

and ordered to be Recorded)

Teste

Charles Taylor and

John Gardners
Will.

Q. & A.

In the name of God Amen, I John Gardner of
Montgomery County and State of Virginia being in
a low state of health and believing that I may not
recover from my present illness, but being of sound
mind and disposing memory and knowing that it is
appointed for all men once to die, do make and
order this my last will and Testament, and give
and bequeath my soul to God who gave it in the
full hope and assurance that through the merits

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a redman it will be restored and disposed of in
money at the general settlement. I bequeath my body to
the dust from whence it came to be decently buried
at the discretion of my family. And as to my worldly
goods whereunto it has pleased God to bless me, I give
and dispose of the same in the manner following.

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In Premises I direct that all my just debts shall be
paid as soon as possible out of the money arising
from the sale of such of my personal property as
may not be hereinafter specially bestowed.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha,
her bed and its furniture bedstead and also two
Elevenths of all my real and personal Estate not

she may think better, all of which she may dispose
of as she may think ^{fit} ~~proper~~ her death.

Item. I bequeath to my Daughter Jane Smith who
marries young and who did not contribute her labour
to the procurement of my present property one Dollar
expressing her at the same time of my parental affection.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann
Gardner one bed and bedstead, three counterpane three
quilt ^{four blankets} three worth, four pair pair of sheets and all
her wearing apparel and chest and one mare and
horse and saddle and bridle and one dog and also
require that my executors may pay her thirty

and a quarter Dollar in discharge of that under bond
from for which I never gave a note or bond.

Item I give and bequeath to my son John Gardner
one bay horse saddle and bridle and one silver
watch and one eleventh of all my estate real and
personal. Item I give to my daughter Mary Gardner

one cow and a cow and two elevenths of all my estate
real and personal. Item I give and bequeath to my

daughter Elizabeth Meadows sixty dollars to be paid out
of the price of my land when sold. Item I give and
bequeath to my son Robert Gardner five horse and
saddle and one eleventh of my estate real & personal

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Fanna
Gardner one bedstead, bed and ^{bed} clothes, one side saddle
and one eleventh of my estate real and
personal - also one cow. Item I give and bequeath
to my daughter Fredericka Gardner one cow, one bed-
stead, one bed and bed clothes, one side saddle and
one eleventh of my estate real and personal.

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Item I give and bequeath to my son William
Gardner one eleventh of my real & personal estate
Item I give and bequeath to my son Alexander
Gardner, one eleventh of my real & personal estate
Item I give and bequeath to my son James Gardner
one eleventh of my real and personal estate and

lastly. I desire that the special devise and the residue
of the ~~residue~~ residue of the bonorum estate ~~as herein directed~~ shall
be paid to each of my children that are now of age
when demanded and to the rest as they may ~~may~~
come of age and it is my will and desire & I order
accordingly that my lands and its appurtenances
shall be sold when my son James mayor shall
arrive at the age of twenty one or in case of death,
as the youngest of the family living may arrive at age
and the proceeds of sd lands when sold to be divided
as heretofore directed and should any of my children
die under age or before they are married and have
issue and before they have ~~received~~ their bequests, I will
and desire that their proportion of my estate shall

be equally divided amongst their surviving Brothers
and sisters, my daughter Jane Smith & Elizabeth
Meadows excepted. I do this in Justice to my unmarried
children whose joint labour ought not to go to their
married sisters. I appoint my wife Martha an
Executor and my son John Gardner Jr. and my trusty
friend George Doreau my Executors of this my last
will and testament. I do this at a time of I have
hereunto set my hand and seal this
first day of August eighteen hundred and fifteen
at New York.

James P. Preston

Michael M. Brady
Mink

John M. Muller

John Gardner (all)

Montgomery March 2nd 1876

This Last will & Testament of John Gardner
as it was proven by the oaths of James P.
Preston, Michael Long & John McMillan the
Witnesses thereto, and ordered to be Recorded
and on the motion of ~~John Gardner~~ the
Executors ~~and~~ ^{Montgomery County Wills, Deeds, Estates No 2, 1000 1887} the Executors
who made oath thereto according to Law,
and with Security entered into & acknow-
ledged Bond Conditioned as the Law directs
A Certificate is granted them for obtaining
a Probate thereof in due form.

Teste Charles Jay Greene