

Blackwell
348 Hills

In the name of God amen I Thomas Blackwell of Lunenburg
County being of perfect mind and memory do make order, constitute
and appoint this my last will and testament in writing and to be
as follows (to wit) - First I leave to my dearly beloved wife during
Blackwell's during her natural life all the estate I own to get her to
in marriage and if in case she should have any child or children
me after her death give the before mentioned estate to the said
the said child or children should arrive to lawfull age or marriage
but if in case the said child or children should die before they be
of age without having a lawfull heir of their body then I give
the before mentioned estate to my beloved wife to dispose of as she
may think fit. Also I leave to my dearly beloved wife during her
life or widowhood three hundred and fifty acres of land to consist of
the tracts of land I bought of William Laidman, David Currie and
part of the tracts of land I bought of William Fitzgerald & Thomas M. M.
so as to run a straight line from where Currie line started that
said I bought of Fitzgerald in upchaws old field to the nearest corner
thence up the said branch to the woods thence a straight line
to the back line between me and Hays as near an east
course as possible so as to include the before mentioned three hundred
and fifty acres of land - Also I leave to my beloved wife during
her natural life or widowhood the following negroes to wit, Lennis
a boy, Piller, & a boy who two for the said I purchased for my
work-horses two calves and calves for my own use one rook

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but if no care the said child & children should be kept in my house
safe without having a long full heir of their body then I give
the before mentioned estate to my beloved wife to dispose of as she
may think fit also I lend to my dear & beloved wife during her
life or widowhood three hundred and fifty acres of land to consist of
the tracts of land I bought of William Tindrum, David Quinn and
part of the tracts of land I bought of William Fitzgerald & Thomas Wells
so as to run a straight line from where Quinn's line started that
line I bought of Fitzgerald in upchaws old field to the nearest corner
thence up the said branch to the woods thence a straight line
to the back line between me and Mary as near as east
as possible so as to include the before mentioned three hundred
and fifty acres of land - also I lend to my beloved wife during
her natural life or widowhood the following negroes, Neph, Lewis
a son, Miles, & a son also two for the S.D. & for the two
work horses two calves and calves for my young cattle one yoke
of work oxen one third of the hog & the flock of sheep and
one third of the plantation tools and the plantation where I now
live from the south is no more of my dear & beloved wife I
trust that the estate I have lent to her return into my estate
again and be divided and I shall have the interest of
the same for my daughter Mary one half and the other
half to be divided between my daughter Mary and my son

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that she is never to have or enjoy any thing more of my estate
 than I give & bequeath unto my daughter Martha Elizabeth
 but I give and give bequeath unto her five hundred dollars to be paid her by
 my executors the thirtieth month after my decease
 I do hereby give & bequeath unto my son Robert this tract of
 land of 100 acres of land containing three hundred
 and thirty acres does be the same more or less provided that
 he or my said son pay unto my executors for the benefit of my
 estate the sum of One thousand dollars to be paid in two
 payments that is to say he is to pay five hundred dollars the
 Christmas twelve months after my decease the other five
 hundred dollars when my daughter Martha Elizabeth shall
 arrive to the age of twelve years and that as soon as
 my executors think proper to require it of him he give
 them bond and security for the aforesaid sum of one thousand
 dollars to be paid as directed after executing of said bond my
 executors will then give him possession of said land but
 if on or in my said son Robert shall refuse to give security
 as required as aforesaid in that my executors sell the said
 tract of land upon such credit as they may think proper and
 from the amount of the sale thereof retain one thousand dollars
 in their hands for the purpose of paying of my daughter's
 share to Martha Elizabeth and then the balance of money

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Henry & Martha Elizabeth and then the balance of money
that may be due from the said lands they pay to my said
son Robert or his heirs - I fully intend to my son ^{John Blackwell} during his
natural life and the part of land I bought of Samuel Roberts
containing two hundred & twenty four & three quarters acres be
the same more or less also all the personal estate my said son
may get at the division of my estate I lend it to him during
his life only and I desire is that my executors take
bond and security from my said son before they deliver to him
any part of my estate that he cause to be delivered to my
said executor - their representatives every part of the estate
that so shall receive from my estate together with its increase
but provided my said son should marry and have a
lawfull heir or heirs of his body I give the before mentioned
tract of land and personal estate to him and his heirs forever
legally - The balance of the tract of land that I have not
loaned to my beloved wife whereon I now live I give and
bequeath to be equally divided according to quantity and quality
by my executors between my said son and Jane or her heirs
to them and their heirs forever but if in case either of
my sons shall die before they arrive of lawfull age
it have a lawfull heir of their body I desire that then
part of land be sold and the money arising from said sale
be divided amongst the said my children or their heirs

the same more or less also all the personal estate my said son
may get at the division of my estate. And it to him during
his life only and ~~in fee~~ I desire is that my executors take
bond and security from my said son before they deliver to him
any part of my estate that he can't be delivered to my
said executor - their representatives every part of the estate
that he shall receive from my estate together with its increase
but provided my said son shall marry and have a
lawfull heir or heirs of his body I give the before mentioned
tract of land and personal estate to him and his heirs forever
lengthy - the balance of the tract of land that I have not
loaned to my beloved wife whereon I now live I give and
bequeath to ~~her~~ ^{my said son} according to quantity and quality
by my executors between my said son and James Rodman
to them and their heirs forever but if in case either of
my sons shall die before they arrive of lawfull age
I have a lawfull heir of their body I desire that their
part of land be sold and the money arising from said sale
be divided amongst the rest my children or their heirs except
my daughter Mary. Lastly the tract of land I bought
of John Crippell and others I have given and bequeath
to my said son and his heirs forever and I desire that my
said son and his heirs should have the same of me

