

Said children consists of horses, hogs, cattle, sheep, farming utensils of all sorts, household and kitchen furniture, my crop of tobacco grown in 1850, and all money or notes for money which I had on hand at the time of my late marriage, after deducting therefrom the aforesaid sum of twenty five hundred dollars, as before provided, bequeathed to my wife, Emily S. Blackwell, my son John B. Black, my son in law James S. Black, and my friend J. E. Moore, executors of this my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of us the 20th Sept 1851. B. G. Marshall

James M. B. Marshall

Thos. G. Johnson

State of Kentucky, 20th Sept. October County Court 1851.

This last will and testament of Thomas Blackwell was produced, and proved in open court, according to law, by the oaths of B. G. Marshall, James M. B. Marshall and Thomas G. Johnson subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. (C 637)

attest Will D. Allison

J. Blackwell

Will

Since writing a memorandum for my administrator, I have concluded to make a will, it may be used for my family, when I go hence and be no more. I live the house and lot on which I now reside, a negro woman, Harriet and child, five, the half a acre, and four horse waggons and teams that I have in partnership with E. F. Wallow. Three shares Bank Stock, my claims against Robert Blackwell amounting to about \$1500, hundred dollars, claims in the hands of Shiff, constables, Bove and Norman, and any, and all other claims I may have for gotten, the above property I wish my wife Mary B. Blackwell to have and to hold in her possession, to do as she pleases with, as long as she lives, after her death, I wish the property to be equally divided between my four children, John B. Blackwell, Emily B. Blackwell, Richard B. Blackwell, James S. Blackwell, and Robert Blackwell. I wish to act as my administrator, as I have the utmost confidence in him. Robert Blackwell has promised me to take care of my family as long as he lives. I believe that he will stick to his word: the 15 hundred dollars I hold against him is paid loaned money, the other for a negro man that he hired, and died. I have charged him the worth of the negro believing that he will pay it, but I will leave that to his generous self to say, trusting that he will do my family justice. I think this will suffice. I can write but little more before I go hence. Given under my hand this 10 Sept 1851.

J. F. Blackwell

State of Kentucky, 20th Sept. October County Court 1851.

This last will and testament of J. F. Blackwell was produced and proved in open court, by the oaths of John P. Blackwell and James M. Stone, to be wholly and entirely in the handwriting of the said testator, and ordered to be recorded. (C 638)

attest Will D. Allison

Lynne Starling

Will

In the name of God, Amen: I Lynne Starling of the town and county of Henderson, and State of Kentucky, knowing that all men must die, and that the wisest know not how soon, and believing that it is proper right for every man when his mind is sound, and his body in comparative health, to dispose by will of the property of all kinds which he may own at the time of his death, do hereby, for that reason

and with that intention, make, publish, declare, and avow this my last will and testament in manner as follows: 1. My will and desire is that after my death, my body be buried with decent Christian burial. 2. My will and desire is that all my just debts be paid out of the means of my estate.

3. My son, Edmund L. Starling having been already amply provided for by the will of my late much loved wife, I do for that reason hereby will and bequeath to my said son, Edmund L. Starling, only the sum of one thousand dollars to be expended at the option & discretion of my Executors, on his education; and also will and bequeath to my said son, Edmund, the one half of that part of the estate of my Grandmother, Sarah, to which I may be entitled at the death of my mother. But if my said son, Edmund, shall die without lawful issue, before he attains the age of twenty one years, then and in that event, that legacy or so much thereof as shall remain unpaid as aforesaid, by my Executors shall revert to and pass with my general estate, as herein after directed & specified.

4. All the real and personal of my estate, real, personal or mixed, on special use or enjoyment in possession, remainder or reversion, of whatsoever kind or character it may be, and where it is or is situated, whether in or out of Kentucky, and however it is held or character may be altered or changed by my Executors under the provisions of this will, I do hereby devise, will and bequeath to my beloved wife, Mary B. Starling for and during her widowhood, and at her death to my daughter, Ann Maria Starling, and such other child or children as I may have by my said wife, Mary B. Starling in equal shares, and to three or any of them here per stirpes. And if my said wife shall again marry, then I devise, will, and bequeath to her in her own absolute right the one equal third part of all my estate, or is or shall be sold, my executors, and the other two thirds immediately on the said marriage of my said wife, is to pass and be vested in the said Ann Maria, my other children by my said wife, in the manner of record, and if the said Ann Maria, and all other children which I may have by my said wife, Mary B. Starling, be unmarried, and before she or they attain the age of twenty one years, then, and in that event, my will and desire is that the said last named two thirds of my estate above devised to them shall pass and be vested in my son, Edmund L. Starling, or his child or children if he be dead, leaving issue, and if he be without issue and before he is twenty one years old, then the said two thirds of my estate is to pass and be vested in my heirs general. But if any one or more of my children by my said wife, Mary B. Starling shall be without issue, unmarried and not alive, then the whole share of the child or children so dying shall be vested in my surviving child or children by my said wife, Mary B. Starling, subject to the restrictions & conditions aforesaid. It is my further will and desire that the one third of my estate herebefore devised to my said wife, Mary B. Starling absolutely shall be held, used & enjoyed by her free from the control of any husband she may hereafter have, and free from all responsibility for the debts or contracts of my said wife's said husband or husbands, and that she may dispose of the same, or any part thereof by will or appointment in writing in any way she may choose.

5. I do hereby fully authorize and empower my executors or the survivor of them by himself or them selves or their or his only constituted agent or attorney in fact, to sell and convey at his or their discretion, and in any way which in his or their opinion may be most advisable, all or any part of my estate, whether real, personal or mixed, within or out of Kentucky, and after the payment of my debts, to invest the proceeds, as he or they may deem best for the interest of my deceased or legatee.

6. I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my father, Edmund L. Starling and my father in law, William D. Allison, Executors of this my last will and testament, and my will and determination is that they shall not be required or in any wise bound to give security of any kind for the discharge of any or all of their duties as my Executors, as aforesaid, in testimony of all which I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, and do hereby revoke and annul all or any other last wills & testaments by me heretofore made this 20th day of February 1851.

Lynne Starling