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As L. Will of Albert M. Blackshear

In the Name of God Amen

I Albert M. Blackshear of the City of Macon and County of Bibb and State of Georgia being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of human life do hereby make ordain publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, That is to say, that after all of my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate of every description I give and bequeath to my dear wife Marian Blackshear and my only child and son Charles Blackshear to be used by my executor Thomas Harrold as he may think best for their interest and happiness with these exceptions, I desire that my Negro slave Catharine remain with my mother as long as she continues to keep house or until she desires to give her up to my family, my wife can take the children or let them remain with their mother as she may deem best in the event of the death of both my wife and child I desire that all my property remaining be sold and the proceeds equally divided between my mother, brothers and sister, with these exceptions my share to be given to my sister Seela and the remainder of the household effects of every description to remain in my wife's family, Having full confidence in the judgment and discretion of my friend Thomas Harrold, I hereby constitute and appoint him my sole executor of this my last will and testament and request him to see that its provisions are faithfully complied with and executed.

The foregoing last will and testament of Albert M. Blackshear was signed and sealed in our presence and acknowledged by him to be such this July 2 1865.

A. G. Butts  
J. W. Hardin  
M. R. Rogers

Albert M. Blackshear

Bibb County of ordinary

March 6 1865

Personally appeared in open Court Albert M. Blackshear who being duly sworn said on oath he saw Albert M. Blackshear sign seal declare and publish the foregoing instrument as for his last will & testament on the day & bears date that at the time said testator was of sound & disposing mind & memory & executed the same freely & voluntarily without any coercion or other influence that defrauded J. W. Hardin & M. R. Rogers all described in this will as witnesses at the request of testator in his presence & in the presence of each other.

I sworn to & Subscribed before me in open Court March 6 1865  
Wm. M. Riley Ordinary

A. G. Butts

Recorded March 7 1865 Wm. M. Riley Ordinary