

April 3^d 1856

Georgia
 Milledgeville County I John L. Blackburn of the
 County and State aforesaid
 being of sound and disposing mind doth make and
 publish and constitute and declare this to be my
 Last Will and Testament.

1st It is my Will that my surplus crop on hand
 at the time of my death, Stock Farming utensils
 and all other perishable property except what is
 expressly reserved and hereinafter disposed of by
 this Will, shall be sold by my Executors and after the
 payment of my debts the proceeds thereof together
 with any money on hand shall be equally divided
 between my wife and children.

I give and devise to my wife Martha A. Blackburn
 during her lifetime the dwelling house and its
 appurtenances now in my occupancy together with
 the two fields adjoining lands of Samuel L. Parks
 and that part of the plantation situated East of
 the Road running from Flat Shoals thence as the
 West Point Road and extending as far as Matlicks
 Creek, with the privilege of using on the West side
 of said Road as much timber as she may require
 for firewood, building and other plantation pur-
 poses and an equal privilege of using the fruit
 from the Peach Orchards, also the use of the Crib
 House and screw and as many of the negro
 houses and other buildings as may be necessary
 for her flooring her portion of the plantation.

2^d The residue of my said plantation except a
 lot of land purchased of David Hay and known
 as the Hay place, I give and devise to my daughter
 Fredonia C. Stanley her children and after the
 death of my wife I give and devise to my said daughter
 Fredonia and her children the whole of said =

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= Plantation (except the Hay place) to be held by her and her children forever, without vesting in her husband any right of disposing of it or subjecting it in any way to his debts or liabilities; and I decree that Thomas Le Stanley the husband of my said Daughter Fredonia should control and manage said Estate in trust for his wife and her children and his own use subject to the before presented limitations.

4th I give to my son in law Thomas Le Stanley said Hay place, for and during one year after my death, or for a period of time to make and gather a crop in May have on hand at that time, I give and devise said tract or lot of land, known as the Hay lot to my Daughter. At Seal and of George V Seal forever

5th I give and bequeath to my wife Martha A Blackman my milk cow William Sarah and her child and her children, my horse hold and kitchen furniture my family baggage and horses, one year provisions for her own household use and the use of the plantation and as much stock and as many farming utensils as my executor shall deem necessary to supply the plantation; all of which is given to her and her heirs forever.

6th I give and bequeath to my wife Martha A Blackman for and during her natural life the use of the use of the following Negroes viz; Jordan and Susan his wife and their children - Dodd, Abraham and Floyd - Newton and his wife Hettie and their children Russell, Warren, Adaline, Caroline, Janette, David, Sophronia and Joseph, also John and his wife Mary and their children James, Paul, and Chappell, Alice, Frances, Susan and George.

7th I give and bequeath to Orleans Blackman, Black son of George Blackman a Negro Woman by the name of Amanda and her

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I give and bequeath to my Grandson John
Blackburn Son of Jackson & Blackburn after
the death of my wife a yellow Boy by the name
of James the Son of my Mulatto Woman Mary to
him and to his heirs forever

9th I give and bequeath to my Grandson John Seal
Son of A Seal after the death of my wife
a Negro Boy named Chappell, Son of the said
Mulatto Woman Mary to him and his heirs forever

10th After the death of my wife I give and bequeath
to my Daughter A Seal the use of a
Negro girl named Alice and her increase and a
Boy named George, children of the said Mulatto
Woman Mary and at her death to be equally
divided among her heirs forever

11th I give and bequeath a Negro girl by the name
of Frances to Child of the said Mary to my
Daughter Martha B. Kenner for and during her
lifetime and at the death of my said Daughter, the
said Negro girl and her increase to be equally divided
between her children, this to take effect after the death
of my life

12th I give and bequeath to my Grandson Albert
Kenner Son of my Daughter Martha B. Kenner
after the death of my said life my Negro Boy
John a Son of the said Mary to him and his heirs forever

13th I give and bequeath to my Grandson Emmett
Stanley Son of Frederick E. Stanley my Negro Boy Dallas
another Son of the said Woman Mary to him and his
heirs forever (after the death of my wife)

14th It is my Will that such of my Negroes as have
not been disposed of or mentioned in the preceding
Clauses of this Will shall be divided into three equal
lots, one of which with its increase I give and
bequeath to my Son Jackson & Blackburn for life

and after his death to be equally divided among
his children the second lot I give and bequeath
to my Daughter He Deal with its income
for her life, and after her death to be divided equally
among her children. And the third lot of said
Negroes I give and bequeath to my Daughter
Martha B. Neun, with its income for her life
remainder to her children forever. It is my
wish that in the division of said Negroes, my
Negro man Frederick be allotted to my Daughter
At Deal

15th It is my will that such Negroes as I have herein
bequeathed to my wife for life and which have not
been disposed of as specific legacies (excluding of
my Muleatto Woman Mary) shall be with their
increase divided into four equal shares one of
which I give to my son Jackson L. Blackburn
for life remainder to his children forever. The
second lot to my Daughter At Deal

for life remainder to her children forever. The
third lot to Martha B. Neun for life remainder
to her children forever and the fourth to
Frederick Ex. Shuly for life remainder to her
children forever. In the distribution of the

portion of my Negroes property it is my wish that
my Negro Man Jordan and his wife Susan
should be allotted to that one of my children
with whom they may prefer to live and it is
my wish that Mary the Muleatto Woman
before referred to should be permitted to live alter-
nately with either one of my Daughters she may
desire, after the death of my wife

17th I hereby nominate and appoint my friend Samuel
L. Parks, sole executor of this my last will
and Testament, and clothe him with full
power and authority to execute the same
Signed, Sealed, Read and published, by

John S. Blackburn in his last will and Testament in the presence of all the subscribers who hereto subscribed our names in the presence of the said Testator, (at his special instance and request) and in the presence of each other

John S. Blackburn Testator
James Freeman
Mark H. Crowder
Reuben Strozier J. B.

State of Georgia - Before me David C. Latham
Meriwether County Notary in and for said County and State in Vacation personally came Samuel C. Parks executor of the last will and Testament of John S. Blackburn late of said County dead, and produced before me the last will and Testament of said John S. Blackburn dead and the witnesses to said will (to wit) James Freeman, Mark H. Crowder and Reuben Strozier which witnesses being duly sworn depose and say that they saw John S. Blackburn the Testator sign said decree and publish the instrument now presented as his last will and Testament freely and 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 and memory that defendant 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 and subscribed before me this

29th July 1856

D. C. Latham
C. M. C.

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James Freeman
Mark H. Crowder
Reuben Strozier

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Meriwether Court of Ordinary
August Term 1856
The Will of John C. Blackman deceased, late
of said County, having been proved in Vacation
and no objection being made, and Motion being
made to admit said Will to Record, It is therefore
Ordered that said Will be sufficient and
it is Ordered that said Will be Recorded
11th day of August 1856
J. C. Fresham, Clerk M.C.

Recorded this 11th day August 1856
J. C. Fresham, Clerk M.C.