

Know all men by these presents that I, Benjamin
Blackburne, Esq. of the County of Breathitt and
State of Kentucky do hereby appoint and declare
that Milly a black woman late in my possession
and which I purchased of John Ladd
now about forty - year of age, dark
complexion about five feet eight inches
high is a free woman and justly of right
entitled to enjoy her full liberty and all the
privileges of a free person of color under
the laws and constitution of said State &
for and in consideration of the sum of
one hundred and fifty dollars to me in
hand paid or received to be paid, viz. thirty
seven and a half dollars paid in hand
by said Milly, and twelve dollars & a half
payable the 1st of July next, the sum
of twenty five dollars payable the 1st of
May 1822, twenty five dollars the 1st of
May 1823, ~~twenty five dollars~~ the 1st of
May 1824 & twenty five dollars the 1st of
May 1825. for all of which payments
I hold the notes of said Milly, I do covenant
promise and agree with said Milly to release
all the right, title, interest and claim which
I have to her or her future increase and

do hereby. unanerptate. or honeste and set her
husfume increased free from my service
or the service of any other person or persons what-
ever, and she is from this day forward to be,
have, hold and posse up her pupiet liberty.

and I do hereby bind and oblige myself my
heirs, executors & admrs at any time when required
to execute any other writing or agreement, eman-
cipation or indenture which may be necessary
or to acknowledge this or any other necessary
instrument at any time for the more com-
pletely effecting the object of this obligation
It being understood that when this is done by
me the said Millie shall furnish any even-
tually which may be required by the Court to
prevent said Millie from becoming charge-
able to the County. Witness my hand seal
this 30th of April 1831. Benjamin Blackb.
Attest,


Wm. Mayne

Thos. S. Marshall