

Last Will and Testament of William K. Blackmon Recorded.

Given in Harris County. In the name of God Amen!

I William K. Blackmon of the State and County being now sorely afflicted, deem it my duty both as respects myself and family that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me. I therefore make this my Last Will and Testament

- Item first I desire and direct, that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner; my soul I trust, shall return to rest with God who gave it, as I hope for eternal life through the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- Item second I desire that all my just debts be paid by my Executor here after named.
- Item third I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Mariah, for and during her natural life only, Lots of Land numbers One hundred and forty one (141) One hundred and fifty four (154) One hundred and fifty three (153) One hundred and eighty four (184) One hundred and eighty three (183) and one hundred and forty two (142), Containing five hundred and twenty two and a half acres (522½) more or less, it being the lands on which I now reside, with all the rights, members, and appurtenances to said lots of Land in any wise appertaining or belonging, to her own proper use and benefit, for and during her natural life only. — At the death of my wife Mariah I desire that the above mentioned lands be sold, and the proceeds divided equally between my children David R. Blackmon, Sanford, Henry C. James C. Lodusky B. Russell S. Alfred, Bethuel J. Idas, Mary P. and William K. Blackmon.
- Item fourth I give and bequeath to my wife Mariah, during her natural life only my Negro boy Jim about 20 years of age, and my Negro Woman Amanda about twenty five years of age and her two children viz: Henry about six years old and Harriet about three years old. — At the death of my wife Mariah, I will and desire that the above named negroes with their increase be divided equally between my children who have already been mentioned above.
- Item fifth I give and bequeath to my wife Mariah in fee simple, my family Carriage and two mules, viz: Jane and Kitt, also three of my best Milk Cows, three of my choice sows and pigs, and twenty of my Shout-hogs for next years meat; all of my household and Kitchen furniture that she may want also as much Corn, meat, wheat, fodder and Shucks, as she may need for one years provisions — Also my two Horse waggons.
- Item sixth I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Sarah Loett Nicholson when she attains the age of twenty one years, One thousand Dollars in Cash. — If said Sarah S. Nicholson should die before that time the said amount of money to be divided equally among my children already named in this Will.
- Item seventh I will and desire that all the rest of my property, not already devised and Willen, after the payment of all my just debts be kept together, and as each child shall come of age, to receive his, or her distributive share of my Estate. I further will and desire that my Executor here after mentioned shall alike educate all of my children yet uneducated out of my Estate not yet devised and Willen to my wife and Grand Daughter.
- Item eighth I constitute and appoint Benjamin Johnson Executor of this my Last Will and Testament.
- Wm K. Blackmon

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Last Will and Testament in the presence of us the Subscribers, who subscribed our names here to in the presence of the said Testator and of each other this 17th day of February 1862

G. W. Houston
J. D. Williams
Philip Williams

State of Georgia } Court of Ordinary, April Term
County of Harris 1862

Personally appeared in open Court Benjamin Johnson Constable and affiant in a paper writing, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of William K. Blackman late of said County deceased as Executor of said deceased, and produced said paper writing; And also personally came Philip Williams and G. W. Houston two of the subscribing witnesses to said paper writing, who being duly sworn depose and say that they saw the said William K. Blackman, sign, seal, publish and declare the said paper writing now presented in open Court as his last will and Testament, freely, voluntarily of his own accord without any compulsion or undue influence whatever, that at the time of the execution of said Will said Testator was of sound disposing mind and memory - that deponents signed said Will as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and at his request in the presence of each other, and that they saw J. D. Williams the other witness, sign said Will in the presence of the Testator and at his request - Sworn to and Subscribed before me in open Court this April 7th 1862

G. W. Mullins

Ordinary

Philip Williams
G. W. Houston