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John W David's last will & Testament,

In the name of God, Amen.

I John W David of the County of Group and State of Georgia being very sick and weak but of sound mind and memory thanks be given unto God calling unto mind the Mortality of my body & knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will & Testament. That is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, which I shall receive again by the mighty power of God.

And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner & form.

I give to my dear wife Elizabeth D David during her natural life or widowhood all my property both real and personal with all my household goods, debts and moveable effects. But in case my wife Elizabeth D David marry again after my decease then my wife Elizabeth D. David shall be entitled to a child's part of the property and effects, as above mentioned. and it is my will further that when any or all of my lawful children shall become of age or marry shall then be entitled to an equal division of all the property.

It is my will further that the negro girl Clara and her child Jim be exchanged for a certain negro girl Louisa belonging to Willis Strickland of Madison County Georgia provided the said Willis Strickland will consent thereto by paying me John W David ten hundred dollars. But in case the said Willis Strickland will not consent

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to the change of property as proposed in this item then it is my will that the said girl Clara be sold by my Executor -

It is my will further that should any property be coming from my own relations by consanguinity all to go to my lawful child - and should any property be coming from the relations of my wife Elizabeth D. Davis all to be retained and possessed by her to be disposed of in any way she sees fit,

It is further my will that Luke Johnson of Troup County and William W. Power of Madison County Ga. act as executor to this my last will and testament,

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said John W. Davis in the presence of us who in this presence in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names

John W. Davis

Phillip H. Green
John C. Hall
James Eberhart

Georgia } Court of Ordinary
Troup County } November Term 1837
The within last will and testament of John W. Davis dec^d having been duly proved at this regular term in open court, upon the oath of John C. Hall & James Eberhart two of the subscribing witnesses thereto
Ordered that the same be admitted to Record
Wiley Wilson C.C.O.
Recorded 9th Nov 1837 W. Wilson C.C.O.