ADELE M. GOEBZ

A SHORT BIOGRAPHY

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A PROFILE

Adele Goerz was an immigrant just before the Civil War. She married and raised her family to be responsible citizens. She contributed to Savannah's growth by working with real estate development. Her daughters worked in charitable pursuits. Her spirit continues in the form of her grandchildren and great grandchildren.
ADELE M. GOERZ

(January 27, 1844 - January 10, 1909)

This is a short biography of Adele M. Goerz, a lady capable of hard work, a lady of tenacity, imagination and spirit. These virtues turned her life and the life of her family from one of potential poverty to that of a thriving, on-going, contributing family. Adele must have been a remarkable woman to have survived and overcome difficult and trying times.

Adele M. Albrecht, a young lady of fourteen, sailed from her native Hanover, Germany,1 destined for the United States. It is unknown whether she was accompanied by her parents or by anyone.2 The year of this adventure was 1850.3 There was an H. P. Albrecht living in Georgia in 1840 in Muscogee County and a review of the 1850 census of that county finds that there was indeed an H. P. Albrecht. From the information given in that census, no connection with Adele Albrecht can be made.4 It is known, however, that she came to Savannah from Philadelphia5 and it can be assumed that she arrived in the United States at a New York port.

Adele's future husband, Christian Frederick Goerz, arrived in New York from Wurtemburg County, Germany on January 14, 1852.6 He swore an oath of allegiance on January 19, 1855.7 Christian was admitted to the United States in March, 1858.8 Imagination lends itself to the idea that this is when Adele and Christian met. Perhaps it was!

Georgia had seceded from the Union and the first shot of the Civil War had been fired before Adele Albrecht and Christian Goerz obtained their marriage
license on July 16, 1861. They were married at the Lutheran Church of the Ascension two days later with the Reverend J. Hawkins conducting the ceremony. With the war as their only apparent obstacle, there was no reason to believe that they would not lead a normal, reasonably happy, long life together. Christian had established himself in business as a baker by 1860. Christian was thirty at the time of their marriage and Adele was seventeen. They had much to look forward to!

They were parents on May 16, 1862, when their first daughter, Ida Eveline, was born. Ida's baptismal date is unknown. The following year their only son was born, Frederick Ferdinand. He was born on November 16, 1863 and was baptized the day before he died on May 30, 1864. Certainly this was a personal tragedy for Adele and Christian, but infant deaths were not uncommon at that time and Adele and Christian had time to have more children. On May 25, 1865 Pauline Augusta was born. She was baptized at the Lutheran Church of the Ascension on July 13, 1865.

Life was going well for the Goerz family. Christian was a successful baker and one of the leaders in the German community in Savannah. He was a member of the Germania Fire Department, a volunteer fire department, one of many in the city. He was an officer in the German Friendly Society, a benevolent and social organization that looked after the welfare of the German families as the need arose. He also helped re-form the Savannah Turn Verein Society. This was a German social and athletic organization that had split from the National Turn Verein when difficulties between North and South became severe. In early 1866 Christian and others applied for and were granted readmission into the national organization. Christian was then elected an officer of the Savannah Turn Verein Society. Christian did not serve in the war so Adele
was more secure than many ladies of Savannah. 18

During the period 1861-1866 Adele's name does not surface. Perhaps, besides tending to her family, she helped Christian in the bakery and managed to keep abreast of the events of the day.

In November, 1866, Christian re-leased the property upon which his bakery was located. The terms of the contract was for five years at sixty dollars per month. 19 The property was located on Broughton Street. 20 Adele's world was about to change in a variety of ways.

Christian contracted cholera in November, 1866 and Dr. Charters was unable to save Christian from death on December 2. 21 He was only thirty five years of age. Christian died intestate which further complicated Adele's affairs. 22 Adele had another factor to consider. There were going to be three children to care for rather than two. Adele was then pregnant with Christiana Adele who was to be born on May 20, 1867. 23

One must remember that our society at that time was a man's society and wives had few automatic inheritance rights. At the time of his death, Christian held assets of five thousand dollars. 24 A trust had to be instituted for Adele and her children. Not until the twentieth of December, 1866 was Adele's application for trusteeship filed. 25 At that time, when a widow applied for a trusteeship, she and the surviving children were legally entitled to enough money to support herself in the manner to which the family was accustomed before the death of the husband. 26 While under trusteeship, this support appears to have come from county funds. 27 The court first appointed as trustee, Henry Blum, a member of the Board of Directors and President of Germania Bank. 28 While an estate is in trust, nothing can be overtly done to alter it without the court's permission. It appears that no action was initiated by the first
request for action regarding the estate. Another action was filed. This action restated that Christian had died intestate and this petition requested that trustees be named and it also requested permission to have the trustees submit an inventory and appraisal of the estate.\textsuperscript{29} The request was granted and among the trustees named were Henry Blun, D.L.Blyck and Phillip Herrmann.\textsuperscript{30} The next time a document was filed it was the inventory of the estate, including the bills that had been paid. This document declared that when all bills had been paid there was an excess of two hundred three dollars and sixty-eight cents. This document also declared that it had been necessary to sell Christian's stock in the Central Rail Road.\textsuperscript{31}

This must have been a time for some serious reassessment. Adele, being the person she was, could not give up. She had no money or no immediate means of livelihood, but she did have obligations. She was pregnant and already the mother of two daughters. The children must be looked after and she, Adele, was going to be the person to do it. Added to her personal misfortune, Reconstruction was beginning in Savannah. Savannah was occupied by Federal troops and the economy generally was in decline.

