Richland, Sumter, Union, and York Counties are available on microfilm either from this department or from the Genealogical Society of Utah. Further information about microfilm of local records available for sale from this department can be obtained from our Publications Division.

The transcripts presented here do not mark the end of Depression era copying of South Carolina recorded wills. The WPA's Statewide Historical Project took up will transcription where the CWA project left off, in some cases carrying the effort forward to include wills probated in the 20th century.¹³ Typed in

¹³ No such continuation was made for Charleston County wills.

a different format from the CWA transcripts and frequently not provided with even volume indexes, these transcripts were also deposited at the University of South Carolina. Transferred to the department with the rest of the Statewide Historical Project copies of public records in 1967, these transcripts have been much less heavily used and remain in good condition. The will book transcripts from this later copying project are listed in Appendix C.

APPENDIX A

CONTENTS OF ROLLS

Counter Number

Roll 1.	Testator Index to Will Books	
Roll 2.	Wills of ABBEVILLE COUNTY	
	Volume 1, 1787-1815:-----	00
Roll 3.	Wills of ABBEVILLE COUNTY	
	Volume 2, 1815-1839:-----	11
	Volume 3, 1839-1855:-----	169
Roll 4.	Wills of ANDERSON COUNTY	
	Volume 1, 1791[1792]-1834:	
	Will Book C-----	2
	Will Book A-----	79
	Floating Wills-----	527
	Volume 2, 1835-1857:	
	Will Book B-----	540
	Floating Wills-----	940
Roll 5.	Wills of BARNWELL COUNTY	
	Volume 1, 1787-1826:	
	Will Book I-----	1
	Will Book A-----	31
	Will Book B-----	220
	Volume 2, 1826-1856:	
	Will Book C-----	384
	Will Book D-----	552
Roll 6.	Wills of CHESTER COUNTY	
	Volume 1, 1789-1817:	
	Will Book A-----	1
	Will Book B-----	162
	Will Book C-----	243
	Will Book D-----	282
	Will Book E-----	341
	Will Book F-1-----	409
	Will Book F-2-----	419
	Volume 2, 1817-1839:	
	Will Book G-----	470
	Will Book H-----	571
	Will Book I-----	660
	Will Book J-----	689
	Will Book K-----	716
	Will Book L-----	754
	Will Book M-----	853
	Will Book N-----	839
	Will Book O-----	809
Roll 7.	Wills of CHESTER COUNTY	
	Volume 3, 1833-1853:	
	Will Book A-1-----	1

	Will Book P-----	307
	Will Book Q-----	334
	Unrecorded Wills-----	362
	Wills of DARLINGTON COUNTY	
	Volume 1, 1785[1792]-1840:	
	Will Book 1-----	453
	Will Book 2-----	463
	Will Book 3-----	553
	Will Book 4-----	561
	Will Book 5-----	623
	Will Book 6-----	652
	Will Book 7-----	684
	Will Book 8-----	725
	Will Book 9-----	797
	Volume 2, 1838[1840]-1853:	
	Will Book 10-----	822
Roll 8.	Wills of EDGEFIELD COUNTY	
	Book A, 1785[1787]-1818:	
	Volume 1-----	15
	Volume 2-----	426
	Book A-Labelled Inventories & Wills-----	761
Roll 9.	Wills of EDGEFIELD COUNTY	
	Book C, 1817[1818]-1835[1836]:	
	Volume 1-----	20
	Volume 2-----	343
Roll 10.	Wills of EDGEFIELD COUNTY	
	Book D, 1836-1853:	
	Volume 1-----	11
	Volume 2-----	325
Roll 11.	Wills of FAIRFIELD COUNTY	
	Volume 1, 1787-1819[1820]:	
	Will Book 1-----	1
	Will Book 2-----	48
	Will Book 3-----	161
	Will Book 4-----	175
	Will Book 5-----	213
	Will Book 6-----	333
	Will Book 7-----	395
	Volume 2, 1820-1839:	
	Will Book 8-----	494
	Will Book 9-----	607
	Will Book 10-----	639
	Will Book 11-----	743
	Will Book 12-----	779
	Will Book 13-----	842
	Will Book 14-----	895
	Will Book 17-----	954
	Will Book 18-----	978
Roll 12.	Wills of FAIRFIELD COUNTY	
	Volume 3, 1840-1857:	
	Will Book 19-----	7

