

Oakland Plantation, home of Joseph (?) Lawton, brother of
Bessie Lawton Bostick

Thomson Plantation

(Sally) Thomson m. ^{their step-mother} aunt, of Ben. Rushing, later m. ⁽²⁾ Wilson
Leigh Owens, Sr.; son W. L. Owens, Jr. m. Mildred, niece of
R. G. Wiggins; dau. Jackie Owens

Rosa

Calla m. (Hecher)

Horace

Virginia m. J. Dade Edens

^(11th Street)
James Vernon Youmans m. ^{Ruth} Dehoache (sister Iris m. John Chiselm, Sr.)
2 sons

Col. James Thomson: (c. 1742 - c. 1790)

Son: Benjamin Thomson (1786 - 1837) Senator, St. Peter's Par

1809 m. Catherine Williams (1790 - 1873) dau. of Dr. Richard Allen

Williams (1767 - 1827) & Catherine Elizabeth Roberts (1775 - 1835)

their dau. Elizabeth Allen Thomson (4 Mar. 1810 - 26 July 1894)

m. c. 1831 Joseph Maner Lawton (- 5 Dec 1862)

c. 1755 -

LEVI YOUMANS, said to have been a Tory Colonel who fled to Barbados, returning after the Revolutionary War to his lands.

[Others say he came to S.C. 1776 as an English Colonel, left 19 Oct. 1781 for Bermuda and never returned.] He had at least two sons: Wm. and John, a Baptist preacher. 1790 Census: 1^{1/2} up 3 m. 1/16 3 f. 1 slave

Lt. in War of 1812

WILLIAM ("Gilly") YOUMANS, born Black Creek 1777, died 16 Apr. 1850, buried Black Creek Bapt. Ch. Cemetery; he married ¹MARY PEEPLES, born 1779/81, died 5 Feb. 1839, daughter of Rev. Lt. John Peeples and Catherine, dau. of Alexander McBride, Peeples of Cedar Grove Plantation, Pr. Wm. Parish; m. ²widow Roberts; issue. Issue: 6 sons and 2 daughters: (by Mary Peeples): grandsons: Frank (unmarried) Bart m.

I. Levi D. Youmans, born 1801, farmer, St. Peter's Parish, 900 A 1850; married Julia ~~Keape~~ born 1809, issue:

Joseph Reid Youmans c1838-1903

- 1. Ellen, born 1832
- 2. Robert, born 1835 Gird Elvin Youmans
- 3. Mahala, born 1845 "Halsey" John
- 4. Alice, born 1849, married Wm. Ahly; issue.
- 5. Levi, born 1849 - 17 Dec 1925

II. John ^{Nelson} (R.B.C.J. in 1850 Census) Youmans, born 1803, planter, St. Peter's Parish, 1600 A. 1850; married Cynthia born 1802, issue:

- 1. Richard, born 1827
- 2. Jane, born 1834
- 3. Mary, born 1836

Sheriff of Beaufort County "escorted Judge O'Neal to the bench in Gillisonville Court House wearing cocked hat and with sword drawn"

III. William ("Gilly, Jr.") Youmans, Jr., born 20 Feb. 1805, Clerk of Court in 1850 (at Gillisonville), planter, 3000 A. 1850, 96 slaves. married Salina Maria Houston Johnston, born 18 Apr. 1818, died 31 Oct. 1893, buried Lawtonville, married 23 Oct. 1833, dau. of Nathan Johnston, born 1793, died 26 June 1869, married 29 June 1815, Mrs. Gertrude Elizabeth McCoy, born 7 Oct. 1788, died 24 Dec. 1860, widow of Jesse Peeples (1786-1813); Nathan & Eliza Johnston resided at Mexico plantation, St. Peter's Parish. Gilly, Jr. died 17 March 1873; buried at Lawtonville. Issue:

Tablet at The Citadel "Oliver Johnston Youmans, died for his country."