Adele does not appear in the City Directory of 1867. In fact, Adele does not appear in records again until February 11, 1871 when she purchased two sixty-foot lots on East Liberty Street upon which she four modest houses: 418, 420, 422, 424 East Liberty Street in Crawford Ward.\textsuperscript{32} It remains a mystery where she acquired the capital for such an investment. There are several possibilities though; perhaps Mr. Blun, one of her trustees, was her benefactor or perhaps she received a loan from the German Friendly Society. These are possibilities, simply conjecture on the part of the author. Whatever her source, the investment was a wise move because Adele was to find that she could success-
fully buy and sell real estate.

The first time Adele appears in the City Directory after Christian’s death is in 1874. At that time she lived on Liberty Street, 3 West of Price. This would indicate that she lived in one of the houses she built.

Adele’s problems were not behind her. During the early seventies our country was experiencing economic woes and Adele suffered her economic setbacks too. It is recorded that some amount of her property was sold at auction on Tuesday, October 1, 1876 to satisfy tax executions.\(^3\) That may have been bad luck for Adele as a businesswoman, but as a mother, earlier that year, she received a supreme blow:

> The friends and acquaintances of the late Christian Goerz and of Mrs. Adele Goerz and family are invited to attend the funeral of their eldest daughter from the Lutheran Church at 3½ o’clock this afternoon, (1-12-76)\(^4\)

This would be Ida Eaveline Goerz who died on January 12, 1876 at age thirteen years and fourteen days. She was buried with her father and baby Frederick at Laurel Grove Cemetery.\(^5\)

Adele’s tenacity served her well for she still had herself and her two daughters to care for. She set out on an active course toward success. She did what she could and seemed always to move a step forward. The family lived in various locations in Savannah: 184 State Street, 34 Barnard and 103 East Park Avenue. She variously lists her profession as dressmaker or none.\(^6\) Throughout the period of the eighties and nineties she took in one or two boarders.\(^7\) According to the 1880 City Directory Adele and Pauline lived at 184 State Street. Pauline was then fifteen years old and boarded with her mother while working as a milliner for a person named Keroukoff.\(^8\) At one time a Mrs. L. Desboillons boarded in Adele’s house.\(^9\) From 1884 through to her death Adele engaged heavily
in the buying and selling of real estate. Her name appears innumerable times in the Chatham County Deed Index as both the grantor and grantee. From time to time Adele bought property in partnership with a Mary C. Herman. The possibility exists that Mary C. Herman was the wife of one of Adele's trustees, Phillip Hermann. A review of the transactions recorded in the Chatham County Deed Records leaves one the impression that Adele was as much a real estate developer as a real estate broker.

In 1890 a handsome young man appeared in the lives of the Goerz ladies. He and his friend, Mr. Heidt, boarded with Adele on State Street. His identity is important to our story.

Mr. James C. Slater came to Savannah from Bullock County at the age of nineteen or twenty. He entered a business partnership on March 1, 1887 with H. Moore & Company. The company was a grocery firm and its name was changed to Slater, Moore & Company. On September 17, 1899 James C. Slater assumed all the liabilities of the grocery firm. On the following day Mr. Slater formed a partnership with J. P. Heidt who either was at that time or would become Mr. Slater's sister's husband. Their business was located at the corner of Congress and Jefferson Streets.

Pauline Augusta Goerz married James Cone Slater on June 12, 1890 in an Evangelical Lutheran Church ceremony, conducted by the Reverend W. S. Bowman, pastor. From 1895 on Adele and Christie lived at 103 New Houston Street (later re-named East Park Avenue) with the Slater family.

Adele reached a level of financial success that enabled her to care for herself and her daughters comfortably. In 1907 she sold two lots to her daughter Christie, for a mere fifty dollars and to Pauline she sold five lots for only one hundred twenty five dollars. Adele was solvent enough in 1907 to be able...
to loan to Mr. Harvey Granger of Granger & Lewis Wholesale Lumber Company a total of twenty thousand dollars for which she held over five hundred lots as collateral. The debt was to be paid in three years as follows:

$6,000 due in one year at 6%, $7,000 due in two years at 6% and $7,000 due in three years at 6% per year.

The debt was paid in full on June 28, 1919. By the time Adele died she had provided a means of income for Christie for the rest of Christie's life.

Adele had worked long and hard and successfully in her life and when a heart attack claimed her she was deserving of her rest. Through only the Slater family does she leave her legacy.

Reading her will, one can clearly see how important her family was to her. To Pauline, Adele left three thousand five hundred dollars. To each grandchild she left three hundred dollars. To Christie, Adele left her property on the corner of Perry and Whitaker, known as 25 Perry Street West. The most touching request in the will is:

I direct that my Executrices hereinafter named remove to my lot at Bonaventure Cemetery the remains of my husband, daughter and little boy and that they put up a suitable tombstone over the remains of my daughter whose grave is now unmarked.

