

In the name of God amen
I Newman Blackburn of Surry County & Province of
North Carolina being Very Sick and weak but of Perfect
Mind and memory thanks to Almighty God, Calling to Mind
the Mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed
for all men Once to (Die) do make & Ordain this my last
will & Testament, that is to say, first of all I Give and
Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty god that
Gave it, my Body I recommend to the Earth, to be Buried
in a decent Christian burial at the Discretion of my Executors
Nothing Doubting but at the general Resurrection to have
Received the same again by the ^{mighty} power of God, and as
Touching such worldly Estate wherewithal hath pleased
God to Bless me with, I Give Bequest and Dispense of the
Same in the Following Manner first of all I desire
That all my Lawfull Debts be paid & Lend unto my
Beloved wife Elizabeth the Plantation whereon I Now live
With the Tract of Land thereunto Belonging also all my
Stock Except one small Black Horse together with
all my Household Goods, also, Sell my Negro Wench
and Micayah my Negro Boy During her Natural
Life & after her Decease to be Equally Divided on my

My Children also I give Unto my son Younger Blackburn my Negro Fellow & am also to my son John Blackburn my Negroe Girl Estes also to my son Willm Blackburn I give my Negroe boy Oliver Also give unto my Daughter Mary Blackburn my Negroe girl (called Little Frank) also give unto my Son Reuben Blackburn My Negroe boy Charles

And as it is apparent that I have another son or Daughter becoming being willing to provide for that as well as the rest of my Children I Give my negroe Wench Frank in the following Manner that is for the said Wench to be continued in my Family till the Child comes to a lawfull age at which time I desire that my son Younger Blackburn do sell the Wench and her Increases if any at the highest Bidder and pay to the said Child Forty Pounds per Mon the remainder of the Money if any Divide Equally among all my Children But if the Child should not Survive until come to the age aforesore then at the expiration of the Wench and Increases if any to be sold as before mentioned & Divided Equally among all my Children

I likewise constitute make & Ordain my Son Younger Blackburn Gray Bynum Executors of this my last will & Testament & I do hereby utterly disallow revoke & dis annul all of every other former Testaments wills Legacies Requests & Executors by me in any ways before named wills and disqualify ratifying & Confirming this to be my last

(3)
Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have here
unto set my hand and seal this Eighteenth Day of Decem
ber: In the Year of our Lord one thousand, Seven hundred
seventy one.

signed sealed & pronounced

By the S: Newman Blackburn

as his last will & Testament
in the presence of us who in the
presence of each other hath here

Unto Subscribed our Names

James Garrison

Anthony Hampton

Ambros Blackburn

Sixty County St. February Court 1772

Anthony Hampton, one of the subscribing
Witnesses to the within last will & Testament of
Newman Blackburn made oath that he saw the
said Newman Blackburn sign & publish declare
the same to be his last will &c) that he was of sound
& disposing Mind & Memory & that at the same time
he saw James Garrison & Ambros Blackburn sign the
same as witness & on Motion Ordered to be recorded
Younger Blackburn & Gray Bynum the executors
wherein Newman came into Court & qualified such
Agreeable to Law Ordered that letters testamentary ^{to} I have to
Wm. Bynum

unto set my hand and seal this Eighteenth Day of December
In the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
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them accordingly Test Jesse Benton C.C.
Truly Recorded