

18) my friends Frederick Lawrence & William Affluen
executors to this my Last Will and Testament making
and discharging all other bills 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
Legal Seal published promulgated
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 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 Give 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

Attest
Jesse Ashen

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 son
the other half of my land before bequeathed to his mother & also the one half of my

I have but to his Mother and also the one half of my stock before lent to his Mother
 to her & his care for ever. My and desire is that all my property shall be Equally
 divided between them my two sons Hannah & John Robert Larner without selling
 them I give unto John Swain son of James Swain the one half of the two Negroes
 given me in Lathum will namely Will now a purveyor of Buryat Varr also Adams
 in 5th Living for ever to him and his care for ever. I John Larner and Sarah Wood
 do both of us acknowledge that we have divided the property of our things to our
 Satisfaction which he left us - I do hereby disallow revoke & disown any other will
 or wills heretofore by me made but own & acknowledge this to be my last will &
 testament and do appoint my friend James Bennett Jun^r with my loving wife
 Sarah Larner my sole Executors to this my last will and testament in presence
 of us test this July 31st day 1803 -

Milly Eason

James Bennett

John Larner

Sarah X Wood

In the name of God Amen I Dixon Williams of the County of North Carolina being of
 sound & perfect mind and memory bless^d be to God do this 13th day of January
 in the year of our Lord 1804 make and publish this my last will and testament
 in the manner following that to say first I give and bequeath to daughter Patsy
 Williams five pounds to be paid out of such part of my property as can be best
 spared for that purpose (Item) I give & bequeath unto my two sons John & William
 & my four daughters Mary Polly Nancy & Elizabeth five shillings each
 besides what I have already given them to be paid out of my Estate when call^d for
 (Item) I give and my will & blood wife Elizabeth Williams my mare saddle &
 bridle two feather beds & furniture and all the rest of my property both within
 door and with during of her life or widowhood she takes a prudent care to her
 and raise my four young children my will and desire further is that my blood
 wife may not be debarred from selling any part of the property she can best spare to
 help support the children if she can do without (Item) I give to my four young
 children that I had by my last wife my stock of cattle with their accoutre-
 ments together with all the rest of the property that I have lent to my blood wife
 to be delivered them at her death or day of marriage and I hereby make & declare my
 blood wife and friend Elizaⁿ Smithwick Executor and Proventor of this my last will
 and testament in witness whereof I the s^d Dixon Williams have to this set my
 hand and seal at my hand and seal the day and year above
 written sign^d seal^d & published by the s^d Dixon Williams in the presence of us who were present
 Elizaⁿ Smithwick
 John X Berry

Dixon Williams

In the name of God Amen the second day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand
 eight hundred I River Moore of the State of North Carolina County of Mecklenburg
 being in perfect mind & memory but desiring to be prepared as near as may be for
 approaching and in the transitory life do make and declare this my last will & testament
 in the manner & form following (to wit) first my desire is that all just debts
 be paid out of my Estate - I then lent to my blood wife Elizabeth Moore one Negro
 man named Aaron & a Woman named Sarah at her death I give the before mentioned
 Negro to my son James Moore to him & his care forever (Item) I give and bequeath
 unto my son James Moore two small Negroes Robert & Polly one dish two feather beds
 I furniture to him & his care forever it is likewise my will and desire that my Negro man
 Edy and all the rest of my property be sold and the money arising therefrom after paying
 my just debts be for the use & support of my wife Elizabeth & son James equally
 to them their care and assigns forever - last I do constitute make & declare & approve
 my friend Simon Coult & Elizabeth Moore Executors to this my last
 will & testament utterly revoking every other former will & testament by me in any
 wise made calling & confirming this & no other to be my last In Testimony of which

I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 2^d day of December A. D. 1800
 sign^d seal^d & published & declared by the s^d River Moore to be his last will & testament
 I witness of
 J. Kennedy
 Daniel Ward
 River X Moore

In the Name of God Amen this 17th day of October one thousand eight hundred
 and one I William Bennett being weak and weak in body but of
 perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same calling to mind
 the mortality of the body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to
 die I do make & declare this my last will and testament that is to say
 principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the
 hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be
 buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors
 Nothing doubting but at General Resurrection I shall receive the same
 again by the mighty power of God and as true being such would be Estate
 whereunto it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give & bequeath
 and dispose of the same in the following manner and form first I give and
 bequeath to my son Elias Bennett one Negro Man by the name of Cal also to give &
 bequeath to my son Joel Bennett one Negro man by the name of Jacob and the
 one half of the Old plantation Land to be divided between him & his son
 his son. And when the said land