It has been my privilege to have known Adele M. Goerz, however briefly.

In researching Adele's life, Christie Adele remained mostly in the background. She never married and only once was she mentioned as having a profession, a music teacher. She lived her middle years and her late years with her sister's family. Christie was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. There is to the present day a ladies' church guild named Christie A. Goerz Circle. She is remembered by members of St. Paul's as a lady of leisure, possible living on income from investments. Church members recall that she was impeccably well dressed and that she was known to be a live wire who was capable of expressing
her opinions vocally. Christie was active in church work and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Christiana Adele Goerz died on November 9, 1949, a year after Pauline's death. At the time of her death she was recorded as living at 1106 Drayton. That address is the rear of the house designated as 103 East Park Avenue. Christie's death terminated a long illness. The funeral service was conducted by the Reverend John L. Yost of St. Paul's and the Reverend Uary of the Lutheran Church of the Ascension. She is buried in the Goerz lot at Bonaventure Cemetery. Her will shows her interest in her family and in her church. She provided for perpetual care for the cemetery lot. She willed money to her nieces and nephews and to the Christie Goerz Circle. The rest of her estate was given to St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Savannah as a Ministerial Students Educational Fund. Her nephew, James C. Slater was her executor.

It is through the Slater family that the heritage and spirit that was Adele's will persist. Pauline and James had nine children, three of which lived only a short time. John Frederick Slater was born on April 4, 1891. He lived until June 20, 1922. At age 31 he died of inflammation of the bone. James Carlisle Slater was born on December 24, 1895 and was baptized on March 29, 1896. His grandmother, Adele, and his Aunt Susie witnessed the event at St. Paul's. This gentleman you will hear more about because he is the direct descendant whom I interviewed. Another son, Percival Randolph Slater was born to Pauline and James on January 5, 1898. He was baptized at St. Paul's on April 17, 1898. This ceremony was witnessed by Percival R. Cohen. Pauline and James were to suffer the loss of their third son on February 21, 1899. The cause of death was pneumonia. Along with Percival in the family cemetery lot are three other baby Slaters.

Pauline Augusta Slater was born on February 2, 1902 and baptized July 6, 1902.
This Pauline became a school teacher. She married Mr. W. R. Perry and presently lives in Daytona Beach, Florida. Frank Joseph Slater was born on February 26, 1904 and was baptized on June 12, 1904. Frank became a physician and settled in Clinton, New York. It is through the children of Pauline Perry and/or Frank Slater that the heritage from Adele Goerz will persist. Frank passed away about three years ago. Three children survive him. Robert Walter Slater was the last child. He was born on September 8, 1906 and died from inflammation of the bone on January 30, 1933.

The Slaters were a contributing family, to each other, of course, but to the community as well. Mr. Slater's business continued to proper in response to his long hours of attention he gave it. He served his community three times as an alderman under three different mayors. He campaigned for the city government to be in the form of a council type. When he passed on City Hall's flag was flown at half-mast.

Mrs. Slater is remembered by her son as an energetic and thrifty lady and as a somewhat progressive lady. As a young woman, before her marriage, she drove a car. St. Paul Church was founded in 1895 and Pauline is on the register as a charter member. Pauline served as a member of the Board of Directors of the YWCA and a member of the Board of Directors for the Port Society of Savannah. She was also a member of the King's Daughters. When James died on November 2, 1928, she took over the business and ran it successfully. She is remembered as a pretty woman who gave the appearance of dignity, kindness and good humor. She was benevolent. She gave a complete communion service to the church. She also founded the St. Paul's Ministerial Fund, now known as the Slater-Goerz Fund. This fund continues to assist Lutheran Ministerial Students. The capital of this fund is never used and a student who continues in the ministry does not have to
repy the tuition he has received. 76

Pauline died of coronary occlusion on August 8, 1948.77 Her will remembered first her family, but also a variety of charitable organizations.78

Mr. J. C. Slater, Jr. recalls some of his parents' family friends: Mrs. Munqaiser, Mrs. Vogel and Mrs. Fred Clark. Mr. Slater married Edith Wilmer Maxwell on April 26, 1922.79 The ceremony was conducted by Neal L. Anderson, Pastor of the Independent Presbyterian Church.80 They had no children. James C. Slater, Jr. served in World War I and worked as a stevedore for thirty years. He is a dignified gentleman and I must thank him for the information he provided me.