Roll 13.	Wills of GREENVILLE COUNTY	
	Volume 1, 1787-1840:	
	Will Book A-----	9
	Will Book B-----	149
	Volume 2, 1840-1853:	
	Will Book C-----	424
Roll 14.	Wills of Horry COUNTY	
	Volume 1, 1799[1803]-1853[1857]:	
	Wills obtained from files-----	00
	Will Book A-----	86
	Will Book B-----	185
	Will Book C-----	197
	Wills of KERSHAW COUNTY	
	Volume 1, 1770[1782]-1841[1842]:	
	Unrecorded Wills-----	250
	Will Book C-----	369
	Will Book A-1-----	479
Roll 15.	Wills of KERSHAW COUNTY	
	Volume 2, 1775[1782]-1839:	
	Will Book N-1-----	9
	Will Book D-----	68
	Will Book D-1-----	74
	Will Book C-1-----	141
	Will Book K-----	145
	Will Book C-----	171
	Will Book O-----	217
	Will Book G-----	262
	Will Book I-----	304
	Will Book P-----	338A
	Volume 3, 1823[1824]-1853[1865]:	
	Will Book L-----	343
	Will Book N-----	394
	Will Book A-----	411
	Will Book Q-----	646
Roll 16.	Wills of LAURENS COUNTY	
	Volume 1, 1766[1786]-1825:	
	Will Book A-----	10
	Will Book C-1-----	183
	Will Book D-1-----	308
	Will Book E-----	450
Roll 17.	Wills of LAURENS COUNTY	
	Volume 2, 1825[1826]-1853[1860]:	
	Will Book F-----	10
	Will Book A-----	210
	Wills of MARION COUNTY	
	Volume 1, 1796[1800]-1855[1856]:	
	Will Book I-----	530
	Will Book 2-----	862

Roll 18.	Wills of MARLBORO COUNTY	
	Volume 1, 1787-1853[1860]:	
	Will Book A-----	10
	Wills of NEWBERRY COUNTY	
	Volume 1, 1776[1787]-1814:	
	Will Book A-----	436
	Will Book B-----	588
	Will Book C-----	669
	Will Book D-----	751
	Loose Wills-----	835
Roll 19.	Wills of NEWBERRY COUNTY	
	Volume 2, 1805[1809]-1826:	
	Will Book E-----	4
	Will Book F-----	86
	Will Book G-----	174
	Will Book H-----	262
	Will Book I-----	343
	Loose Wills-----	400
	Volume 3, 1823[1826]-1840:	
	Will Book L-----	483
	Will Book M-----	669
	Will Book N-----	767
	Loose Wills-----	825
Roll 20.	Wills of NEWBERRY COUNTY	
	Volume 4, 1840-1858[1862]:	
	Will Book 1-----	2
	Will Book 2-----	220
	Loose Wills-----	546
Roll 21.	Wills of PICKENS COUNTY	
	Volume 1, 1828[1830]-1862[1864]:-----	12
	Wills of RICHLAND COUNTY	
	Volume 1, 1787-1853:	
	Will Book B-----	413
	Will Book C-----	469
	Will Book D-----	537
	Will Book E-----	591
Roll 22.	Wills of RICHLAND COUNTY	
	Volume 2, 1787-1853:	
	Will Book G-----	1
	Will Book H-----	146
	Will Book K-----	350
Roll 23.	Wills of RICHLAND COUNTY	
	Volume 3, 1787-1853:	
	Will Book L, Pt. 1-----	12
	Volume 4, 1854-1864:	
	Will Book L, Pt. 2-----	379

Roll 24.	Wills of SPARTANBURG COUNTY	
	Volume 1, 1787[1810]-1820[1829]:	
	Will Book A-----	8
	Will Book B-----	180
	Volume 2, 1830-1835[1840]:	
	Will Book C-----	304
	Volume 3, 1840-1858:	
	Will Book D-----	453
Roll 25.	Wills of SUMTER COUNTY	
	Volume 1, 1774[1799]-1849[1840]:	
	Unrecorded Wills-----	9
	Will Book A-----	43
	Will Book AA-----	311
	Will Book M-----	524
Roll 26.	Wills of SUMTER COUNTY	
	Volume 2, 1823-1853:	
	Will Book D-1-----	3
	Will Book D-2-----	276
Roll 27.	Wills of UNION COUNTY	
	Volume 1, 1777[1791]-1814[1815]:	
	Will Book A-----	10
	Volume 2, 1815-1849[1868]:	
	Will Book B-----	354
	Will Book C-----	866
Roll 28.	Wills of WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY	
	Volume 1, 1802[1806]-1853[1854]:	
	Will Book A-----	10
	Will Book B-----	183
	Will Book C-----	337
	Will Book D-----	395
Roll 29.	Wills of YORK COUNTY	
	Volume 1, 1770[1782]-1815[1821]:-----	9
Roll 30.	Wills of YORK COUNTY	
	Volume 2, 1816-1839[1845]:-----	9
Roll 31.	Wills of YORK COUNTY	
	Volume 3, 1840-1853[1858]:-----	8

