

Joseph Blackwell's Will 1837

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Georgia
Elbert County
I Joseph Blackwell of the State & County aforesaid
being afflicted in body but of sound Mind
and disposing Memory do make ordain and
Publish this as My last Will and Testament

Item 1st I direct that all my just debts be Paid —

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to My beloved wife

Elizabeth Blackwell during her life the tract of
land on which I now live containing four hundred
and thirty four acres more or less, the other tract of
land adjoining the aforesaid tract known as the
Stanley Jones tract containing by estimation two
hundred and forty acres more or less & also the following
Negroes (to wit) Charity a woman, Mahala a woman
Adam a Man, William a boy, Alfred a boy, Chanty
Ann a girl Big Edmund a Man Mary a Man &
Wendell a boy Monroe a Man, Patsy a woman and
her infant child (not named), Miles a boy, Allen
a boy, Frances a girl, Elijah a boy Zebulon a boy &
Mahmud a woman Also all the household furniture
except the piano also all the Kitchen furniture
and horses of her own selection one yoke of oxen and
wagon of her own selection fifteen head of cattle
of her own selection thirty head of hogs of her own
choice, the carriage & harness, the Cotton gin and
running gear one year provision including Corn
Wheat, wheat, fodder &c. Also the sum of two
hundred dollars to have use and enjoy said prop-
erty during her life time and at her death to

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to My beloved daughter Sarah
Ann Brown and her heirs the following Negroes
(to wit) Mary a Man, Ann a woman Charity a girl
Joseph a boy & Osbert a boy said Negroes have in-
creased in number since I gave them to My daughter
and since she had them in possession but I do not
consider the increase as belonging to Me

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto My beloved daughter
Eliza White the following Negroes (to wit) Lucy a woman
Mahala a girl Andrew a boy Catherine a girl and
Sally a boy & Antonette a girl these Negroes have

increased in Number since they were given to My daughter
and I do not ^{Elbert County, Georgia Wills 1826 to 1860} consider the increase as belonging to
Me

Item 5th I give and bequeath to My beloved daughter
Cornelia Jane Jones the following Negroes to wit, Caline
a woman, John a boy, Rozetta a girl, Peter a boy, Roke
a boy and Partha a girl these Negroes have increased
in Number since they went in possession of My
daughters but I do not consider ^{the} the increase as
belonging to Me

Item 6th I give and bequeath unto My beloved son James
J. Blackwell the following Negroes to wit, Henry a Man
Jack a Man Patsy a woman and her infant
child, Louisa a woman, Larkin a boy & Cane a boy
these Negroes have increased in Number since they
went into the possession of My son but I do not
consider that the increase belongs to Me

Item 7th I give and bequeath to My beloved son Samuel
P. Blackwell the following Negroes to wit, Oliver
a Man & Rachel a woman Sally Louisa girl
Gerard a boy & Sally a girl the Negro Sally and
the money which I have heretofore furnished him
with, I give to him extra for living but of the use of
his portion since he was Married I also give him
the Negro boy Randall

Item 8th I give and bequeath to My son Thomas P. Black-
well and Mary Elizabeth Blackwell, Claudia Caro-
line Blackwell William Madison Blackwell, George
Lawrence Blackwell & Lemuel Blackwell the
balance of My Estate both real and personal not
otherwise disposed of each to have share and
share alike that part & portion of My Estate which
may be coming to My daughter Claudia Caroline on a
Division I give to James J. Blackwell & Samuel
P. Blackwell as trustees for My said daughter
to Manage for her use and benefit

Item the 9th My will and desire is that if any of My
Children that if any I have heretofore given Property
to has not received an equal distributive share
of My Estate that deficiency be made up out of
the Estate that will revert after the death of My wife
and the balance of the reverted Estate be equally
divided amongst all of My children

Now the 11th I appoint My wife Cecelia and My son James
Blackwell and Thomas J. Heard Executors to this
My last will and Testament - In witness whereof
I have hereunto set My hand & seal this 25th April
1851

In presence of
James M. Willis
Joseph P. Blackwell
Thomas J. Heard

Joseph Blackwell Seal

Georgia 3rd Court of Ordinary July Term 1851 -
Elbert County Personally came into open Court Thomas J.
Heard, James M. Willis and Joseph P. Blackwell
and being sworn said that they saw Joseph
Blackwell sign and seal the within instrument of
writing as his last will and Testament and that
they sign the same as witnesses in the presence of
the Testator and at his request and in the presence
of each other and they believe the Testator to have been
of sound Mind at the time executed the same
Sworn to in open Court
this 7th day of July 1851
Attest Wm B. Nelson C.C.C.

Thomas J. Heard
James M. Willis
Joseph P. Blackwell

Georgia 3rd Court of ordinary July Term 1851
Elbert County The within will of Joseph Blackwell was
submitted in open Court and being perused
by the ratification of the subscribing witnesses and no objection
being made it is ordered by the Court that this will be recorded
Attest Wm B. Nelson C.C.C.
Recorded the 7th day of July 1851 Wm B. Nelson C.C.C.

William Garrison will 1851
Georgia 3rd Court of ordinary
Elbert County In the Name of God I have
I William Garrison of the State and County aforesaid
make this My last will and Testament.
I recommend my soul to Almighty God and My body
to be buried in a Christian like manner and I will My Estate
to be disposed of as follows -
1st I will that all of My just debts be paid and that My
Executors sell and dispose of by the Name Dick for the purpose
of paying My debts.