This, then, is Adele and her family. It's a good story and I believe she would have liked it.
1. James C. Slater, Jr. (Interview)
2. James C. Slater, Jr. (Interview)
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38. Savannah City Directory, 1883, pp. 100
42. Savannah City Directory, 1890, pp. 397
43. J. C. Slater Obituary (copy attached)
44. Savannah Morning News Digest, 1897, V. 38, Pt. 1, pp. 418
45. Savannah Morning News Digest, 1899, V. 40, Pt. 1, pp. 484
46. Savannah Morning News Digest, 1899
47. J. C. Slater Obituary (Copy attached)
48. Savannah Morning News Digest, 1899
49. Chatham County Court of the Ordinary, Marriage Records, H., pp. 296:
50. Savannah City Directories from 1895 on and Bonaventure Cemetery Records and J. C. Slater Obituary and Christie A. Goerz Obituary (Copies attached)
51. Chatham County Superior Court Deed Record Book 77a, Foli 254 and 255
52. Chatham County Superior Court Deed Record Book 94a, Foli 197
53. Chatham County Superior Court Deed Record Book 94a, Foli 171
54. Adele Goerz’s Will (Copy attached)
55. Savannah City Directory, 1892, pp. 231
56. Betty Kleinsteuber and Annie Kramer Rabeler (Interview) (Members of St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church)
57. Savannah Morning News, Thursday, Nov. 10, 1949, pp. 2 (Christie Goerz’s obituary)
58. Savannah Morning News, Thursday, Nov. 10, 1949, pp. 2 (Christie Goerz’s obituary)
59. Personal observation and a photograph (attached)
60. Christie A. Goerz’s will (copy attached)
61. Bonaventure Cemetery, a survey of Slater lot
62. Records of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
63. Records of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
64. Records of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
65. Records of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
66. Records of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
67. Betty Kleinsteuber and Annie Kramer Rabeler (Interview)
68. J. C. Slater, Jr. (Interview)
69. Bonaventure Cemetery Records and Chatham County Health Records, Birth and Death Records
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75. Betty Kleinsteuber and Annie Kramer Rabeler (Interview)
76. Betty Kleinsteuber and Annie Kramer Rabeler (Interview)
77. Chatham County Health Records, Birth and Death Records
78. Pauline Goerz Slater Will (Copy attached)
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Interview. Betty Kleinstueber and Annie Kramer Rabeler. Members of Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.


Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Records.

Savannah Morning News.

Savannah Morning News Digest.
APPENDIX

I. Copy from Savannah News Digest, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1984. Reference to Mrs. Goetz having houses built.

II. Copy of excerpt from the History of Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

III. Copy of photograph of Mrs. J. C. Slater and Miss Christie Goetz.

IV. Copies of wills:
    Adele M. Goetz
    James C. Slater
    Pauline A. Slater
    Christie A. Goetz

V. Copy of the article from The Savannah News Press reporting the death of Mr. James C. Slater.

VI. Copy of Minutes of the meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of St. Paul's Lutheran Church (November 12, 1905).

VII. Various photographs pertaining to Mrs. Goetz and her family.
and to the comfort and pleasure of the citizens but give a good impression to visitors.

SUN May 21, 1884: 4/1 - Notwithstanding the rumors of panics and other reported unusual indications of what is going to happen during the approaching summer, the building boom is soon likely to be terminated and that the demand for houses would be lessened, while a number of contracts for others have been given out.

Messrs. Dorney and Cameron are completing a row of two-story wooden residences on Amor corn Street, between Waffign and New Houston Streets, for Mrs. A.M. Goerz. These residences are well finished inside and out and are calculated to increase the value of adjacent property.

SUN May 31, 1884: 4/2 - The wooden structure which formed the annex to Fireman's Hall on the west side has been torn down and yesterday afternoon the foundation of a one-story brick structure with a frontage of 22 feet and a depth of 60 feet was laid. The new building is being erected by Messrs. Beacon and Stunt, under the direction of the City Council Committee on Public Buildings. Mr. Beacon is doing the brick work and Mr. Stunt the wood work. The improvement is estimated to cost about $775 and will furnish accommodation for the Wester Hook and ladder truck and horse.

SUN September 1, 1884: 8/1 - Savannah has during the past year witnessed the erection of five hundred and ninety-one buildings. There can be no better evidence of the growth and prosperity of the community and the confidence of the capitalist in the future of Savannah.

SUN November 1, 1884: 4/2 - What was one year ago today a smoking waste, with a forest of chimneys marking where houses had once stood, now seems to be a new city, with streets lined with attractive residences, occupied by industrial people. A number of brick structures, many of them residences and a few for manufacturing purposes, have been erected.

SUN November 22, 1884: 4/2 - In the past six months 147 buildings have been erected in Savannah, south of Liberty Street, at an aggregate expenditure of not less than $77,000. This does not include those that have been remodeled or repaired.

SUN November 27, 1884: 4/1 - Mr. W.F. Rowe of this city, has been awarded the contract for the entire wood work of the new State Capitol.

CONCLUSIONS

SUN Feb. 9, 1885: ed. 2/2 - Preparations for the Convention of the State Agriculture Association, which meets in this city next Tuesday, are being pushed forward astoundingly. Those who have charge of the arrangements are enthusiastic in their work and will leave nothing undone that can possibly contribute to the success of the meeting. Many of the most prominent agriculturists in the state will be present and their interest in planting will be well worth hearing.
support for the work in Japan and toward the end of 1911 began also to take an interest in the work in India. The Society's week of prayer continued as a regular event in the life of the congregation, and the women continued their active participation in the mission work of the Ebenezer Conference. They also continued the children's missionary work. The Children's Home and Foreign Missionary Society ceased to exist in 1912, but the women organized the Junior Missionary Society in 1916, and in 1918 its name was changed to The Little Workers Missionary Society. A long-time project of these children's groups was support of the Lutheran Orphan Home in Virginia. Some of the leading officers of the Women's Missionary Society during the period through 1918 were Mrs. W. E. Braid, Mrs. M. J. Epting, Mrs. S. Oppenheimer, Mrs. E. M. Springer, and Miss M. Sigwald.