APPENDIX B

MICROFILM OF THE MANUSCRIPT VOLUMES FROM WHICH THE TRANSCRIPTS WERE MADE

In the listings that follow, LDS in parentheses indicates film produced by the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. Roll numbers have been supplied, also in parentheses, for film available from this department. Titles in both columns repeat the vagarious designation of these materials by the CWA transcribers and the Mormon filmers, but "Estate Records Bk." has been added in parentheses to the appropriate Mormon titles to clarify the actual nature of the manuscript volumes.

<u>Transcript Volumes</u>	<u>Microfilm of Original Records</u>
Abbeville, Vol. 1, 1787-1815-----	Abbeville Wills, Vol. 1, 1787-1815, (LDS)
Vol. 2, 1815-1839-----	Abbeville Wills, Vol. 2, 1815-1837, (LDS)
Vol. 3, 1839-1855-----	Abbeville Wills, Vol. 3, 1837-1855, (LDS)
Anderson, Vol. 1, 1791-1834	
Will Book C-----	Anderson Estate Records, 1793-1799, (C1047)
Will Book A-----	Anderson Will Bk. A, 1800-1835, (C1048)
Vol. 2, 1835-1857	
Will Book B-----	Anderson Will Bk. 1, 1835-1857, (C1048)
Barnwell, Vol. 1, 1787-1826	
Will Book I-----	Barnwell Wills (Estate Records Bk.), 1787-1797, (LDS)
Will Book A-----	Barnwell Wills, Vol. A, 1797-1816, (LDS)
Will Book B-----	Barnwell Wills, Vol. B, 1816-1826, (LDS)
Vol. 2, 1826-1856	
Will Book C-----	Barnwell Wills, Vol. C, 1826-1836, (LDS)
Will Book D-----	Not filmed
Chester, Vol. 1, 1789-1817	
Will Books A through F-2-----	Chester Wills (Estate Records Bks.), A through F-2, 1787-1817, (LDS)
Vol. 2, 1817-1839	
Will Books G through O-----	Chester Wills (Estate Records Bks.), G through O, 1818-1837, (LDS)
Vol. 3, 1833-1853	
Will Books P and Q-----	Chester Wills (Estate Records Bks.), P and Q, 1838-1844, (LDS)

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Chester cont'd.

Will Book A-1-----	Chester Wills, A-1, 1840-1865, (LDS)
Darlington, Vol. 1, 1785-1840	
Will Books 1 through 9-----	Darlington Wills (Estate Records Bks.), 1 through 9, 1791-1840, (LDS)
Vol. 2, 1838-1853	
Will Book 10-----	Darlington Will Bk. 10, 1840-1859, (LDS)
Edgefield, Book A, 1785-1818	
Will Book A, Vols. 1 and 2-----	Edgefield Will Bk. A, 1787-1799, 1803-1818, (C2942)
Book A-Labelled Inventories and Wills----	Edgefield Estate Records Bk. A, 1800-1802, (C2956)
Book C, Vols. 1 and 2, 1817-1835-----	Edgefield Will Bk. C, 1818-1836, (C2942)
Book D, Vols. 1 and 2, 1836-1853-----	Edgefield Will Bk. D, 1836-1853, (C2942)
Fairfield, Vol. 1, 1787-1819	
Will Books 1 through 7-----	Fairfield Estate Records, Vols. 1 through 6, 1787-1815, (C386) Fairfield Estate Records, Vol. 7, 1815-1819, (C387)
Vol. 2, 1820-1839	
Will Books 8 through 14-----	Fairfield Estate Records, Vols. 8 through 9, 1819-1825, (C387) Fairfield Estate Records, Vols. 10 through 12, 1820-1832, (C388) Fairfield Estate Records, Vols. 13 through 14, 1823-1836, (C389)
Will Books 17 through 18-----	Fairfield Estate Records, Vol. 17, 1824-1849, (C389) Fairfield Estate Records, Vol. 18, 1825, 1833-1847, (C390)
Vol. 3, 1840-1857	
Will Book 19-----	Fairfield Wills, Vol. 19, 1840-1857, (C391)
Greenville, Vol. 1, 1787-1840	
Will Book A-----	Greenville Wills (Estate Records Bk.), Bk. A, 1787-1820, (LDS)

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Greenville cont'd.