- *1. Leroy Franklin, born 14 Mar 1834 m. Dec. 1857 Mary E. Tillinghast
- 2. Oliver Johnston, born 31 Dec. 1838, killed in the Battle of the Wilderness 6 May 1864.
- 3. Albert Peeples, born 7 Dec. 1840, died 1897, married Mary Margaret Rouse (1854-1932). Issue:
 - a. Dr. Iva Catherine, born 21 Dec. 1878, graduate of Converse, M.D. 1909 Johns Hopkins, retired in Miami 1964
 - b. Dr. Corren Pinckney, born 14 Oct. 1892, graduate of Clemson and Medical College of S.C.; married Kate Forest. Issue: son now married with 3 ch. and dau. married but no ch.; all in Miami, Fla.
- 4. William Hamilton, born 9 Aug. 1842 5 June 1865
- 5. Laurens Winkler, born. 13 Oct. 1844, m. Mary Ann (Mamie) Stokes
- 6. Edwin Caruthers, born 15 Sept. 1846, died 15 Jan. 1865 while
- 7. Eliza Virginia, born 15 Sept. 1853 m. Frank Causey prisoner of war
- 8. Ella, born 4 July 1856 m. Robert Causey Morris Is., S.C.
- 9. Marcellus Hammond, born 2 Sept. 1858, m. Josephine O'Neal

*Attorney General of S.C. 1877-82 Pres. Cleveland appointed him D.A. 1885 Lt. C.S.A. (cavalry) Grad. S.C. College 1852 admitted to bar 1856 Solicitor of Southern Circuit 1866-68

Lawrence m. Mary m. Margaret Austin Youmans

Leroy Franklin Youmans, born at Mexico plantation of his grandfather, Capt. Nathan Johnston, St. Peter's Parish, 14 March 1834, died 3 Dec. 1906 Columbia, buried Trinity Episcopal Churchyard; graduated from S. C. College and had honorary degree of U. of S. C.; married Mary E. Tillinghast of Gillisonville and lived at Stoney Run plantation near Gillisonville, St. Luke's Parish, then in Edgefield and later in Columbia; 1st Lt. Co. F, 3rd S. C. Cavalry. Represented leaders of Ellenton Riots of 1876; in 1885 appointed Attorney (D.A.) ~~General~~ by Pres. Cleveland. Later served as Circuit Judge and on S. C. Supreme Court; in 1905 he became Attorney General of S. C. and held that office until his death. He was a noted orator and scholar.

OWENS:

Jan 6 Nov 1848 (administrator James P. Youmans) Barnwell C. House
James Owens, Revolutionary War soldier, traditionally said to have been wounded in a battle and left for dead, but crawled into a hollow tree and three days later was rescued and recovered. He is said to have come from Philadelphia to Barnwell County, S. C. where he was a farmer. He had three sons: married ^{Sch.} McBride(?)

1. Augustus

2. Frank

3. Cuthbert

Carolina
and a daughter, Elizabeth Owens, born 1829, who married James Peeples Youmans (1820-1884)

dan. Sarah m. Minors had son Robert J. Minors

JOHNSTON:

Capt. Nathan Johnston settled in St. Peter's Parish in 1768. William Cuyler Johnston, his great-grandson, was baptized in McBride's Mill Pond.

Capt. Nathan I, his son, Jonas, and Capt. Nathan II were all members of Beech Branch Church.

Jonas, Capt. Nathan II and Wm. Cuyler were all "excommunicated" by Beech Branch and all restored, except possibly Jonas.

Wm. Cuyler was excommunicated for "dancing and fiddling in your house".

A hearing was held on Eliza (McCoy Peeples) Johnston on a complaint that she had been rough on her daughter-in-law, wife of Rev. Jonas Johnston who ultimately moved to Texas.

6 Feb. 1865 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 20th Corps, U. S. Army occupied Mexico plantation as Brigade Hqs.; they marched on the next day - after burning Mexico and practically every other residence in the area.

4. William Franklin Youmans (2 July 1853 ~~to~~ Dec. 1908) Black Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetary married Jessè Manker (7 June 1857 - 17 Sept. 1915) issue: (16 Dec. 1827

24 Oct. 1873 - 4 Feb. 1938
C. M. Rhodes
1 Oct 1872 - 30 July 1947

- a. Maude married Charles Myers Rhodes, son of John Jenkins {24 June 1909
Rhodes and his cousin, Thirza Evelina Rhodes; their two children were: William F. Rhodes and Ethel Rhodes who married Stoney Lawton Peeples, son of John Williamson Peeples and Eliza Jane ("Lila") Rhodes; their daughter, Lilah Elaine Peeples, married William Dee Chisolm; issue: Wm. Dee, Jr., Stoney Peeples and Elaine (son Michael Johnson) 3 daughters
- b. William F., Jr. married Mary
- c. Lewis M. married S. Chisolm, sister of Milton M. Chisolm, sister of Mrs. Walker, Ch. of John Chisolm (son of James & Sarah Youmans and Chisolm)
- d. Lee married Elizabeth Dunn
- e. Minnie married Barrett Jones; dau. Nell m. Dr. David Y. Hicker.

