

Samuel Blackford's Will.

In the name of God Amen. I Samuel Blackford of Anson County being in my perfect mind & Memory but calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner & form following that is to say Principally & first of all I Recommend my soul into the Hands of Almighty God that gave it & my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereinafter mentioned nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the Same again by the mighty Power of god & be made immortal & as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased god of his infinite mercy & goodness to bless me with in this Life I Give Devise and Bequeath in manner following.

Imprimis I Give Devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rachel Blackford the use of my Plantation together with my stock of Horses Cattle Sheep Hogs & all my Movable Estate During her Natural life or Widowhood but in case she shall marry again then to Descend and be disposed of as herein after Directed.

Item I Give Devise & Bequeath unto my eldest son Manning Blackford the sum of twenty shillings proclamation money to be raised out of my Estate.

Item I Give Devise & bequeath unto my son Matthew Blackford twenty shillings proclamation money to be raised out of my Estate.

Item I Give Devise & bequeath unto my Daughter Fesiah Andrews twenty shillings Proclamation money to be raised out of my Estate.

Item I Give Devise & bequeath unto my two Daughters Sarah and Ruth all my Lands & Tenements & Movable Estate in Doors & Out Doors of what nature or kind soever to be equally divided between them at the death or Marriage of their Mother my dear Wife to hold to them their heirs & assigns forever.

Lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my dear Wife Rachel & Mr. Duke Glen sole Executor & Executrix of this my Last Will & Testament & I do

hereby utterly Disallow revoke & Disannul all & every other former Will Legacies bequeaths & Executors by me in anywise before named Willed & bequeathed ratifying & Confirming this & no other to be my Last Will & Testament in Witnezs whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Twentieth Day of June Anno Domini 1781.

Signed sealed published & Declared by the Testator to be his Last Will & Testament in presence of us
Thomas Dickson
John Dickson
Reuben Braswell

Samuel Blackford (seal)

Anson County April Court
1785 Proved in open Ct. by the oath of Thomas Dickson & ordered to be Recorded Ex^r. Qualified
Mich Auld Clk