

sign and seal the within instrument of writing as his last will and Testament and that they together with ^{Elbert County, Georgia Wills 1836 to 1860} ~~being~~ ^{www.georgiapioneers.com} declared the same as witnessed 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 he executed the same.

Given to in open Court
this 3^d of October 1853
Attest Wm B Nelson Ordinary

John H Colborne
Nathaniel Birch

[Signature]

Georgia Court of Ordinary
Elbert County 3^d of October Term 1853

The within will of Calvin S. Moore deceased having been proven at this regular term of the Court on the oaths of Nathaniel Birch and John H. Colborne two of the subscribing witnesses

It is ordered by the Court that said will be recorded

Attest Wm B Nelson Ordinary
Recorded October 4th 1853

Ralph Blackwell's Will 1853

Georgia
Elbert County 3^d of October Term 1853

In the name of God Amen!

Being of sound mind but of advanced years, and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, I make ~~my~~ my last Will and Testament, in life I have been much harassed on account of my property, Now that I am in a measure relieved from said troubles, I hope I may be permitted to dispose of it as I desire - and the words of Heaven rest upon the man, who seeks to disturb my will or frustrate my intentions.

First - then, I give & bequeath to my nephew Joseph P. Blackwell, a son of my deceased brother Paul Blackwell, the following slaves, to wit: Mary, Penny, Rachel, Ann & the female child just born, Lucinda, Malinda, Elbert, Isidore, and Bill and such children as may hereafter be born of any & all the aforementioned women, All these slaves I will and give to my said nephew Joseph P. Blackwell.

Second - I give and bequeath to Peter W. Alexander, now of Savannah, in this State, my boy Turner. Having full confidence in the said Peter W. Alexander, I give Turner to him, with the hope that he will take care of him, protect him, and secure to him all the enjoyment, comfort, and liberty which the laws of this State allow to the slave. As the laws are opposed to emancipation, I cannot give the said Turner his freedom. I therefore give and bequeath him the said Turner to the said Peter W. Alexander, and desire and request him the said Peter W. to do the best for him that he can.

Third - I direct my Executor hereafter to be appointed, to cause my lands, horses, stock, household plantation utensils and tools

and all other property that may belong to me at the time of my death, to be sold at two hundred and thirty six to 1860
and bequeath to James L. Blackwell, Isabella Allen and Mary Frances Thomas, the remaining children of my deceased mother Paul Blackwell.

The proceeds of the sale of the said lands, horses, stock, utensils, tools and other property, after paying all my just debts, I will and bequeath to my said nephew James L. Blackwell and said niece Isabella Allen and Mary Frances Thomas, to be equally divided among them.

Fourth - I appoint my trusty friends William R. Womack and Thomas W. Thomas, of said County and State, Executors of this my last will and Testament, with the request that they will see it fully carried out and faithfully executed in all things -

In witness of all which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty two.

Done in presence of
Thomas Black
Ezekiah Bailey
Thomas R. Alexander

Ralph Blackwell

Georgia
Elbert County Court of Ordinary
November Term 1853

Personally came into open Court Thomas Black and Ezekiah Bailey and being sworn said that they saw Ralph Blackwell sign and seal the above and foregoing instrument of writing as his last will and Testament that they together with Thomas R. Alexander signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator and at his request; and in the presence of each other; & these deponents believe the testator to have been of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time he executed the same.

Subscribed in open Court
this 7th of November 1853
Attest Wm B Nelson
Ordinary

Ezekiah Bailey
Thomas Black

Georgia
Elbert County Court of Ordinary
November Term 1853

The within last will and Testament of Ralph Blackwell, deceased, having been ^{present} at this regular Term of the Court on the oaths of Thomas Black and Ezekiah Bailey two of the subscribing witnesses; It is ordered by the Court that said Will be recorded.

Attest Wm B Nelson - Ordinary
Recorded November the 7th 1853 -