Llewellyn
Eunice dsp
Alton Chisolm dsp

5. Preston Brooks Youmans, married 1883 May Elizabeth "Amy" Fitts of Brunson; issue:

Died 13 July 1979
Albert Earl m. Martha Reid

- 1. James Earl 24 Oct 1939
- 2. Hugh Decker 6 Jan 1942 13 Sep 1988
- 3. Sarah 11 Feb. 1947

- a. Pearl, unmarried. (C. Soups. old in 1965 when Ajetta Cummings visited her) Winthrop grad. ret. Postmaster of Brunson, ret. school teacher. + 23 May 1985
- b. Paul Blanchard
- c. Esther Katherine
- d. Leona Temperance
- e. John Andrew m. son John A. Jr. (1) Curran; 2 sons {Brooks Curran James Curran
- f. Elizabeth Preston m. (2) McCoy b. 30 Dec. 1858 d. 19 Nov 1923

6. Albert L. Youmans, died Estill, S. C., married 28 Nov. 1861 - 11 Mar. 1954 Minnie Eugenia ("Zeenie") Rhodes, sister of Charles Myers Rhodes who married Albert L.'s niece, Maude Youmans, dau. of William F. Youmans; issue:

4. ARTHUR J. Laird
5. ANN m. Emond
6. Evelyn Hester + 1939

- 1. Willie Jean, b. 10 Oct. 1937
- 2. m. Mary Reid 14 June 1914
- 1. Holbrook Arnold 25 Feb. 1941 m. C. Bonnie
- 2. Jerry Allen 1943
- 3. David Perry 6 Apr. 1948

- a. James Peeples, died unmarried, Estill, S. C. June 1954
- b. Hugh Rhodes, married Anna Lawton Peeples; issue: Albert Earl b. 7 Dec. 1911 d. 13 July 1979
- c. Benjamin Terrell, married Cora Ellis, dau. of Richard Ellis and Ida Rhodes, sister of Thirza Evelina Rhodes and Eliza Jane ("Lila") Rhodes, all daughters of Hon. George Rhodes and Eliza Jane Robert, dau. of James Jehu Robert and Charlotte Anne Lawton, dau. of Joseph Lawton and Sarah Robert. Issue: Evelyn, Terrell Lee and Claire, all married.
- d. Thirza Evelina, died unmarried.
- e. Albert L., Jr. married Amelia Ranckl; two daus. Minnie Louise and Meta Alberta, both married.
- f. Holbrook Wyman, married Laura Forehand (Mrs. Lotterhos); one dau., Eleanor Anne, dsp.
- g. Arnold Browning, married Sarah Long; three daus.: Harriett and Joan Eugenia, both married, & Patricia m. John H. Boin Eau Stephanie John Youmans 3 Sarah Miles

VII. Sarah Youmans married James Chisolm issue:
1. Sally Chisolm
2. Virgil Chisolm
3. William Chisolm
4. John Chisolm m. Solly m. Lewis m. Youmans of Luray Milton m. m. O Hogarth @ Rubye Peeples, dau. Chas. Laughlin P. Mrs. Walker 2. John Milton o.s.p.

John Theodore Youmans m. 1936 Johnson
1. Theodore Rhodes 1936
2. Laura Gertrude 6 July 1938
3. Gloria Jean 1 Jan. 1948
4. Barbara June 1944
5. Mary Elizabeth 16 May 1947

VIII. Mary Anne Youmans (22 March 1812 - 10 March 1893) married Russell Stokes (1812 - 1895) issue:
1. Mamie Stokes married Laurens Youmans.
2. Robert Stokes
3. William Stokes

* Not a son

of Wm and Mary Peeples

Youmans, according to

Pearl and Eliz. Youmans

(See VI 5. 2 and f.)