The Ladies Aid continued much of their work after 1910. There were teas and rummage sales and other events to raise funds although the financial success was not as marked as in the previous decade. The group continued the tradition of having an annual picnic at Beaufort, and they continued to make donations to the congregation.

An on-going project for the women was the visiting of the sick and new members. Here a typical report for one month can give an idea of what this was like:

Report of the Visiting Committee for the month of May.

As there was very little sickness in the congregation, we made very few calls.

We first called at Mrs. Epting's who had been taken very sick a few days before, saw Miss Elizabeth Epting who said her mother was some better but still very sick and unable to see company. A few days later we called again, she was still unable to see us.

We called at the Savannah Hospital to see Mrs. Colvin of Brunswick, a sister of Mr. Geo. Harms, she was doing very nicely, left her a bunch of roses from there we went to St. Josephs to inquire after Mr. Burger who had been operated on a few days before he was doing splendid but not able to see company we left a bunch of roses for him.

Next call was to the Ogletorpe Sanitarium to see Mr. H. O. (?) Gnann of Stillwell Ga. who had been operated on the week before, he appreciated the visit very much also the flowers we left. Paid a short visit to Mrs. Epting who we were glad to find able to be out on the porch.

May 27th we sent flowers to Mr. Ubele, a brother of several of our members, who died that morning.

June 3rd. A bunch of flowers and heartiest congratulations were given to Mrs. Nungezer who celebrated her 80th birthday that day.

Miss Goetz accompanied by Miss (sic) Pauline Slater called at Savannah Hospital to see Mrs. Groot but she had left for home also asked after Mrs. Weitman who is still very sick, as Mrs. Groot was not there, all the flowers were sent in to Mrs. Weitman.

Miss Christie Goetz
Maggie Sigwald
Visiting Committee

Excerpt from the History of St. Paul's Lutheran Church
In addition to visiting the sick and shut-ins and the usual projects continued from the last decade, the ladies also helped with projects connected with the First World War. (See p. 74.) The main leaders of the Society from 1911 to 1918 were Mrs. S. Braid, Mrs. W. T. Warner, and Miss Christie Goerz.

Mrs. J. C. Slater and Miss Christie Goerz — leaders in the Ladies Aid Society 1911-1918.

Relations with other bodies

While the inner life of the congregation maintained its pace, St. Paul's developed in its work with the wider Church and in relations with other institutions in the Savannah area. This took place in two principal ways: first, by the personal representation of Dr. Epting and, second, by the activity of the congregation itself, including the auxiliaries.

Dr. Epting's interaction with the wider Savannah community came in a variety of ways, but some of the more notable were his continuing membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans where he was a long-time chaplain and also his being made an honorary member of the German Friendly Society in 1910. He was engaged in some historical research for the Friendly Society regarding the Salzburger, John Adam Treutlen, about the time the First World War began. Dr. Epting participated in yet another historical project when, along with Pastor Hoppe, he participated in the unveiling of an historical plaque at Jerusalem Church (former Ebenezer community). The sponsor of
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CHATHAM COUNTY.

I, Adale W. Goerz, of Savannah, Georgia, hereby make, publish and declare the following to be my last Will and Testament, revoking and setting aside any former Will that I may heretofore have made.

ITEM FIRST: I direct that all my just debts, if any I owe at the time of my death, be paid as soon after my death as may be practicable.

I direct that my Executrices hereinafter named remove to my lot at Bonaventure Cemetery the remains of my husband, daughter and little boy, and that they put up a suitable tombstone over the remains of my daughter, whose grave is now unmarked.

ITEM SECOND: I give to my daughter, Mrs. Pauline A. Slater, the sum of three thousand five hundred (3500) dollars, and to each of her five (5) children the sum of three hundred (300) dollars. I constitute the father of the said children the Guardian to receive, invest and hold a legacy during the minority of any of the five children, paying it over upon the completion of the majority of the children.

ITEM THIRD: I give to my daughter, Christie A. Goerz, my property in the City of Savannah on the corner of Perry and Whitaker Streets, known as 25 Perry Street, west, and all the rest and residue of my property, the specific legacies to my daughter, Mrs. Slater, and her five children alone excepted.

I leave more to my daughter Christie than I do to my daughter Pauline, not from any lack of affection for Pauline but only because my daughter Christie is unmarried and my daughter Pauline is supported by a good husband.

ITEM FOURTH: I nominate, constitute and appoint my daughters, Pauline and Christie, as Executrices of this Will, and I hereby make it unnecessary for them to file any appraisement of my estate or to make a return to any Court.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal at
Savannah, Georgia, this the 19th day of October in the year nineteen hundred and eight (1908).

Adèle M. Goertz (L.S.)

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by the above-named Testatrix, Adèle M. Goertz, as her last Will and Testament in our presence, and we in her presence and at her request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses at Savannah, Georgia, this the 19th day of October in the year nineteen hundred and eight (1908).

Sue B. Adams
A. P. Adams
E. L. Goodman
I, James C. Slater of the County and State aforesaid, do make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all my former wills and testaments at any time made by me.

Item 1. I desire that all my just debts be paid as soon as possible after my death.

