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State of Georgia, We Homer R. Howard William M. Wood & James M. Tait sworn
 Jackson County & present Sept Saturday about 11 o'clock to August Instant in the
 year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred & fifty six at the Residence of Matthew B. Wood
 before his death about 24 hours his death in perfect possession of his faculties
 peacefully he called upon us to remember & instruct him of what he was about to say
 that it had been his intention to make his will in Writing & Dispose of his
 property some time before but it was not convenient for him to do so at the
 time he had mentioned it above he now wished us to understand that his will
 & Desire was that my wife Fanny Wood to Remain on the place she now resides
 & it is my Desire that the Thomas County Land that I recently purchased containing
 five hundred acres more or less to be sold & a portion of my stock & property
 to be sold such a number of them as my Executor my think best or as his
 Discretion & such of my stock sold as my Executor think best & the money
 arising from sale of my property that is sold put out at interest until my
 youngest Child becomes of age & then all my personal & Real Estate be divided
 My Executor & to be equally divided between my wife Fanny & my Children
 & Fanny is only to Receive a whole part of my Estate while my Children
 and that he Requested and Desired his further James Wood to see that his
 Wishes and Desires in this regard should be fully carried out to effect immediately
 after which he died August 17th 1856

Homer R. Howard
 William M. Wood
 James M. Tait

In person appeared before Me Nathaniel H. Bendingraft a Justice of the
 peace in & for said County Homer R. Howard William M. Wood & James M.
 Tait who being duly sworn say that this paper containing the last August
 & verbal Declaration of the personal property & Real of Matthew B. Wood date
 of said County Remains & is just & true in all its parts

sworn to & subscribed before me this August the 17th 1856

Homer R. Howard
 William M. Wood
 James M. Tait

N. H. Bendingraft J.P.

Recorded 7th Sept 1856
 John A. Bellman and