

18) my friends Frederick Lawrence & William Affluen
executors to this my Last Will and Testament bearing
and disavowing all other wills before by me made
ratifying and confirming this and none other to be
my Last will and Testament in Testimony whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal
this 14th day of May one Thousand eight Hundred one
Signed Sealed published pronounced
and declared by the Testator to be his
Last will and Testament in the
presence of
Jesse Ashen
Garry Griffiths
William Denton

In the Name of God Amen March ye 31 day 1801
I Isaac Gardner of the province of North Carolina planter
in Johnston County being very sick and weak in body
but in perfect my and sound my thanks be given to God,
Therefore Calling unto my mind the mortality of my
body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men
once to die do make and ordain this my Last will
and Testament that is to say, principally and first
of all I Give and bequeath my soul into the hands
of God that gave it, and my body I bequeath to the
earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the
discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the
General resurrection I shall receive the same again by the
mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate
whereunto it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I
Give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Mary Gardner
my Land and plantation and Houses where I do live
during her life

I then Give and bequeath to my well beloved son William
Gardner my Dwelling House and Twenty five acres of Land
where the House doth stand
I then Give and bequeath to my well beloved son Hardy Gardner
the House where he doth live and Twenty five acres of
Land

I then Give and bequeath to Isaac Gardner the House
where he doth live and Twenty acres of Land

My will and desire is that all the rest of my Land should
Equally be divided between my other two sons Richard Gardner
and Isaac Gardner

I then Give unto my well beloved wife Mary Gardner
all my Stock of every kind during her life, also it is
my will and desire that my wife should have all my
Household Goods of every sort and all that I possess in debt
and without a long as she lives, and then to be equally
divided among all my Children except two further lands
and four other one to Isaac Gardner my son and another
to William Gardner my son

I make and ordain Hardy Gardner and James Gardner
my executors in Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal the day and year above written

Testify
Hardy Gardner
Isaac Gardner
Richard Gardner
Jesse Ashen
Garry Griffiths
William Denton

In the Name of God Amen I John Carter being very sick & weak in body but of perfect
mind & memory & thanks be to the almighty god for the same therefore calling to
mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die
do make and ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following
first I bequeath my soul into the hands of almighty god that gave it and
for my body I bequeath to the earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent
manner at the discretion of my executors and as to my worldly Estate I give and
bequeath in the manner and form following (Viz) I send unto my well
beloved wife Sarah Carter all my lands and tenements together with all my
stock and goods namely silver & gold & jewels & all my household goods
mine for the term of her life or Widowhood then I give unto my well beloved son Joseph
Carter the one half of land before bequeathed to his mother & also the one half of my
Negroes before bequeathed to his mother & also the one half of my estate before bequeathed to
his mother to him and his heirs for ever then I give unto my well beloved son the late
the other half of my land before bequeathed to his mother & also the one half of my