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In the name of God amen. I John Gardner being
sick, being in a very low state of health, but of a sound mind
& standing not knowing how soon God may remove me to the
eternal world. I do acknowledge this to be my last will & testament
first I do desire that my body should be decently committed to the
earth from whence it came, and my soul to God, who first gave it.
my desire is that at my decease that all my just should be fully
discharged. And as to my temporal blessing that God has bless-
ed me with I give as follows. I give I give and bequeath to Maria
Clarke son of Shadruck Clarke and Rebecca his wife all my wearing
apparel, to him and his wife alone. all the cash that I have, all
bonds, notes, and open accounts, all my Tayloring tools, to him and
his wife forever. I give I give and bequeath to Amelle Clarke, daughter
of the aforesaid Shadruck Clarke, one year Burns Brinks
to her and her husband forever. And my will is that Shadruck Clarke
should be qualified as executor, and should come as such, and
I desire that there should be no opposition of what I have left
acknowledged, signed and sealed this 1st day of February 1796
Signed and sealed in presence of } John Gardner Seal
Fleet Clarke, Nancy ^{her} Martin.
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At a Court held for the County of the 11th day of October 1796 the
within last will and Testament of John Gardner dec^d was presented in court
and proved by the oath of Fleet Clarke, one of the Witnesses thereto subscribed &
ordered to be certified. And at a Court held for the said County the 9th day of
August 1811 the said Will was again presented in court, and proved by
the oath of the other Witnesses thereto subscribed, and ordered to be recorded.

Wm Henry Taylor D.C.