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Benjamin Blackburn Will

In the Name of God Amen

August 10th in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six I Benjamin Blackburn of the State of Franklin and County of Washington farmer being very weak and frail in body but in perfect mind and Memory Thanks be given unto God Therefore calling unto mind the Mortality of My body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I do make constitute and Ordain this My last will & testament that is to say principally and first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it me and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian like manner at the discretion of My exutors nothing doubting but that at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as to such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I do give bequeath and dispose of it in the following manner & form to-wit I do give and bequeath to my dearly and well beloved wife Mary Blackburn good sufficient gentle and handson maintenance during her life of all Things necessary & likewise on good comfortable house and one good cow to be kept and supported by her as in own property. Item I do give and bequeath to My beloved son Benjamin my great bible — Item I do ~~give~~ bequeath to each of My grand sons named Benjamin one good school bible — Item I do bequeath to My son John Blackburns son Samuel one good school bible — Item I do give and bequeath to My beloved sons Robert Blackburn & Benjamin Blackburn My bond an Keram Curion of three hundred pounds — Item to my son Archibald Blackburn I do give and bequeath the land whereon I now live only allowing him to pay to my son Samuel Blackburn forty pounds — Item I do give and bequeath to my dearly & well beloved daughter Ann one good bed and bed clothes and hangings and Chest the contents excepted — Item I do give to my dearly and well beloved daughter Elizabeth Bay my negro wench named Wrenna

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beloved daughter Ann one good bed and bed clothes and hangings and chest in the best order excepted —
I then I do give to my dear and well beloved daughter Elizabeth Bay my negro woman named Wannah
which shall decend to her children at her death Likewise I do allow my son Archibald
Blackburn to give her one good pfer in twenty pound horse only keeping such of that the bond
which he the said Archibald Blackburn owes to Thomas Bays — I then I do give & bequeath
to my dear & well beloved son John Blackburn my shoe buckles likewise my great coat and
cloth coat and Lincots — I then I do give to my son Robert Blackburn my cotton coat & Lincots
I then I do give to my son Archibald my shup my great pot and my table and whatever is in Alexander
Mathers hands and other small articles I allow to Archibald to clear my debts — And for exccutors
to execute my last will and testament I appoint constable and Antinous my Trusty and well beloved
sons Archibald Blackburn and John Wear as my sole exccutors and I do hereby utterly disanul
revoke and make void all and every other former wills and beques by any ways made by me
and I do Acknowledge this and none other to be my last will and testament in writing
that if I have heretofore let my hand & seal the day and year above written
by and sealed published and pronounced by the said Benjamin Blackburn as his last will &
testament in the presens of us the under named
subscribers

James Cunningham } The foregoing will was proven in court by the oath of Andrew Hearnach
James Robinson } One of the subscribing witnesses thereto. at August 1799. & recorded
as Hearnach }

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