

Gardner's Will
In the Name of God Amen, I Christopher
Gardner of Norfolk County and Town, being Sick and
very Weak of Body, but of Sufficient Mind and Memory
Praised be Almighty God Calling to Mind the Uncertainty
of this Transitory Life and that all Flesh must Die Do
here make my Last Will and Testament in form and manner
following (Viz^t) My Soul I give to God Almighty believ-
ing through the Merits of our Lord Jesus Christ to have
full Pardon and forgiveness of all my Sins, and my
Body to the Earth to be buried by my Executors hereunto
named And as for my Worldly Goods (it hath pleased the
Almighty God to Vouchsafe me) I Dispose of as follow-
eth; Viz^t

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Son John Gardner
my Lot of Land in Norfolk Town W. I. & P.

all Houses now Standing or that shall be built thereon
and all the Appurtenances thereunto belonging to him
my Son, and to his Heirs forever.

Item I likewise Give and bequeath to my said Son John
Gardner my Negro Wench Named Merriam, Likewise my
Surrestons where my Papers lay and likewise I Give my said
Son John Gardner my Bed and Furniture Whereon I now
lay with my Silver Watch, with a pair of Chain Silver ~~the~~
Buckles and my Spectacles to my said Son John and to his
Heirs forever.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Loving Daughter Ellice
Gardner my three Negroes to wit a Young Wench Named
Mild and a Girl Named Nancy, and a Little boy Named
Bobb to her my said Daughter Ellice Gardner now a
Gospy to her and to her Heirs ^{forever} with a Cotton ^{point} ^{pin}

my Son, and to her ^{there} forever.

Item I Likewise Give and bequeath to my said Son John
Gardner my Negro Wench named Marriet, Likewise my
Sringstone where my Papers lay and likewise I Give my said
Son John Gardner my Bed and Furniture Wherewith I now
lay with my Silver Watch, with a pair of Plain Silver ~~Shoe~~
Buckles and my Spinglass to my said Son John and to her
Hers forever.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Loving Daughter Alice
Gardner my three Negroes to wit a Young Wench named
Mild and a Girl named Nancy, and a Little boy named
Bobb to her my said Daughter Alice Gardner now a
Godfreys to her and to her ^{there} forever.

Item I Likewise Give and bequeath unto my said Daughter
Alice my pair of Slaves standing in the Street with a

5 Black Walnut Table and Sideboard Chairs, Sewing
Feather Bed with Ring and a pair Sheets and one old
chest of Drawers being in the Hall Chamber to my rare
Daughter Eunice and to her Heirs forever

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Loving Son Charles Ruff
Gardner my two Negroes to Wm Brittain & Wife to him and
to his Heirs forever

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Charles Ruff Gardner
my Gold Studs a pair of Wrought Silver Shoe Buckles two
pair of Silver Iron Buckles, and Stock Buckle, with a
Black Walnut Serenator without Braces, my old Gun & a
Small Bed in the Hall Chamber ^{with} a pair of Sheets to him my
said Son and to his Heirs forever

Item I Give unto my Son John Gardner all the Remainder
of the Household Furniture with all the Kitchen furniture
and bed Room and a hall of boards in Doll

of the iron pots & furniture with all the Kitchen furniture
and one Dozen and a half of bundle Mounds the largest size
and one Dozen of the smaller Sort of bundle Mounds and a
Jarule more that is Broken Glass in the Store to him &
his Heirs forever —

Item I Give to my Daughter Eunice the Remainder of the Large
and Small bundle Mounds as not before bequeathed as to my
Son John to him and to her Heirs forever with four of my White
Shirts and three Neckcloths —

Item I Give unto my Son John ^{Gardner} all my ~~Wearing~~ Apparel except
them Shirts so Bequeathed to Eunice Gardner my Wife further
is that if the Suit Between M^r John Tucker and me should
not be Ended before I Die then the Money in the Hands of
M^r Daniel Anthony and M^r Sam^l Bunch Sen^r if obtained
to be Equally Divided Between my three Children John Eunice
and Charles Ralph Gardner —

his heirs forever —

Item I Give to my Daughter Eunice the Remainder of the Large and Small Family Wards as not before bequeathed as to my Son John to him and to his heirs forever with four of my White Shirts and three Handkerchiefs —

Item I Give unto my Son John ^{Gardner} all my ~~Wearing~~ Apparel except these Shirts so Bequeathed to Eunice Gardner my Wife further is that if the Suit Between M^r John Tucker and me should not be ended before I Die then the Money in the Hands of M^r Daniel Prothery and M^r Sam^l Bond Jr^r if obtained to be Equally Divided Between my three Children John Eunice and Charles Roger Gardner —

Lastly I make constituted and assign my Loving Son John and Charles Roger Gardner my whole and sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament Respecting by these presents

All the Will or Wills Testament & Testament by me made
Whereunto I have set my Hand and find my Soul this 30th day of
August in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred and
Fifty five

Test Rich. Kilsick

Will Fortlack

Nicholas Warrington

Thos Godfrey

November Court 1755

Proved the

Test L. Warrington

Godfrey
Will

In the Name of God Amen I Matthew Godfrey of Norfolk
County being of Perfect Health and Memory thanks be to God for
the same Do make this my Last Will and Testament That to
say First and principally of all I give my Soul to Almighty God
that gave it me in Hope for Christ Jesus sake he will receive
it and my body to the earth to be buried at the Discretion
of my Executors and my Executors And as for my Worldly Goods
Which I leave God to give me in this present World I give and