

their mother and when division is let it be conceded at its
value at that same time. I do at this time appoint my beloved
wife Elinor Blount Exportrix to this my Last will and Testament
to which I hereto set my hand seal this the 21st day of Feby
1823. Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of Mary
Newton & Felix Frederick. on m m m Warren ^{his} Blount
Duplin County April Term 1823 Then was the within proved in
open court by the oath of major Newton and at the same time Elinor
Blount who is named in the will came into Court and qualified as
Esq ordered that letters issue - James Penrose Esq

February 2d- 1786. In the name of God Amen. I Joseph
Blackman of Duplin County province of North Carolina (planter)
being sick of body but of perfect memory thank to Almighty
God for the same knowing the totality of the body and that we
flesh must yield unto death. do make constitute and ordain
this my last will and Testament - Impressus - I recommend my
soul to Almighty God in the power hopes in recovering me
for my former sins & transgressions I also recommend my body to the
earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Esq hereafter
named. my wretched goods it has pleased God to give. I dispose of
in manner & form following. Item I give and bequeath to my well
beloved wife Elizabeth Blackman all my flock & stock of hogs horses
Blackman and cattle my negro wench Hagar and all my household furniture
I also lend not give unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Blackman
the plantation whereon I now dwell during her natural life. Item
I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son Joah. Four hundred
acres of land lying on the Beaver dam Swamp and my negro
servant George and one good feather bed to him and his heirs forever
Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter ^{etc} Mary my negro female
name Toney and one feather bed ^{when she comes to man} to her and her heirs forever
Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Jonah the
plantation I now dwell after the decease of his mother to gather with
one hundred acres of land lying above and one hundred acres of
land lying below said plantation. Which I bought of Colonel
Smith and one feather bed to him and his heirs forever. Item
I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Mary my negro

boy name Bob and one good feather bed to her and her heirs forever
 Last of all I constitute appoint + ordain my wife ^{Elizabeth Blackman} beloved wife
 Exrx & Stephen Blackman Exrx of this my last will and testament -
 revoking all other wills leaves demands or requests by heretofore
 made. in witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my
 seal the day and year first above mentioned signed sealed in
 presence of us Joseph Rhode Thos Hunter J. Blackman seal,
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State of North Carolina

October Term 1804

Duplin County

There was the within will proved in open court in Duplin in the face
 of law by the oath of Owen Comerly one of the subscribing witnesses
 thereto. and at the same time David Wright one of the Exrs named
 in the said will came before the court and qualified as Exr ac-
 cording to law Ordered that letters issue according to law
 Test William Dickson C.C. In the name of God Amen I Will
 Bennett of the state of North Carolina of the County of Duplin being
 infirm in body but sound in memory and calling to mind that
 all men that has met to die do make and constitute this my last will
 and testament in manner and form following to wit. First I
 resign my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth to
 William be decently buried at the discretion of my executors. I leave
 Bennett to my beloved wife Mary Bennett all my land and plantations
 unto my sons Thomas Bennett twenty six of age and also my son
 John Bennett twenty six of age. all my lands and improvements -
 thence to be equally divided between them at the time Thomas reaches
 of age. But if either of my sons should die without issue then
 his half of the land to be divided between the surviving one
 and his sister Lisha Bennett to them and their heirs forever
 I give to my son Thomas my young grey mare and give to him +
 his heirs forever. Then I give to my son John my young yellow
 mare to him and his heirs forever. Then I give to my beloved wife
 Mary Bennett and my daughter Lisha Bennett all the rest of
 my property of kinds not heretofore mentioned to be equally divided
 between them to them and their heirs forever after my just debts
 are paid. I also constitute and appoint my work friends Samuel
 Drews + David Wright to act as they may think best in the
 division of the perishable property &c Aug 3rd 1804