Will Book B-----	Greenville Will Bk. B, 1820-1840, (C3595)
Vol. 2, 1840-1853	
Will Book C-----	Greenville Will Bk. C, 1840-1853, (C3595)
Horry, Vol. 1, 1799-1853	
Will Book A-----	Horry Will Bk., 1819-1833, (LDS)
Will Book B-----	Not filmed
Will Book C-----	Horry Wills Record, No. 1, 1842-1866, (LDS)
Kershaw, Vol. 1, 1770-1841	
Will Book C-----	Kershaw Estate Records, Bk. C, 1791-1811, (C3198)
Will Book A-1-----	Kershaw Estate Records, Bk. A-1, 1782-1788, 1817-1823, (C3197)
Vol. 2, 1775-1839	
Will Book N-1-----	Not filmed
Will Book D-----	Not filmed
Will Book D-1-----	Not filmed
Will Book C-1-----	Not filmed
Will Book K-----	Not filmed
Will Book C-----	Kershaw Estate Records, Bk. C, 1812-1815, 1820-1822, (C3199)
Will Book O-----	Not filmed
Will Book G-----	Not filmed
Will Book I-----	Kershaw Wills (Estate Records Bk.), Bk. 1, 1812-1824, (LDS)
Will Book P-----	Not filmed
Vol. 3, 1823-1853	
Will Book L-----	Not filmed
Will Book N-----	Not filmed
Will Book A-----	Kershaw Wills (Estate Records Bk.), Bk. 1, 1812-1824, (LDS)
Will Book Q-----	Not filmed
Laurens, Vol. 1, 1766-1825	
Will Book A-----	Laurens Estate Records, Vol. A-1, 1788-1802, (C68)
Will Book C-1-----	Laurens Estate Records, Vol. C-1, 1802-1809, (C68)
Will Book D-1-----	Laurens Estate Records, Vol. D-1, 1810-1819, (C69)
Will Book E-----	Laurens Estate Records, Vol. E, 1818-1830, (C69)
Vol. 2, 1825-1853	
Will Book F-----	Laurens Estate Records, Vol. F, 1826-1834, (C69)
Will Book A-----	Laurens Wills, Vol. A, 1839-1862, (C70)

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Marion,	Vol. 1, 1796-1855 Will Book I----- Will Book 2-----	Marion Wills, Vol. 1, 1800-1840, (LDS) Marion Wills, Vol. 2, 1840-1855, (LDS)
Marlboro,	Vol. 1, 1787-1853 Will Book A-----	Marlboro Will Bk. A, 1787-1881, (C1674)
Newberry,	Vol. 1, 1776-1814 Will Books A through D----- Vol. 2, 1805-1826 Will Books E through I----- Vol. 3, 1823-1840 Will Books L through N----- Vol. 4, 1840-1858 Will Books 1 and 2-----	Newberry Will Bks. (Estate Records Bks.), A through D, (LDS) Newberry Will Bks. (Estate Records Bks.), E through I, (LDS) Newberry Will Bks. (Estate Records Bks.), L through N, (LDS) Newberry Will Bks. 1 and 2, (LDS)
Pickens,	Vol. 1, 1828-1862-----	Pickens Wills, Vol. 1, 1830-1860, (LDS)
Richland,	Vol. 1, 1787-1853 Will Books B through E----- Vol. 2, 1787-1853 Will Books G, H, K----- Vol. 3, 1787-1853 Will Book L, pt. 1----- Vol. 4, 1854-1864 Will Book L, pt. 2-----	Richland Wills (Estate Records Bks.), Vols. B through E, 1787-1816, (LDS) Richland Wills (Estate Records Bks.), Vols. G, H, K, 1815-1839, (LDS) Richland Wills, Vol. L, 1840-1864, (LDS) Richland Wills, Vol. L, 1840-1864, (LDS)
Spartanburg,	Vol. 1, 1787-1820 Will Book A----- Will Book B----- Vol. 2, 1830-1835 Will Book C----- Vol. 3, 1840-1858 Will Book D-----	Spartanburg Will Bk. A, 1810-1820, (C722) Spartanburg Will Bk. B, 1821-1829, (C722) Spartanburg Will Bk. C, 1830-1840, (C722) Spartanburg Will Bk. D, 1840-1858, (C722)

