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the evidence for the purposes therein mentioned when in his proper mind that he defendant subscribed the same as a witness and saw Francis Healy and James R Healy do so likewise Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 11th Jock Healy— day of Nov^r 1844.

John A. Patrick, J.C.

GEORGIA This is to certify that I have given unto my Frankfort County Son John Ford thirty five dollars and also to my Son William Ford thirty five dollars I have also given to my Daughter Nancy M. Cook one hundred and five dollars & fifty cents I have also given to my Daughter Sarah & Rice thirty dollars —

Georgia } In the name of God Amen
Murray County } I Lewis Ralston of the ^{County of} Murray
} do hereby certify that the within and State aforesaid, being
of advanced age and feeble ~~health~~ ^{thought} of
sound mind and knowing that I must soon
depart from this world deem it right and
proper that I should make a disposition of my
property with which a kind providence has
blessed me - I therefore make this my last
will and Testament hereby revoking and annul-
ling all others heretofore made by me
Item first I desire that my body be
buried in a decent and christian like
manner suitable to my circumstances
and conditions My soul I trust shall
return to God who gave it as I hope for

our Jesus Christ —

Item Second — I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executor and Executrix herein after named I desire that my debts shall be paid by the sale of my stock and other personal property and in and in failure of that then the remainder of my debts by the sale of my lands my objects being to provide if possible the sale of my negroes —

Item Third I give and bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Sally Ralston all my real Estate consisting of one hundred and fifty Acres of land more or less lying on the waters of Salmon Creek in the County of Franklin and State aforesaid to have and to hold the same for and during the term of her natural life provided the same shall not have to be sold for the payment of my debts —

Item Fourth — I give and bequeath to my beloved wife for and during her natural life my negro woman Mary about Twenty years of age my negro woman Clary about Eighteen years old my Negro boy Oliver about Seventeen years old my Negro boy Mervin about twelve years of age my Negro boy Perry about three years of age and my negro girl Katy about fourteen years old

Item fifth — If at the death of my wife Sally Ralston my daughter Elizabeth Edwards shall be alive then to her the said Elizabeth Edwards I give and bequeath for and during her natural life all the above named negroes and after her death I give and bequeath the before mentioned Negroes with all their increase to her Children to be Equally divided amongst her said

Children except Francis, J. Edwards her daughter to whom I give and bequeath after the death of my wife Sally Ralston and my said Elizabeth Edwards the before mentioned Negro Girl Katy about fourteen years of age with all her increase

Sixth — In order that my intentions may be clearly understood I repeat that I give and bequeath to my wife Sally Ralston for and during her natural life all the above mentioned lands and Negroes and after her death I give & bequeath the said property land and negroes to my said daughter Elizabeth Edwards and her children forever and desire that the said daughter shall have the use of said property during her life time under the control of my Executor herein after named and at her death I desire that the said land and negroes shall be equally divided amongst her children except the said Francis, J. Edwards to who as above provided I give the said Negro Girl Katy with her increase

Seventh — The net of my property both real and personally I give and bequeath to my ^{wife} Sally Ralston during her natural life and to my said daughter Elizabeth Edwards and her children forever subject as aforesaid to the control of my Executor during the life time of my said daughter Elizabeth Edwards

Eighth I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Sally Eccentrise and my worthy and beloved Grandson Edward H. Edwards Executor to this my last will and

Lewis Ralston (deceased)
 his mark

Sign Seal and declared and published by
 Lewis Ralston as his last will and Testament
 in the presence of us the subscribers who
 subscribed our names hereto in the presence of
 said Testator and of each other this 21st
 day of October 1844

Franklin B. Morris
 R. G. Isbell
 Lipe C. Hooper

Georgia

Franklin County

Personally appeared before
 us John A. Patrick

+ R A R Neal two of the judges of the Inferior
 Court of said County Franklin B. Morris
 R. G. Isbell and Lipe C. Hooper all of the
 County of Murray and State aforesaid who
 being duly sworn depose and say that they
 saw the above named Lewis
 Ralston sign & seal the above and foregoing
 will as his last will & Testament
 when in his proper mind and that they
 subscribed the same as witnesses sworn to
 and subscribed before us this 15th day
 of Nov. 1844

Franklin B. Morris
 R. G. Isbell
 Lipe C. Hooper

J. A. Patrick J. P. M.
 R A R Neal J. P. M.