

MANATEE COUNTY; PROBATE RECORD ONE

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On 5 Sept. 1881 James D. GREEN and Henry LANGFORD heirs at law of Willoughby WHIDDEN of Manatee County deceased filed an application for citations to issue to all heirs at law of said Willoughby WHIDDEN to show cause why administrator should not be appointed.

On 3 Oct. 1881 Eliza WHIDDEN wife of said Willoughby WHIDDEN deceased showed that in the County of Manatee and State of Florida on the 27 May 1861 her said husband departed this life and that before his death on 10 May 1861 while of sane mind and discretion did make his last will and testament. She never had will recorded and submits it to probate at this time.

State of Florida To all whom it may concern. Know
Manatee County all men by these present that I
Willoughby WHIDDEN of the State
and County aforesaid, for and in consideration of the affection that I have for my beloved wife, Eliza WHIDDEN, do bequeath and give all of the property that I am now possessed of together with the increase interest and consisting of cattle, hogs, horses, money, notes, household furniture and farming utensils to have and to hold the said described property during her natural life for her support and maintenance and to use and dispose of, buy or sell, in short to make all her own contracts. As I have given to those of my children who are of age other portions of property it is my wish that at the death of said Eliza WHIDDEN that the children of mine and the said Eliza WHIDDEN who are not of age to draw an equal portion with those who have already drawn. Then the surplus if any other, then to be equally divided between them all. This is my last will and testament signed in the presence of Almighty God and those witnesses whose names are hereunto affixed. I being at the time of signing and sealing of this instrument of writing in full possession of all my faculties.

Maxwell WHIDDEN
Henry LANGFORD his
John W. WHIDDEN Willoughby X WHIDDEN
Maxfield WHIDDEN mark
James WHIDDEN

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Lewis R. DANIELS appointed guardian of heirs of William WHIDDEN; Emma, Henry, Edner & Matilda WHIDDEN. James D. GREEN, M. F. MIZELL, James W, DANIELS appointed appraisers.

Page 231 Inventory and appraisement of estate of William WHIDDEN 112 head of stock cattle in bad condition well culled and classed as follows: