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Georgia Bibb County of said County I Henry Tensom being in feeble health of body but of sound & disposing mind & memory do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills by me made.

Item 1 I wish all my just debts Speedily paid there being no reason for delay.

Item 2nd I give to my wife Elizabeth Tensom Two or 2,3 thousand dollars and this in lieu and in bar of Dower and in lieu and in bar of usual allowance to Widows for her Support for one year and in lieu & in bar of all her ~~demands~~ ^{claims} on my Estate.

Item 3rd In case my wife Elizabeth should be in the family & the Child born alive such Child or Children if more than One should be born in such time as would make the same legitimate - then & in such case such Child or Children should share equally with my Children and provided for as herein directed.

Item 4th I give to my Son Madison G. Tensom my Plantation known in the family as my "old place" lying on Ockeeconnee Creek containing about Seven hundred and fifty acres adjoining the Lands of Martin Johnson & A. Sharp that I should add for this devise he is not to share in my other lands.

Item 5th As to ~~the~~ real and residue of my Estate real and personal of every kind whatever I dispose as follows. To each of my Children now born or to each legitimate Child that may be born to me including my grand daughter Elizabeth Ellen Daughter of my deceased Son William B. Tensom to take one full share, my Son Madison G. Tensom is not to share in the real Estate but is to have a full share in everything else that is all my lawfull Children whether born hereafter born to me including my said Grand Daughter as one Child to share equally share and share alike in all my Estate except as before stated that my Son Madison G. shall not share in the Lands.

And if a Child be born to me after my death legitimate and live before it attains the age of 21 years or marriage such share so following or accruing to such posthumous Child shall in such case and in such event revert to and become a part of my Estate and be equally divided among my right heirs at law then living.

I direct my Executors hereinafter named to hold the funds of the infant devisees or devisees & invest the same in State Bonds and apply the dividends for maintenance or education until marriage.

And in the division of my Negroes I wish & desire that they be divided in families as near as possible and that the real Estate not specifically disposed of be divided

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Last Will & Testament of Henry Newcom Continued
Executors to sell at public or private sale as they may deem
best. And I appoint my son Madison & Termond & Robert
B Barfield Executors of this my ^{will} also Ira Jennings before
Sealing. May 17 word fifty intimated before Sealing 17th
May 1859
Signed Sealed published & declared 3 Henry Newcom 58

Signed & Sealed published & declared
by Henry Benson as his will &
Testament who at his request and in
his presence have signed the same
as witnesses.

James M Parker
J C Bradley
Thos P Stables as witnesses

Georgia } Court of Ordinary,
Pebb County } Personally appeared in open Court
at June Term 1869 James M. Parker & John C. Bradley
who being duly sworn say they saw Henry Newcomb late
of said County sign & seal declare & publish the instru-
ment now presented & hereto attached as & for his last
Will & Testament, that said Testator was of sound
& disposing mind & memory & that the said Will
executed by him freely & voluntarily, by him of his
own accord & without any influence or compulsion
whatever that deponents each signed the same as
Witnesses at request of said Testator & saw Thomas
P. Stubbs do so likewise & that all the said
Witnesses signed same in presence of each other & of
said Testator

sworn to and Subscribed in
open Court June 4th A.D.
1860, before me The undersigned
notary

M. Riley Ordinance

James M. Parker
J. C. Bradley