

In the name of God Amen, I James Gardner of Prince Edward
County and Saint Patrick Parish being sick and weak of body
but of perfectly sound ^{and Judgment} memory make this my last Will and Testament
 hereby revoking all others whatsoever

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah during her natural
life the use of my Plantation in Charlotte which I bought of
Mr Taylor, and that also bought of Wood as joining it, I
also lend unto her the use of the following Negroes, during her
natural life, viz, Sue, Lucy, Julius, Toney, Lilly and Pompey, but
my will is, while she the said Sarah, continues a Widdow, -
that there shall be no division of my Estate, and that all the
profits thereof shall be laid out in maintaining herself &
my Children, decently, and in laying up the surplus to
pay off the portions of my two Daughters hereafter mentioned -
Then I give and bequeath to my beloved son Alexander to
him and his Heirs forever my plantation in Cumberland and
also I give and bequeath unto him and his Heirs forever
Sam, Wills, Charles, Ben and Jerry in all their Heirs forever
to be born

Then I give and bequeath to my beloved son James to him &
his Heirs forever

imprimis, I lend to my beloved wife Sarah during her natural
life, the use of my Plantation in Charlotte which I bought of
Mr. Taylor, and that also bought of Roden adjoining it, I
also lend unto her the use of the following Negroes, during her
natural life, viz, Geo, Lucy, Julius, Toney, Silly and Pompey, but
my will is, while she the said Sarah, continues a Widow, -
that there shall be no division of my Estate, and that all the
profits thereof shall be laid out in maintaining herself &
my Children, decently, and in laying up the surplus to
pay off the Portion of my two Daughters hereafter mentioned,
Then I give and bequeath to my beloved son Alexander to
him and his Heirs forever my plantation in Cumberland a,
also I give and bequeath unto him and his Heirs forever
James, Will, Charles, Ben and Jerry in all their branches hereafter
to be born

Then I give and bequeath, to my beloved son James to him &
his Heirs forever my Plantation in Charlotte which I bought
of John East, & also I give and bequeath unto him and his
Heirs forever, Simon, David, Betty, Minto & Julius in all

go forward hereafter to be born.
 Then I give and bequeath unto my beloved son John to himself
 his heirs forever, after his mother's decease, Taylor's Plantation
 common ~~and adjacent~~ ^{near} Woodcut, assigned to it (as devised ^{also} to his
 mother during his life; I also give and bequeath to him &
 his heirs forever, which Daniel, Tony, Caesar and Hannah with
 all their heirs are hereafter to be born.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Ann,
Three hundred pounds Current money, to be raised out of the
sale of my Personal Estate after my decease, to be paid unto
her when she comes of age, or at her marriage, and also
I give unto her and her heirs forever, Tom and Nancy with
their increase, hereafter to be born,

Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Sarah,
Three hundred pounds Sterling, to be raised out of the money
due me and paid unto her when she comes of age or at
marriage, and also, I bequeath unto her and her heirs
forever ^{two} Girls named Math and Agg;

And lastly I do hereby make it my Particular request
to my here after named Executor, that they marry

to my hereafter named Executors that they ^{and daughter} ~~may~~ ^{shall} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~literally~~ ^{be} ~~adhered to~~ ^{be} ~~respecting~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Education~~ ^{Education} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~sons~~ ^{sons}, and my Will
farther is that after my decease, all my personal Estate
in the Globe, Corn Lick House, Cattle Hogs &c be sold
and that all my household furniture (except the
Furniture of three small rooms), with my Clock
Beaufat and book Case be sold, and the money
arising therefrom to be laid out in purchasing land
and Negroes for my Children to be divided equally
and if any of my Children should die before they come
of age, then their portions of my Estate, I desire to be
divided equally among the survivors, and as to my
Library my Will is that none of my Books be sold but
kept for a present to be given to that son of mine who
inclines to be a Minister of the Church of England
to be directed in his studies by the Reverend Mr James
Craig - and I do hereby appoint my beloved wife
Sarah with my two good friends the Rev Mr James Craig

Attest James Gordon of this my last Will & Testament
Given under my hand this ^{2nd} day of October, 1772

Signed sealed

Testimony in presence of

Wm Gordon (Seal)

This Certificate annexed to my Will bearing Date above, foras-
much as I have added a Negro fellow named Robin to be sold
out of my Estate, so I hereby desire my Executors to take the
money arising from the sale of the ^{slave} ~~foras~~ and purchase a
Negro Girl or boy to be given to my son Alexander, because
I judge his tract of land not so valuable as that of my
other sons.

In mine my Will is that the increase of my Negroes
during to my Wife during her natural life be equally
divided among my Children at her death as also the
profits of my Estate for my Date.

Wm Gordon

At a Court held for Prince Edward County June 21st 1773

Whereupon James Garden who's last will & Testament with a Codicil annexed
was presented in Court by the Executors therein named and proved as follows Thomas Scott
Peter Johnston and Paul Caramore & J. Francis Walling were sworn who severally
deposed that they are well acquainted with the last writing consisting of the ~~Deceased~~ James
Garden deceased & that they believe the said writing with Codicil annexed & signing
as in the hand-writing of the said James Garden & that the said Thomas Scott and
Peter Johnston yet further depose that they found the said Will in a Box in the
house of the said James Garden among his papers two days after his death, The Mr.
James Craig was also sworn who deposes that he was also well acquainted with the
said writing of the said James Garden, & that he believes the said writing with Codicil
annexed & signing are the hand writing of the said James Garden, And further
that the said James Garden was in the house sometime about October last showed him
the said James Garden a written order by the said James Garden to his Will which he the
J. James Craig believes is the same now shown in Court Whereupon the said Will & Codicil
is ordered to be recorded the Executors therein named refused in Court to take the
oath & the matter of James Garden the said James Craig, Mr. Lawson that
said & the said James Garden's will was the only one required by law to be put in
the Court & the said James Garden's will was the only one required by law to be put in