Ephraim

* James E. Youmans, born 1805, farmer, St. Peter's Parish, 2000 A. 1850 Census; married Honour Elizabeth Morse born 1804; issue:

- 1. Abigail Moni, born 1825
- 2. James, born 1832 m. Margaret Heape
- 3. William, born 1834
- 4. Anne E. Youmans, born 1776 (sic! 74 yrs. in 1850) (mother of James?)

V. Thomas Youmans, born 1816, merchant, St. Peter's Parish married Julia Emm^r Manker born 1826; issue:

- 1. Louisa, born 1846, married Sam Lewis
- 2. Cornelia, born 1848, married Ben Lewis
- 3. Annie, born 1850, married Farnam Moore
- 4. Julius
- 5. Bartow
- 6. Edwin

Epitaph:
1st Lt. 3rd Sc Cav. CSA
1819-1884

3rd Lt. in Capt. A.M. Martin's Co. Y, 3rd Sc. Cavalry 30 Mar. 1862

VI James Peeples Youmans (1819-1884), lawyer, farm manager for his brother, James E. Youmans in 1850; buried Black Creek Bapt. Ch.; overseer for Martin family - married Elizabeth Owens, (dau. of James Owens, who m. McBride?) born 1829; issue:

- 1. Augustus Marion (21 Apr. 1846 - 1 Jan. 1894) married (1st) 1867 married (1st) Margaret Johnston, born 1850, died 21 May 1876, dau. of Wm. Cuyler Johnston (3 Feb. 1823-8 Jan. 1894, son of Capt. Nathan & Gertrude Eliza McCoy Peeples Johnston of Mexico plantation) and Rebecca Hamilton (3 June 1826-7 July 1882); issue:
 - b. Rebecca Elizabeth (Bessie) married Joseph George Logan Gooze. b. 20 Apr. 1871
 - c. Lela Maria married Peter Sidney Cummings 21 Sept. 1890
 - 1. Ajetta Cummings d.s.p.
 - d. James Percival, born 16 Oct. 1869, died Bainbridge, Ga. 19 March 1951, lumberman, lawyer, tobacco planter, member of Board of County Commissioners 20 yrs, Chairman 12 yrs.; married (1st) Beulah Cole of Florence, S.C. where she is buried; married (2nd) 22 June 1910 Waynesboro, Ga. Eugenia Dunlap Ward, born Burke Co., Ga. 18 Aug. 1886; issue:
 - (1) Jean Ward, born 22 June 1912 Decatur Co., Ga. married Henry Womack Slaphey, Pres. of Havana State Bank, Havana, Fla. on 7 Apr. 1935; two children: James Henry Slaphey, born 18 Apr. 1938, married 25 May 1963 Mary Phyllis Gregory; and Orien Elizabeth Slaphey, born 24 Oct. 1939, married 4 June 1960 John Bayne Waddill and has son Sam Bayne b. 9 Feb. 1963.
 - (2) James Percival, Jr., born 7 Aug. 1919, unmarried.
- d. Marion Johnston, born 14 May 1876, died 21 May 1876. married (2nd) Olivia Porcher* (sister of Mrs. Gov. Miles McSweeney), buried Hampton beside sons Porcher & Frank; issue:
 - a. Porcher, died in infancy. Olivian Hurd Youmans (5 July 1889-3 Oct. 1889)
 - b. Augustus Marion; six children; buried in Donaldsonville, Ga.
 - c. Frank, died unmarried about 25 yrs. old (Francis Porcher Youmans 1887-1910).

left Citadel 1863
Camp Fripp 16 Dec. 1863
joined his father's company.

b. 2 July 1873
plantation 6 mi. from Gillisonville

x 9 Jan. 1865-5 Sept. 1889

- 2. Medicus Youmans, died Luray 1906; married Abigail Bowers; issue:
 - a. Mrs. Willie Johnson (Elizabeth)
 - b. Mrs. J. S. Rushing (Julia)
 - c. Peter R. Youmans m. Hettie Mae Hamilton
 - d. Lewis Charles Loyal Youmans 27 June 1883-3 Oct. 1964 Saw, Ga. m. Ellen Dicker; no issue.
 - e. Mary m. Manning Polk
 - f. Bridie m. John Trowell
 - g. William m.
 - h. John (to Ark.) m.
- 3. Chisholm Youmans, married Mamie Stroud; issue:
 - a. Foster
 - b. Florie, married Moore
 - c. Albert
 - d. Benjamin
 - e. Howard (died young)
 - f. Gladys (died young)

born 1846

Ellen Johnston, sister of Margaret, married Thomas Marshall, first Editor of The Hampton County Guardian, established 1879; they and their children were deceased by 1926, no evidence of grandchildren.

