

State of Georgia } I Racheal Blackburn of the said Sta
Scriven County } County being of sound and disposing
and memory do make this my

Will and Testament hereby revoking and making
void all former wills by me at any time heretofore

First I desire and direct that all my just debts
as soon after my decease as possible

Secondly I give and bequeath to my son Bartley N
Blackburn for and during his natural life only my negr
George and after his death to such child or child
he may leave but in the event that my said son
Blackburn shall die leaving no children it is my
will and desire that the said negro man George shall be
my estate and be subject to distribution between my

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Thirdly I give and bequeath to my son Ephraim
my negro man Dick

Fourthly I give and bequeath to the children of my
son Reuben Blackburn my negro woman Clara
Clara to be sold and the monies arising therefrom
put at interest for the joint interest of said children
same to be paid to them when they attain to majority

Fifthly I give and bequeath to my two sons Bar
Ephraim Blackburn my Stock of Cattle to be
divided between them also one bed and bed fix
to each of them Bartley to take the bed now in his possession
and Ephraim the bed and its furniture I shall have
possession also whatever of house hold furniture I may
I leave to my said two sons Bartley to take that which is now in
his possession and Ephraim to take that I shall have in his possession

rightly I give and bequeath to my two sons Elsie M. and
Ephraim Blackburn two thirds of the ready money
and also two thirds of the debt due me of which I may die owed
The remaining third I give and bequeath to the children
my deceased son Rustin Blackburn to be paid at interest for
the joint benefit of said children

Seventhly I hereby constitute and appoint my son Ephraim
Blackburn Executor of this my last will and testa-
ment this 25th day of July 1861

Rachel^W Blackburn
mark

Signed sealed declared and published by Rachel Blackburn
as her last will and testament in the presence of us the undersigned
who subscribed our names thereto in the presence of said
testator at her special instance and request and in the presence
of each other this 25th July 1861

Curtis Humphreys

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Mary Melzer
James M. Melzer

Georgia { Before me D. Roberts Ordinary of said County
Screven County } Came in person Ephraim Blackburn
Executor of the last will and testament of Rachel
Blackburn deceased late of said County and also the witnesses
to said will Curtis Humphreys & Mary Melzer who being
truly known deposed and says they saw the said Rachel
Blackburn Seal Sign publish and declare the said instrument
as her last will and testament Voluntary freely and without
compulsion and that they signed in presence of each other
as witnesses and in presence of testator and at her special
instance and request

Subscribed before me this 9th } Curtis Humphreys
December 1861 D. Roberts } Mary Melzer

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