

The Will  
of  
Thomas Blakemore Dec. 3

I Thomas Blakemore of Clarke County and State of Virginia being of sound  
Mind and disposing Memory do hereby make my last Will and Testament in manner and  
Form following to Wit.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I desire and wish that my Executors herein after named shall pay all my just  
Debts and funeral Expenses and receive Description of my personal Property and take out my  
Haves (not otherwise directed in this Instrument) to be disposed of as soon after my decease as  
well can be done, also sell all my Land excepting my western land in Union County Ken-  
tucky in such manner and time as in their judgment will be best and the Proceeds  
of such Sales together with all other Funds that shall come into their Hands as my  
Executors shall be paid into the Hands of those authorized to receive them as soon as  
possible.

Item 2<sup>d</sup> I have and bequeath my beloved Wife Elizabeth W. Blakemore the following  
Property over and above her Third of my Estate To Wit My Secretary and a Vehicle and Horse  
of her own choice not exceeding in Value two Hundred and Dollars.

Item 3<sup>d</sup> It is my Wish that my nephew Thomas F. Buck shall act as Trustee for my Wife  
Elizabeth W. Blakemore who is to receive and manage her Third Part of my Estate and  
make such Application of it as the Situation and Circumstances of my Wife may in  
his Opinion require I wish my Wife's Trustee to consult with her after my decease as to how  
she may prefer to live. If to buy or keep House or the latter to buy her a small Lot of  
Ground in public or improve it for her in the neighborhood she may desire to live. And  
also if my Wife Elizabeth W. Blakemore should desire Funds out of her Trustee (Th. F. Buck)

And for the advancement of my Philopie it is my desire that he should furnish her if  
he approve of it.

4<sup>th</sup> It is my wish and desire that my Stephen William M. Buck shall act as Guardian of  
two a mass of his Phosies of my Philopie - also that my Stephen Thos. F. Buck shall act in the  
same capacity for the Phosies of my Philopie and also that the Guardians before named  
shall have a rent out my western Land in Union County Kentucky and that the Land be  
equally divided among my Philopie.

5<sup>th</sup> It is my desire that the stock which I own in the Merchants Firm of John M.  
Blake and Co if it should be the wish of my Brother John M. Blake after my  
decease shall be continued by the Guardians before named of my Philopie so long as they  
shall think prudent provided the aforesaid stock shall not a Profit of ten Per  
centum Per annum but if it should not be the wish of my Brother John M. Blake  
to continue the stock be sold and the proceeds then my interest in said Firm after my  
decease to pass to the hands of my Executors to act on and settle up.

6<sup>th</sup> It is my wish that the Slaves belonging to my Estate be hired out by the Guardians of  
my Philopie until such a Time that the said Guardians shall have received in their Slaves  
sufficient money to give an education each of my Philopie the sum of Fifteen Hundred  
Dollars after paying for their Education and as soon as the Guardians shall have ascertained  
that they will have money to give an education each of my Philopie the aforesaid sum of  
Fifteen Hundred Dollars including the Value of the Slaves to said all my Slaves and  
free or otherwise as they shall deem most advantageous to my Philopie and also if any of  
my Slaves should commit any improprieties so that either of the Guardians shall think  
proper to sell him then the full sum is hereby given to either of them.

7<sup>th</sup> I give my whole Estate to my Brother George M. Blake and as his Executor  
he has to give it to any one of my Philopie he may think proper.

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on or in my will that this should be in the possession of my wife to be paid on by her  
 to any one of my children he may consider most deserving of it  
 of the sum and bequeath to my sister George & Benjamin twenty Dollars to be paid by my  
 Executors for the Purchase of some Memento of my Estate  
 And I do hereby make and appoint my Brother George & Benjamin  
 my Stephen Williams Mr Buck Executors of this my last & varied Testament hereby revoking  
 all other or former Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made, but in case of either or  
 of the above named failing to act then my Brother John & Benjamin to act in the  
 Place of the one failing to act as my Executors.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal  
 the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1833.

Thos. Blakemore

George & Benjamin published & declared  
 by Thomas Blakemore as of his  
 last Will & Testament in the Presence  
 and hearing of us who at his Request  
 in his Presence have subscribed our  
 Names as witnesses

George  
 Benjamin  
 Stephen Williams  
 Mr Buck

Upon reflection I hereby revoke the 2<sup>nd</sup> clause  
 of my last Will and Testament above giving to my wife George & Benjamin  
 a certain sum of money and bequeath of my Estate

Thos. Blakemore

Clarke County Secy

At a Court held in the County aforesaid on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup>  
 day of June 1833 In the presence of George & Benjamin & Stephen Williams Mr Buck as

in his Personal Estate subscribed for  
stated as follows

Upon reflection I hereby accept the 2<sup>d</sup> of the  
of my last Will and Testament above giving to my Wife Elizabeth B. Blakemore  
a certain sum of money and a certain part of my Estate  
Thos. Blakemore.

Chas. County Sec.

At a Court held in the County of Frederick on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup>  
Day of June 1835. On the Motion of George T. Blakemore & William M. Buckner  
that this Paper produce as the municipal Will of Thomas Blakemore be col-  
lacted as the Will of the dec<sup>d</sup>. as to Personal Estate and be a matter of Record  
as such and on Motion of the said George T. Blakemore & William M. Buckner  
names therein who in &c. doth acknowledge to have and together with John C. Blakemore  
William P. Kirby, Kate Barnette & James B. Francis then Secretary entered in to and  
acknowledge to be in the Penalty of Twenty Thousand Dollars composition as  
the Land direct Certificate is granted them for obtaining Probate of the said Will  
in due Form.

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John Hay Clerk of the  
County of Frederick

Inventory & Appraisement of the Personal Estate of  
Subscribed & sworn Dec<sup>r</sup>

Appraisement of the Personal Estate of Julia F. Hay made this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of January