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State of Georgia, County of Wilkinson
 I, William W. Whitaker of the State of Georgia, being of advanced age, sound mind and proper memory, do hereby certify that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me, I therefore make this my last will and testament hereby ordering and appointing all matters hereunto made by me.

Item first I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner my legal executor shall direct to that effect.

Item second I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executor hereafter named.

Item third I give and devise to my beloved wife Ann Elizabeth one hundred dollars in cash for her own proper use and benefit to dispose of at any time as she may deem proper.

Item fourth I devise to my five children viz James Mason John Benjamin Nancy Jane Ella both in Davis and Aradon Elizabeth Lot Number one hundred and forty two containing one hundred and twenty six and half acres more or less also Eighty acres of lot of Sand Number one hundred and fifty six making in all two hundred and fifty six and half acres lying in the third District of Wilkinson County the rest of my property both real and personal whatever and what ever it may be I devise and bequeath to my said five children the above mentioned property to them and their heirs forever.

Item fifth I Request and direct that all the property both real and personal mentioned in item four remain and be kept together until the youngest child arrives to the age of twenty one years and that my said wife Ann Elizabeth shall remain on my said place or plantation as a widow during her life time or widowhood and I shall have a support yearly from the proceeds of my said plantation until my said youngest child arrives to the age of twenty one years at which

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Now by the said testator and appoint my worthy friend and son James M. Whitaker Executor to this my last will and testament this February 9th 1874

W. W. Whitaker

Signed sealed and delivered and published by W. W. Whitaker as his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers whose subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said testator and of each other this February 9th 1874

Benjamin Fordham
Jeyson Lord
J. M. Fordham
John E. Lord

State of Georgia Wilkinson County of Ordinance
Wilkinson County } Now we the
Clerks in & open Court at this regular term
the Court Benjamin Fordham Jeyson Lord
J. M. Fordham and John E. Lord and being
duly sworn depose that they saw W. W.
Whitaker sign and publish the within
his last will and testament while of
sound and disposing mind that they witnessed
the same for him at his request and in his
presence and of each other that the same
was executed voluntarily by him on the day
it purports to have been executed
Sworn to & subscribed before me
in open Court Nov. 1st 1875

W. F. Cannon
Ordinary Male

Benjamin Fordham
J. M. Fordham
Jeyson Lord
John E. Lord