Item 2. (a) I give and bequeath to my sister, Louise Slater, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500).
(b) I give and bequeath to my friend, Jasper Truscott, the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1000).
(c) I give and bequeath to the Union Society of Savannah conducting Bethesda Orphanage, the sum of One Hundred Dollars ($100).
(d) I give and bequeath to the Savannah Public Orphan Asylum, the sum of One Hundred Dollars ($100).
(e) I give and bequeath to the Linger's Daughters' Day Nursery, now conducted by the Julia McLeod Chapter of Linger's Daughters at 1005 Montgomery Street, Savannah, Georgia, the sum of One Hundred Dollars ($100).

Item 3. I give and bequeath to each of my children, Pauline A. Slater, James C. Slater, Junior, Frank J. Slater and Robert N. Slater, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10000), one to the three children of my deceased son, Fred Slater, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10000).

Item 4. I give, devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my property of whatever kind and whatsoever situate to my wife, Pauline A. Slater, for her life, remainder after her death to my said children and to the said three children of my son Fred per stirpes and not per capita, but I do not desire that the said life tenant shall give any accounting whatever for either the income or the principal of my estate which I have left for such life tenant.

Item 5. I desire and direct that the said bequest of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10000) to each of my children shall not be paid to them until they arrive at the age of twenty-five (25) years, and that until they arrive at the age of twenty-one (21) years the income from said amounts shall be handled for them by my wife, Pauline A. Slater, who is appointed Testamentary Guardian for each of them as may be minors, and that the income from
Item 6. The bequest of Ten Thousand Dollars (10,000) to the children of my deceased son Fred shall be paid to the Citizens and Southern Bank as Guardian and Trustee for them until they arrive at the age of twenty-five (25) years, the income being used by the said Guardian and Trustee for their maintenance and education until they arrive at the said age of twenty-five (25) years.

Item 7. If any of my sons desire to purchase the business conducted by me on West Broad Street in Savannah, Georgia, I desire that my Executors shall sell the said business to the said son or sons and to arrange such transaction in such way as shall be advantageous to them as well as to my estate. If none of my sons desire the said business I wish my Executors, and they are hereby fully empowered, to sell the said business as soon as possible to the best advantage.

Item 8. I nominate, constitute and appoint my wife, Pauline A. Slater, and my sons, James C. Slater, Junior, and Frank J. Slater, and also my son, Robert W. Slater, if of full age and if any of the others are for any reason disqualified or decline to act, as Executors of this will, and I desire and direct that they make no inventory or appraisement, that they give no bond and that they make no returns of any kind to any Court or other authority. I further give to my said Executors and to each of them as may be surviving and qualified full power to sell any or all of my property at any time and upon such terms as they see fit without any order of Court and at either public or private sale.

Witness my hand this September 16, 1925.

[Signature]

Signed, Declared and Published by James C. Slater as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, the subscribers, who subscribe our names hereto as such testifying witnesses in the presence of the said James C. Slater and in the presence of each other, he having
first signed in our presence and having afterwards signed in his presence and in the presence of each other.

This September 16, 1925.

[Signatures]

Will W. W. Atkins
STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF CHATHAM,

I, PAULINE A. SLATER, of Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made.

ITEM I: I direct that my body be buried in our lot in Bonaventure Cemetery. This lot being already under perpetual care as to watering, cutting of grass, and such, I direct my executors, hereinafter named, to pay to the person or persons in charge of such the sum or sums necessary to extend such perpetual care to the cleaning of monuments and complete perpetual care.

ITEM III: I give and bequest to each of my ten grandchildren ($1,000.00) One Thousand Dollars in cash or securities: Hart Slater Clark, Christie Adele Slater Lyon, Shirley Winston Slater Sams, Catherine Ingram Slater, Pauline Slater Perry, Thomas Perry, Adele Slater, Jane Slater, True Slater, John Lenny Slater.

ITEM III: I give and bequest $2,000.00, Two Thousand Dollars to Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Savannah, Georgia, to be used as a Ministerial Students Educational Fund. The income to be used and expended toward the education of a young man from Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, preparing for the Lutheran Ministry. If there be no student from this Church after a reasonable period of time, the income may be advanced to a young ministerial student from some other Lutheran Church to be applied to his education and training for the Lutheran Ministry. The selection of the student to be left to the discretion and wise judgment of the Councilmen of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Savannah. The income from this fund may be allowed to increase until such time as there is a worthy student to use such income.

ITEM IV: I give and bequest to the Young Women's Christian Association of Savannah, Georgia the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) in cash.

ITEM V: I give and bequest to the Willing Workers Circle of the King's Daughters and Sons of Savannah, Georgia, the sum of Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00) in cash.

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ITEM VII: I give and bequeath to the Lowman Home for the Aged and Helpless in White Rock, South Carolina, the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1000.00) in cash.

ITEM VIII: I give and bequeath to the Crippled Children's School, Jamestown, North Dakota, the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00) in cash.

ITEM IX: I give and bequeath to the Mason's Crippled Childrens Home, Greenville, South Carolina, the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00) in cash.

ITEM X: I give and bequeath to the Union Society of Savannah to be used for Bethesda Orphanage the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00) in cash.

ITEM XI: I give and bequeath to the Margaret Boty Infants Nursery, Inc., the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00) in cash.

