

A Black
Will

January 12th 1806. In the name of God
amen. I, Alexander Black of the County of
Bourbon & State of Kentucky being in an
afflicted condition but of sound mind
and memory do make and appoint this
as my last will and Testament in man-
ner & form following Viz; First I will that
all my lawful debts be paid out of my
personal estate. Also I Will & bequeath to
my beloved wife Sarah Black the dwelling
where I now live and a comfortable sup-
port arising from the improvement during
life, or as long as she continues a widow.
Also I will to my son Samuel fifty seven acres
of land where he now lives. Also I will to
my sons, John, William Craig & Joseph Howe
an equal dividnd of the remainder of my
land or the Value of it. Also I will to my
daughters, Catherine Sally & Polly fifty
pound worth each out of my personal es-
tate. Likewise I will that the land will'd
to me by my father on which his widow
now lives at her death, marriage or remo-
val to my sons John, William Craig & Howe
or should any one of them chuse to settle on
it that he relinquish his part out of the
land before will'd to him to the other three.
Also I will that at my decease that the

black woman Marian be free & that the house
 she now lives in be removed to some suitable part
 of the plantation & that if she chuses to take any
 of her younger children with her that they have
 support afforded off the plantation until they
 are fit to be hired out. Also I will that the black
 persons David George Harry Roger Charles Van
 Peter Stephen Bob & Charlotte be hired out -
 except such of them as my executors may
 think necessary to keep on the plantation un-
 til they arrive at the age of twenty eight
 when they shall be free except David who
 shall serve until George is free & then be free
 the hire and services of said negroes to be ap-
 propriated to the schooling of my children &
 support of my wife & rising family & then
 that it be enjoyed by my wife if alive & a
 widow for her support until death & then
 the remainder (if any) to be equally divided
 among my children. I will that my stock farm-
 ing utensils & household furniture be retained
 on the place for the support of the family & that
 my executors make such distribution of my per-
 sonal estate to each of my children when they
 marry or leave the family provided they be of
 age as to them may appear just & equitable. I
 likewise appoint my beloved wife Sarah
 Black & my son Samuel Black the executors
 of this my last will & Testament. In Witness

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whereof I have herunto set my hand this
the day and year above written signed
sealed & acknowledged in presence of

Test

John Allison

John Scott

Joseph P. House

Alexander Black Test

Bourbon County

March Court 1806

This last Will and Testament of Alexander
Black deceased was produced in open Court
and proved according to law by the oaths of
John Allison and John Scott witnesses thereto
and ordered to be recorded. And on the mo-
tion of Sarah Black and Samuel Black the
executrix and executor named in the said
Will who made oath thereto and together with
Samuel Shortbridge John Stark and John
Allison their securities entered into and
acknowledged their bond in the penalty of
£600 conditioned as the Law directs. Certi-
ficate is granted them for obtaining a
probate thereof in due form.

Teste

Will Garrison J. C. Bl.

W. Hillis
Will.

I William Hillis jurr of the County of Bour-
bon & State of Kentucky do make ordain
and publish this my last Will and Testa-