to them and then here but if in any other of my sons should die
before they arrive of lawful age and have a full term of their lives
I desire that their part of the said term of the said term of their lives
shall be divided and divided in the said term of the said term of their lives
my negro boy Peter during his life but if in any other of my sons should die
before they arrive of lawful age and have a full term of their lives
I desire that their part of the said term of the said term of their lives
shall be divided and divided in the said term of the said term of their lives
the said negro return to my estate and be disposed of as I shall hereafter
direct - Ninthly I give to my daughter Martha Elizabeth my negro
girl Mary and the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid her by my
executors out of my estate when she shall arrive at the age of twelve years
also after the death of my beloved wife Susanna Blackwell
I give and bequeath the negro girl Mary that I have loaned to her together
with her future increase to my said daughter and her heirs forever
tenthly I give to my son William Henry the sum of Five hundred
dollars - Eleventhly the balance of my estate not already disposed of
I desire may be equally divided between my nine children as follows
Mary, Robert, John, Lock, Lucy, James, Lewis, Martha Elizabeth
and William Henry Blackwells - twelfthly that part of my estate that
I have loaned to my beloved wife after her death or marriage shall or
except the negro girl Mary and her increase be sold upon such
credit as my executors shall think proper and the money arising from
said sale be equally divided between my daughters Mary, Martha Elizabeth
and William Henry Blackwells -

as my executor's shall think proper and the money arising from
said sales be equally divided between my daughters Martha
Elizabeth and son William leaving what I have in Charles
my son James H. ^{Levin} who is to have half Charles - Thirtiethly my will
and desire is the portions of slaves which my sons Lewis & William have
and my daughter Martha Elizabeth may own, the free portion
of my estate should be allotted on the lands I bought of Chappin, to be used
for their exclusive benefit until my son Lewis arrives at full age
or marriage and the profits arising from said lands be equally divided
among them ^{15th} - My desire is that the portion of my estate that my daughter
Levin may get from my estate should be delivered over to the hands of
my son Robert Blackwell to be taken care of for her until she is of full age
her natural life and if my daughter Levin should die without
lawful heir of her body that then the portion of estate left her
together with its increase and profits thereof should be divided in the
following manner (viz) to my son Robert & give one half thereof
the other half thereof to be equally divided into seven parts giving to my
daughters Mary & Martha Elizabeth & son John each one part & to
and William Henry one part each fifteenthly my will and desire
is that if any of my children should die before they are of lawful age
or unmarried that their portions to be equally divided amongst the
of my children or their heirs except my daughter Maria -
Sixteenthly my desire is that if any part of my will should be misinterpreted by
my children that the same should be decided by my executor if living and that

of my estate should be stocked on the lands & bought of Chappin & Co. for their exclusive benefit until my son Lewis arrives to be paid for the or mowing and the profits arising from said lands be equally divided amongst them three. ^{14th} My desire is that the portion of my estate that my daughter Nancy may get from my estate should be delivered over to the hands of my son Robert Blackwell to be by him managed for her benefit during her natural life and if my said daughter Nancy should die without lawful heir of her body that then the portion of estate left be together with its increase and profits thereof should be divided in the following manner (viz) to my son Robert & give one half the said portion & the other half thereof to be equally divided into seven parts giving to my daughter Nancy & Martha Elizabeth & son John each one part & William Henry one part each & I desire that if any of my children should die before they are of lawful age or unmarried that their portions to be equally divided amongst the survivors of my children or their heirs except my daughter Maria. I desire that if any part of my will should be misinterpreted by any children that the same should be decided by my executor if living and that their decision shall be final but if either of my executors should be dead my desire is that the surviving executor or executors should call on the children & appoint a committee to make their minute thereon & that the same of my meaning shall be in accordance with the

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Truly I deem that my Mother Sister Shaker etc should fully
superintend the education of my children & I do not
my Mother Sister Shaker etc. I do not
Expecters of this my last will and testament - and I do hereby
revoke all other wills and testaments made by me in any manner
my last will and testament - I do hereby
leave to set my hand Seal this 16th day of February 1819
Thomas Blackwell Seal

For Lunenburg County, Term 10. July 1820.
The within written last will and testament of Thomas Blackwell
deceased was presented to the Court and read and said Court does allow
(and William H. Taylor was sworn who deposes and says that
that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of the
said decedent and that they believe the same was written
signed by the said Thomas Blackwell deceased which was ordered
to be recorded and on the motion of John Blackwell and
Isaac Blackwell two of the executors therein named who having
made oath according to law. Certificate is granted them for
obtaining probate of the said will in due form whereupon
they entered into bond & security for that purpose reserving liberty
to the other executor to join in probate when he shall
think fit

Attest
Wm H Taylor

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