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Sumter,	Vol. 1, 1774-1849	
	Will Books A, AA-----	Sumter Will Bks. A and AA, 1800-1822, (LDS)
	Will Book M-----	Not filmed
	Vol. 2, 1823-1853	
	Will Book D-1-----	Not filmed
	Will Book D-2-----	Not filmed
Union,	Vol. 1, 1777-1814	
	Will Book A-----	Union Will Bk. A, 1792-1815, (C2381)
	Vol. 2, 1815-1849	
	Will Book B-----	Union Will Bk. B, 1815-1849, (C2396)
	Will Book C-----	Union Will Bk. C, 1849-1868, (C2397)
Williamsburg,	Vol. 1, 1802-1853	
	Will Books A through D-----	Williamsburg Wills, Bks. A through D, 1806-1879, (LDS)
York,	Vol. 1, 1770-1815; Vol. 2, 1816-1839; Vol. 3, 1840-1853	
	It would appear that in York County the CWA transcribers may have typed their wills from original wills in estate files rather than from recorded copies in books. The recorded copies for the period covered by the transcripts are available on the following reels of film: Estate Records Bk. A, 1787-1799, (C1689); Will Bk. A, 1800-1813, (C1695); Estate Records Bk. D, 1814-1820, (C1690); Estate Records Bk. G, 1819-1837, (C1691); Estate Records Bk. Q, 1837-1840, (C1694); Will Bk. 3, 1840-1862, (C1695)	

APPENDIX C

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION CONTINUATIONS OF WILL TRANSCRIPTS

<u>County</u>	<u>WPA Title</u>	<u>Transcript No.</u>
Abbeville County	Will Book, #4, 1855-1869	16
Anderson County	Wills, 1858-1876	24
Barnwell County	Wills, Book "E," 1854-1876	48
Chester County	Wills, 1854-1865	240
Chester County	Wills, 1863-1881	241
Chester County	Wills, 1865-1886	242
Chester County	Wills, Book C, 1886-1908	243
Chester County	Wills, Book C, 1886-1908, Part 2	244
Chester County	Wills, Book C, 1886-1908, Part 3	245
Clarendon County	Will Book No. 1, 1871-1896	256
Darlington County	Wills, 1854-1859	276
Darlington County	Will Book 11, 1859-1874	277
Darlington County	Will Book 12, 1875-1876	278
Edgefield County	Will Book E, 1852-1866	352
Edgefield County	Will Book F, 1867-1876	353
Fairfield County	Will Book S, Vol. 20, 1854-1868	437
Fairfield County	Will Book W, 1869-1876	438
Georgetown County	Will Book A, 1865-1912	471
Greenville County	Wills, Record Book "D," 1853-1867	490
Greenville County	Record of Wills, Book "E," pages 1-430, 1867-1881	494
Horry County	Will Book C, 1841-1907	537
Kershaw County	Will Book A, 1854-1868	571
Kershaw County	Will Book A, 1854-1868	572
Kershaw County	Will Book B, 1866-1877	573
Kershaw County	Will Book B, 1866-1877	574
Laurens County	Wills, 1854-1862	600
Laurens County	Wills, 1862-1872, Part 1	601
Laurens County	Wills, 1862-1872, Part 2	602
Marion County	Will Book #4, 1859-1888, Part 1	623
Marion County	Will Book #4, 1859-1888, Part 2	624
Marlboro County	Wills, 1849-1882	643
Newberry County	Will Book No. 3, 1861-1885, Part 1	705
Newberry County	Will Book No. 3, 1861-1885, Part 2	706
Newberry County	Will Book No. 3, 1861-1885, Part 3	707

<u>County</u>	<u>WPA Title</u>	<u>Transcript No.</u>
Richland County	Wills, 1865-1885, Part 1	747
Richland County	Wills, 1865-1885, Part 2	748
Richland County	Wills, 1865-1885, Part 3	749
Spartanburg County	Will Book E, 1858-1878, Part 1	796
Spartanburg County	Will Book E, 1858-1878, Part 2	797
Spartanburg County	Will Book E, 1858-1878, Part 3	798
Spartanburg County	Will Book F, 1878-1887, Part 1	803
Spartanburg County	Will Book F, 1878-1887, Part 2	804
Spartanburg County	Will Book F, 1878-1887, Part 3	805
Sumter County	Wills, Book D-2, 1854-1862	838
Sumter County	Wills, 1860-1868	839
Sumter County	Will Book A-3, 1868-1876	840
Union County	Will Book C, 1849-1868, Part 1	930
Union County	Will Book C, 1849-1868, Part 2	931
Union County	Wills, Book D, A-2, 1868-1881	942
Williamsburg County	Wills, (Fragment of Will Book D), 1853-1881, Part 1	973
Williamsburg County	Wills, (Fragment of Will Book D), 1853-1881, Part 2	974
York County	Wills, 1854-1891, Part 1	1025
York County	Wills, 1854-1891, Part 2	1026
York County	Wills, 1854-1891, Part 3	1027
York County	Wills, 1854-1891, Part 4	1028

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