

Georgia Carroll In the name of God Amen
County of Jackson of said State
and County being of advanced age and knowing that life is
uncertain deem it right and proper both as regards my
Family and myself that I should make a disposition of the
property that a kind providence has blessed me with. Therefore
make this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all
others heretofore made by me
Item 1st

I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent
and Christianlike manner suitable to my condition
in life
Item 2nd I desire and direct that all my Just debts
be paid by my Executors herein after named and appo-
inted without delay

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Elizabeth Blackmon our two thousand dollars in
ready money to do as she please with as her own
property. The said sum to be raised from the sale
of either my stock or lands not given of in specific
legacies the same to be sold by my Executors hereafter to
be named and appointed Also I give and bequeath
to my beloved wife a negro girl by the name of Elvory
during her natural life and after her death to go to the
children of James Blackman my son free from the
contracts or debts of the said James he only using it for
their benefit their lifetime

Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my son James
Blackmon the following negroes to wit George a man
about twenty two years old Aaron a man about the same
age Frank a man about 21 years old Lidea a woman
about nineteen years old and her three children Josephine
Melina & Georgiann with their future increase
to have and to hold the same to his own proper use & use
forever Also one black filly and black horse male & one
gray mare male

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my son Augustus G.
Blackmon the following negroes to wit Joseph a negro
man about forty years old Mitchel a negro boy about
eighteen years old Zilph about thirty five years old (a
woman) Clara a negro woman about thirty years old
Eliza a negro girl about fourteen years old Sando
negro boy about seven years old Polina a negro girl
about one year old Also Sam a negro man about
thirty two years old to have the same to his own
use forever

Item 6th I give and bequeath unto my Daughter
Mary Ann Diamond Wife of Franklin C. Diamond
the following negroes to wit those she has now with her

And Manrou a woman about Twentytwo years old
and Sarah a girl about Twelve years old being seen in
all which negroes are to be hers her lifetime and then to go to
her children she may have by her present or any future
husband free from and not subject to the debts or
contracts of her present or any future husband they
only having the use of the said property for the benefit of
a support to them and their families until the death of
the said Mary Ann Diamond then the children to take
the said property

Item 7th, I give and bequeath to my son James
Blackmon one negro boy about thirteen years old
named Lewis Also one by the name of Bob about nine
years old which negroes are to be his only during
his natural life then to go to the children he may then
have at his death he not to have right to sell or dispose of the
said negroes nor to subject them to the payment of his debts
in any way I also give him those that he now has in his
possession that he heretofore received from me subject
to and under the same restrictions as above named in
this item in relation to the other two

Item 8th I give and bequeath to my wife and to
my son Homer Blackmon all my interest in the
land and the place wherein I now live with all
my stock on the same for the support of the plantation
during the natural life of my said wife Elizabeth Blackmon
and at her death the land to go to my son Augustus
N. Blackmon and the remaining stock to be divided
equally between my sons Augustus N. & Homer Blackmon
Augustus N. Blackmon to have also during the life of
my said wife equal rights & privileges in said stock
with my wife & my said son Homer Blackmon the
furniture tools & implements of every description used
upon the farm including Waggons Carts &c. I desire
to be used upon the place by my sons Augustus N. & Homer
Blackmon until they separate then to be equally divided
between them, the blacksmith tools excepted which are
now the property of Augustus N. Blackmon

Item 9th, I desire and direct that my Executor herein
after named do sell in the manner they may think best
either at public or private sale all of my lands not herein
before disposed of and all of my stock in the low countries
known as my Dooly & Sumpter County Stock of Cattle
and the moneys arising from the sale of the same
(after paying of the two thousand dollars to my wife
mentioned in Item the third of his will) to be
equally divided between William Blackmon Augustus
Blackmon James Blackmon Homer Blackmon Mary
Ann Diamond wife of Franklin C. Diamond and Fannie

Elkins wife of Thomas P. Elkins) the parts given to the two women to go to them and their Children free from the Control & debts of their Husbands only so far as to use the Interest & proceeds for for the use of themselves & families until the death of the said Mary Ann & the said Laveria then to the children entire Also the part to James Blackmon only to be his during his natural life then to go to his Children Also the five last mentioned Children to divide under the above restrictions all the ready money & notes & accounts I may have on hand at my death Equally between them, The reason that I bequeath nothing in this will to my daughter Elizabeth Jane wife of Warr N. Spence my son John & my son Thomas Blackmon is that I have hitherto amply provided for them
Item 10th I hereby constitute and appoint my two sons William Blackmon & Augustus B. Blackmon & Franklin C. Diamond Executors of this my last will and testament
this February 14th 1855.

Signed Sealed declared & published
by James Blackmon as his last will and Testament
in the presence of us the Subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator at his special instance and request and in the presence of each other this February 14th 1855
The Interimination of James Blackmon in the 10th Item was made before signing by direction of the Testator

William Meador
John T. Meador
Gilbert J. Wright

Georgia Carroll County Court of Ordinary May adjourned
County 3 Term 1855. Before me James M. Blacklock Ordinary of Said County at this Term personally came William Blackmon & Franklin C. Diamond two of the Executors of the last will and Testament of James Blackmon late of Said County deceased and produced before me the last will and Testament of James Blackmon deceased and the witnesses of said will to wit William Meador John T. Meador & Gilbert J. Wright which witnesses being duly sworn depose and say that they saw James Blackmon the Testator sign Seal declare and publish the Instrument now produced as his last will and Testament freely voluntarily and of his own accord and without any compulsion or influence whatever that at the time of the Execution of said will said Testator was of sound and disposing mind & memory that deponents signed said will as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and at his special instance and request and in the presence of each other. Sworn to & subscribed before me at the Court of said County
May 1855. I M. Blacklock Ordry
Recorded this 25 June 1855. J. M. Meador Ordry

Wm. Meador
John T. Meador
Gilbert J. Wright