Legitimizing James M Whorton

The State of Alabama }
Shelby County }

I Know all men by these presents that I James Whorton a resident citizen of said County and State do hereby make this declaration in writing legitimating my child James Madison Whorton a male child about six years of age whose mothers name is Lizzie Batson and I do hereby further declare that I by these presents do recognize the said minor child James M Whorton as my legitimate child and as capable of inheriting my estate real and personal as if he had been born in lawful wedlock. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12 day of September 1886.

Attest. J B Martin }
James Aiken }

James Whorton (Seal)

Filed February 12th 1889 and recorded.

R W Cobb Judge of Probate