Alice M. Johnston, another sister, married James Keene; they lived, died and were buried in Brunswick, Ga.; no issue.

Mary Reid (Mrs. Hugh Rhodes Youmans, Jr.) was a dau. of Dexter Reid of Hampton County and his wife, Belle Prince; her sisters were: Mrs. Irene Frances Reid (Mrs. Jesse Cook), Mrs. Maggie Wright and Mrs. Martha Pauls of Charleston, Mrs. Sarah Cook of Varnville; her brothers were: William and Peter Reid of Varnville and Paul Reid of Indianapolis, Ind.

Hampton Co. Guardian

Wed Pearl Youmans

29 May

1985

Miss Pearl Youmans, 101, died early Thursday morning, May 23, in Allendale County Hospital, Fairfax, S.C. after an extended illness.

Miss Youmans was born in Hampton County, S.C., Jan. 1, 1884, a daughter of the late Preston Brooks Youmans and May Elizabeth Fitts Youmans. She was a retired School Teacher, having taught in the Brunson school for 35 years. She was also Postmistress in Brunson Post office for 20 years. She was a 1905 graduate of Winthrop College, member of Brunson Christian Church and a member of the Brunson Book and Music club.

Surviving are: One sister: Mrs. Betsey McCoy of Brunson, S.C. Three Nephews; John A. Youmans, Jr. of Hampton, Brooks Curran of Greenville, S.C. and Jim Curran of Charleston, S.C. Two neices: Mrs. Wyman Preacher of Brunson, S.C. and Mrs. McKinnon Floyd of Johnsonville, S.C.

Funeral services were held at graveside Saturday in Brunson Cemetery directed by Peoples-Rhoden Funeral Home of Hampton, S.C.

REBECCA PEEPLES, dau. of Lt. John Peeples of Cedar Grove plantation, Prince William parish, Beaufort Dist., S. C.
B. 9 Oct. 1794 and his wife, Catherine McBride, dau. of Alexander D. McBride.
married 11 Dec. 1811

BURWELL McBRIDE, who emigrated from his Darlington Dist., S. C.
B. 22 Nov. 1787 place, Brichdone plantation, on 18 Dec. 1810 and
D. 23 Oct. 1857 arrived at Hickory Hill plantation 29 Dec. 1810
CHILDREN: where he thereafter resided. His will dated 5 Nov. 1857 is filed in Beaufort Court House.

1. Thomas M. McBride, born 12 Nov. 1812, died 1817.
2. Caroline McBride, born Jan. 1815, married 8 January 1829
A. B. Murray and moved to Florida in March 1830.
3. Margaret McBride, born 28 Oct. 1816, died 1817.
4. Sarah Ann McBride, born 5 Nov. 1818.
m. John W. Hill
5. Isabel McBride, born 5 Oct. 1821
married a Tweedy? or Hadley (apparently, from Burwell's will.)
6. Julia McBride, born 19 Dec. 1823, died 16 Sept. 1830.
7. William Leith McBride, born 27 Dec. 1825, died 5 Feb. 1862 at
Hickory Hill plantation home of his mother; he resided at his
Hammock plantation and also owned Oregon plantation; he married
Anna H. who lived at Blue Gate plantation after his death.
Children:
 - a. Ida Isabel McBride
 - b. Burwell McBride
 - c. Sarah McBride
 - d. William Leith McBride
8. Clara Miles McBride, born 16 Sept. 1829
married Sampson Paul
Children:
 - a. Charles Leith Paul, born 17 Aug. 1848, married 5 April 1870
Amie (Naomie) Wily Bostick, born 7 June 1853.
See: Our Family Circle, pp. 311-313.
 - b. Josephine Paul
married John Lucas of Walterboro.

Beech Branch Baptist Church
Founded 12 Sept. 1759
near Luray, S. C.

- 1759 Nineteen persons constituted Coosawhatchie Baptist Church, sponsored by Rev. Oliver Hart and Rev. Francis Pelot: Rev. James Smart, Sr. and his wife Elizabeth, Thomas and Ann Walker, Mary Laracy, Philip and Mary Hagett, Henry Smart, Richard and Martha Bagley, Thomas and Elizabeth Collins, John and Mary Dale, Joseph and Rachel Johnston, Solomon and Catherine Wood and Henry Davis.
- 1769 First meeting house 16 x 20 built on a one acre lot given by Thomas Collins on Duck Branch.
- 1796 James Smart, Jr., son of the first Pastor, secured grant of 71 acres on Beech Branch waters, granting 7 acres at first and later the remainder for Church use; the Church still holds these 71 acres.
- 1802 Savannah River Association formed, including Coosawhatchie, Black Swamp, Pipe Creek, Bethesda and Lower Three Runs.
- 1815 Church moved to present location; bi-weekly services begun on 2nd and 4th Sundays; present building built in 1815 but has been extensively repaired. Many members served with Generals Marion, Sumter and Greene in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War and many in the Confederate army.
- 1823 Name changed to Beech Branch Church and Church documents revised.
- 1848 Church documents revised again with Covenant and Rules still standing as per that revision.
- 1884 Last conference for colored members 10 Feb. 1884.
- 1890-1900 Last colored members withdrew to join colored Churches
- 1908 Interior of Church rebuilt.
- 1959 200th Anniversary celebrated 13 Sept. 1959

Older Baptist Churches in S. C.:

- 1683 First Baptist Church, Charleston
- 1736 Ashley River Baptist Church
- 1738 Welsh Neck Baptist Church
- 1746 Euhaw Baptist Church
- 1752 Catfish Creek Baptist Church
- 1756 Cashaway Neck Baptist Church
- 1755 Lynches Creek Baptist Church
- 1775 Pipe Creek Baptist Church formed with 24 members of Euhaw Baptist Church and others; Rev. Joshua Lewis was first Pastor; this Church moved to Lawtonville and took over the Union Church founded there on 4 acres given by Amos Johnston and called "The Republican Church". The leading members became Baptists and c. 1852 eventually took over the Church; however, the property is now Lawtonville Cemetery and is used by members of all Churches, Lawtonville Baptist Church having moved to Estill in 1911.

EPITAPHS in Black Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery:

William Y. Smith (married Elizabeth, dau. of Lt. John and
25 Aug. 1788 Catherine McBride Peeples)
22 May 1855

Elizabeth, wife of Allen Smith, died
24 March 1857, aged 32 years (b. 1825)
Barnwell, son of Allen Smith, died 1 Oct. 1843,
1 yr. 4 mos. 27 days.

William H. Smith, 30 Oct. 1890 - 9 Jan. 1897
son of Arthur H. and Elsie A. Smith
Arthur H. Smith 29 Dec. 1866 - 7 Feb. 1917
Elsie A. Smith 30 Dec. 1868 - 15 Aug. 1959

WILLIAM YOUMANS

died 16 April 1850 in the 73rd year of his age.

"Shed tears of regret for one who in youth

Was blessed with an excellent wife,

In age was made to feel in truth

The bitterest curse in life."

(he was reputedly very unhappy with his 2nd wife.)

MARY YOUMANS (daughter of John Peeples & Catherine McBride)

died 5 Feb. 1839 in her 58th year.

"Rest sainted mother, rest

Companion, neighbor, friend,

Thy happy spirit blest,

Thy troubles at an end."

NOTE: Will of THOMAS OWEN, Granville County, planter.

Wife: Frances, "plantation called Owen's Lodge" and
other lands in Granville County on "Cussa Hatchey Creek"
(Coosawhatchie River). Daughter: Elizabeth, said plantation
and other lands at my wife's death. Brother: Jeremiah Owen.
Mentions Joseph Wragg and WILLIAM YEOMANS, both of Charles
Town, merchants. Exors.: Jeremiah Owen, Joseph Wragg,
WILLIAM YEOMANS. Wit.: Richard Woodward, Joseph Edward
Flower, Jemmitt Cogley, Ambrose Reeve.

D: 29 May 1735; P: 8 March 1737

Will Bk. 1736-1740 p.55, Charleston Probate Court.