

In the name of God Amen I John Gordon of Gates County and
State of North Carolina being old and calling to mind the man-
nery of the life do make constitute and ordain that when my
last will and testament in manner and form as following
I have given and bequeath unto my son Jacob Gordon the lands whereon
he now lives which I bought of John Hunter also an adjoining tract
I bought of Isaac Wright also one hundred acres in the grant of
David Rice Land also my plantation in Roushook containing one
hundred and ninety acres more or less also all the cattle belong-
ing to said plantation Also I give my said son Jacob Gordon one
negro man named Philip and one negro woman named a Stage
with all her children by name Judith Jemmy Geane Rachel
David and Beck. also one negro man named P. Mingo and
negro woman named a Amy Gray I say to him and his heirs and
assigns forever also one negro boy Solomon & one named John to him & his
heirs forever

Now I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Gordon the lands whereon
he now lives also all but the part I shall hereafter give to my
daughter Sarah Croft which formerly belonged to my brother
George Gordon which will appear by a line of Mark & this

and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Gordon the land, where
the new life also all but the part I shall hereafter give to my
daughter Sarah Norfleet which formerly belonged to my brother
George Gordon which will appear by a line of Mark trees
beginning at a red oak standing in my old line and running
straight line to a black gum standing in my line of fence but
I now I am in plantation also I give my said son Benjamin Gordon
the following negroes by name (Viz) Henry Peter David Harry
Rosa Arthur Peter Paul Peter Peter Rachel Lucy Morning also
one hundred acres of land in Rockhook. Beginning on John Bates
line and running by corner not to the prejudice of the plantation
and as narrow as may be through the Passover to the river to
include the hundred acres I also give my said son the plantation
wherein he now lives with all the land belonging thereto after
the death of his mother say to him and his heirs forever
and I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Norfleet all my
land which formerly belonged to Thomas Dear and also a piece
of land which formerly belonged to my brother George Gordon
which is mentioned in the gift of land to my son

Benjamin Gordon beginning at five standing in my line running along
it line to the corner tree on white oak and then along a line of small
trees to a black gum standing in my line as a record of said line
Summers plantation & from thence by a straight line of mark to
the first station Sales give my said daughter Sarah Norfleet
one negro man named Tony and one negro woman named Peggy
she and her increase to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Item I reserve the use of my plantation whereon I now live unto my beloved
wife Mary Gordon during her natural life with all the negroes there
mentioned and my desire is that there shall be no division until
after the death of my wife in any part of my estate and after her
death an equal division between my three children by name Jacob
Benj. Gordon and Sarah Norfleet to them and their heirs forever.
Also one hundred dollars to my said daughter -

Lastly I nominate and appoint my two sons Benjamin Gordon and Jacob Gordon
to be my whole executors of this my last will and testament made
this eighth day of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty
seven to see the same executed at their discretion -
Signed sealed and

Delivered in the presence
of us

Charles Powell (Juror)

Thos^{Esq} Williams
^{mark}

- Eliza^{Esq} Watson (Juror)
^{mark}

John Gordon (Deed)

State of North Carolina

Gates County

February County Court of March 1798

The last will and testament of John Gordon dec^d was exhibited into Court by Jacob Gordon & Benjamin Gordon Executors therein appointed & was proved by the oaths Charles Powell & Eliza Watson two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and an motion was ordered to be made at the same time the said executors came into Court and qualified themselves for that office &c.

In the name of God Amen I Eliza Parker of Gates County being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and understanding it is allotted unto for all men to die I command my words