ITEM XII: I give and bequeath to my daughter-in-law, Ethel Maxwell Slater, the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1000.00) in cash.

ITEM XIII: I give and bequeath to my Executors and Trustees, hereinafter named, my West Point stocks, to be held in trust for my sister Christie Adele Goers, she to receive all income therefrom as long as she lives. If necessary to sell and use principal. If any remains after her death it is to be added to the student fund of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Item XIII.

ITEM XIV: I give and bequeath to Frank J. Slater all flat silver of the Virginia pattern.

ITEM XV: I give and bequeath to Pauline Slater Perry all other silver, jewelry, linens, china and furniture as she sees fit.

ITEM XVI: All the rest and residue of my estate, real and personal, and wherever situate, which I may own or be entitled to at the time of death, I give, devise, and bequeath to my three children, Pauline Slater Perry, Frank J. Slater, and James C. Slater, child or children of a deceased parent to represent the parent and take per stirpes and not per capita, and to Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Savannah, Georgia, share and share alike, that is one-fourth to each, in fee simple. I desire, however, that the share of Saint Paul's Lutheran
Church of Savannah, Georgia, shall be added one half to the fund above mentioned in Item III and one half of one half be used for missions, one half of this one half for the Board of Pension and Relief of the United Lutheran Church in America.

ITEM XVII: Should my estate shrink between now and the time of my death and there not remain enough to pay all of the foregoing bequests, then I direct my executor and trustees hereinafter named, to divide such estate as I may have, after all bills have been paid, among the legatees in the same proportion as set forth in the foregoing items.

ITEM XVIII: I hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint my daughter, Pauline Slater Perry, my sons, James C. Slater and Frank J. Slater, and the Citizens and Southern National Bank of Savannah, executors and trustees of this my last will and testament, and I confer upon them full power, as such to administer my estate, excusing them from giving bond, and I expressly confer upon them full power and authority to sell any part of my estate not hereinafter specifically devised, at public or private sale, on terms or for cash, as they may deem best, and without order of court, making good and sufficient conveyances to the purchaser and holding the proceeds of the sale to the same uses and trusts as hereinbefore declared in the several items of this will. I request that they pay all bills and distribute my entire estate as quickly after my death as can be done under the law. I also give them authority to keep such investments as I have, but should they make new investments they shall be guided by the laws of the State of Georgia for investment of trust funds.

WITNESS My hand and seal this 3rd day of April 1918.

Pauline A. Slater

The foregoing instrument, consisting of XVII items on pages 1, 2 and 3 was signed, sealed, declared, and published by Pauline A. Slater, as her last will and testament, in the presence of us, the undersigned, who, at her special instance and request, do attest as witnesses, after said testatrix has signed her name thereto, and in her presence, and in the presence of each other.

Witness our hands and seals at Savannah, Georgia, this 3rd day of April 1918.

[Signatures]
STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF CHATHAM.

I, CHRISTIANA ADELE GOERZ, of Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia,
being of sound mind and memory and prompted by a desire of disposing of my earthly effect
after my death, do make, ordain, and declare this my last will and Testament, revoking all
others by me heretofore made.

ITEM I: I will and direct that my body be interred in our family
lot in Bonaventure Cemetery, near Savannah, Georgia, and that my Executor and Executrix
erect over my grave at the foot of the grave of my deceased sister, Ida Goerz, a suitable
monument of flat stone to my memory, in the general style and workmanship as that over
the graves of my father and mother.

ITEM II: I will and direct that all my just debts be paid with
promptness, including those of my last illness and funeral expenses.

ITEM III: I will and direct that my Executor and Executrix de-
posit with the proper authorities of the City of Savannah the sum of Five Hundred Dols-
ars ($500.00), the income of which shall be used and expended in taking care of the
stones in that portion of the lot in Bonaventure Cemetery on which my Parents and Sister
are buried and on which I wish to be placed.

ITEM IV: I give and bequeath to my niece, Mrs. Pauline Slater
Perry, the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1000.00) and my walnut sewing table.

ITEM V: I give and bequeath to my nephews, James C. Slater and
Frank J. Slater, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) each.

ITEM VI: I give and bequeath to my name-sake, Christinna Adele
Slater Lyon, the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1000.00).

ITEM VII: I give and bequeath to my name-sake, Adele Slater,
daughter of my nephew Frank J. Slater, of Clinton, New York, the sum of One Thousand
Dollars ($1000.00) to be used wisely in completing her education and equipment for
life, preferably at College.

ITEM VIII: I give and bequeath to my grand niece Catherine I.
Slater, daughter of my late nephew Robert Slater, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars
($500.00) to supplement her education and equipment for life, preferably at College.

ITEM IX: I give and bequeath to the Christie Goertz Circle of
the Woman's Missionary Society of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Savannah, the sum
of Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00), to be used in furthering its work.

ITEM X: Should my estate shrink between now and the time of
my death and there not remain enough to pay all of the foregoing bequests, then I
direct my executor and executrix, hereinafter named, to divide such estate as I may have, after all bills have been paid, among the legatees in the same proportion as set forth in the foregoing six items.

