To the Hon: the Chancellors of the State of South Carolina.

The humble petition of Mary C. Tatum a minor over twelve years of age, shews unto your Honors that she is without father or mother living, that she has no relation in this State who can take charge of her person or Estate, that she is now residing in the family of Waller B Merritt, and is desirous that he should be appointed her guardian

Mary C. Tatum

Ex parte
Mary C Tatum } On hearing the petition in this case and the petitioner appearing in open court, and making choice of the said Waller B Merritt as her guardian, and he appearing and consenting to the trust, the motion of Griffin Solicitor for Petitioner Ordered that it refer back to the Commissioner to report on the propriety of granting the appointment and also the value of the Estate of the Petitioner

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I Beg leave to report that I have examined Mr Gray Esq. and am satisfied that Waller B Merritt is a fit person to be appointed guardian of the person

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