ITEM XI: I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate to Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Savannah as a Ministerial Students Educational Fund, should there be any residue after the foregoing items have been taken care of. I wish the income to be used and expended in the education of young men from Saint Paul's Church, preferably, preparing for the Lutheran Ministry. If there be no students from this church after a reasonable period of time the income may be advanced to young Ministerial students from some other Lutheran to be applied to their education and training for the Lutheran Ministry. The selection of students is to be left to the sound discretion and wise judgment of the Councilmen of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Savannah. The income from this fund may be allowed to increase until such time as there is a worthy student to use such income. My desire and earnest prayer is that this may be the nucleus of a permanent Ministerial Aid Fund that shall help and assist worthy students for preparation for the Ministry of our Church.

ITEM XI: I hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint my sister, Pauline Goetz Slater, and my nephew James C. Slater, executrix and executor of this my last will and testament, and I expressly confer upon them power, as such, to administer my estate, excluding them from giving bond, making inventory, appraisement, or any return of any kind to the court of Ordinary, and I expressly confer upon them full power and authority to sell any part of my estate, with or without notice, on terms or for cash, as they may deem best, making good and sufficient conveyances to the purchasers, without any order of any court.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 17th day of January, 1948.

Christiana A. Goetz

The foregoing instrument was signed, sealed, declared, and published by Christiana Adele Goetz, as her last will and testament, in the presence of us, the undersigned, who, at her special instance and request, do attest as witnesses, after said testatrix had signed her name thereto, and in her presence, and in the presence of each other.

This January 17th, 1948.

[Signatures]
JAMES C. SLATER DIES SUDDENLY

Prominent Business Man and Former Alderman of City

James C. Slater, prominent in business and political circles, died suddenly about 11 o'clock last night at his residence, 103 East Park Avenue. Mr. Slater was president of the wholesale grocery company which bears his name, a director of the Citizens & Southern National Bank, a former alderman and chairman of council. His sole fraternal affiliation was membership in Dekalb Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Funeral arrangements have not been completed, though services will probably be held tomorrow afternoon.

Survivors

Mr. Slater is survived by his widow, Mrs. Pauline Augusta Slater; three sons, James C. Slater, Jr., Frank J. Slater and Robert W. Slater all of Savannah; a daughter, Mrs. W. C. Ferry of Daytona Beach, Fla.; two brothers, W. A. Slater of Brooklet and Brantley Slater of Ceilia, and five sisters, Mrs. C. W. Smith of Valdosta, Mrs. W. A. Hodges of Oliver, Mrs. Ida Heldt of Savannah, and Mrs. J. B. White and Miss Louise Slater of Cairo.

His Activities

A native of Pulloch county, where he was born on September 23, 1861. Mr. Slater came to Savannah as a youth of 19 or 20, and almost immediately engaged in the wholesale grocery business. He served three terms as an alderman: his first was during the administration of the late Mayor Davant; his second under Mayor Pierpont, when he became vice chairman of council and during Mayor Bethbrook's administration he was chairman of council.

Mr. Slater also served as chairman of a citizens' committee formed a number of years ago to enter a move for a commission form of government in Savannah, a project in which he displayed great interest.
JAMES C. SLATER LIES SUDDENLY (Continued)

In point of service, Mr. Slater was one of the oldest directors of the
Citizens & Southern National Bank.

Out of respect to Mr. Slater's memory, the flag at the City Hall has been
placed at half-mast.

AUTHOR'S NOTE:
This article was copied from an article in The Savannah Press, Saturday,
November 3, 1928. The article as copied directly from the paper is difficult
to read and was not reproducible. The original article was accompanied by a
photograph showing a handsome man with salt and pepper gray hair and a dignified
mustache.
To the Officers and Members of the
Roman Catholic and Foreign Missionary Society of
St. James' Cathedral Church,

I beg to submit the 20th Annual Report.

How we, as poorly band of workers and ten
years age to organize our Missionary Society, the
most important of us would not have dared to
look forward to such a blessed accomplishment
as has been one. There we were burdened with
a debt for our church lot, we had no church
home, and it really seemed that we had
undertaken more than we could possibly ac-
complish.

And so it would have been, if we had
trusted to our own strength, but we were
doing the Master's work, and we were greatly
blessed in all our efforts. As we all knew,
we were enabled to make the best gay out on
our lot on December 25th, and great was our
surprise when that announcement was made.

And now it pleased me to say to my Society,
and having accomplished it, was there nothing
left for us to do? Surely enough, indeed!
Even when burdened with that debt, we took
as a small way to help other struggling bands,
and now we felt that we were free to devote
our entire to legitimate Missionary work.
In what way we have done that during the
practically, both for the Home and Foreign field.
our Treasurer's Report will tell you.

But the money is not everything - we want the interest of all of our people in this cause.
We have certainly felt in closer touch with our missionaries in Japan since we have been receiving those delightful letters from Mr. Brown.
So, we would like to have every member of our church attend our meetings, hear of our work, and we feel that they would soon become interested workers themselves.

We have now 47 members and we would like to double that number before we leave here to-night. Give your name to any one of us, and come to our next meeting which will be held Rec. 13. at Mrs. Vogels. It will do you good as every effort to elevate mankind always brings its own blessing.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. J.B. Intro
President.

Nov. 2, 1903.
East Liberty Street Property