

after paying off and discharging the same to be equally divided among my eight before named children to them their heirs and assigns forever. I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons Carter Arrington and Joseph Arrington my executors to this my last will and testament. Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presents of us this twelfth day of November one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

Jethro Denson
James Whitehead

Joseph Arrington Sen (Seal)

Nash County

February session 1819

The foregoing will was exhibited in open court for probate and proven by the oath of Jethro Denson and James Whitehead two subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest Wm Hall, C.C.

and is registered in obedience to the above order.

In the Name of God Amen. I George Gardener of Nash County and State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say,

First: I lend my plantation where on I now live containing five hundred and thirty nine acres be the same more or less adjoining the land of John Wards, Elias Moon, and others to my beloved wife Mary Gardener during her natural life and after her death I give the same to my son Holman Gardener to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son George Gardener my tract of land called the Blanton Place adjoining the lands of Jos. Arrington, John David and others containing five hundred and sixty eight acres be the same more or less to him, his heirs and assigns forever, also one negro man by the name of Aquire also one sorrell horse bridle and saddle one feather bed and furniture one cow and calf to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Sophrona Gardener one negro woman called Nancey and her two children one boy named Minge one girl called Marcia and their increase from this date one feather bed and furniture and on hundred dollars to be paid to her out of my estate also one cow and calf to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Holman Gardener one negro boy by the name of James, one bed and furniture one cow and calf and one hundred Dollars and to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my two grand children Salley Arrington and Noel Arrington one hundred dollars each to be paid to them out of

my state to them their heirs.

Item: I give and bequeath to my two daughters Polley P. Darren and Martha Avert, the land and plantation I purchased of Nathan Ward containing one hundred and seventy acres be the same more or less share and share alike to them and their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: My will and desire is that all the property that I have given to my children that has left me of what soever kind should be theirs and I give them the same.

Item: All the rest and residue of my estate of what soever kind after my just debts and legacies are paid I lend to my beloved wife Salley Gardener as long as she lives and after her death it is my will and desire that it should be sold and first pay to Drusila Capball two hundred dollars and the balance it is my will and desire it should be equally divided between my son Holman Gardener, Polley P. Darin, Martha Avert and Sophrona Gardener and give them the same to them their heirs and assigns forever.

And thereby make and ordain my friend Joseph Arrington Executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said George Gardener have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written...

George Gardener (seal)

Signed, sealed, published and attested by the said George Gardener the testator as his last will and testament in the presents of us who have present at the time of signing and sealing thereof.
Benjamin W. Avert.
Nathaniel Crump
Elizabeth Avert

Nash County

February session 1819

The foregoing will was exhibited for probate and proven by the oath of Benjamin W. Avert and Nathaniel Crump two subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest Wm Hall, C.C.

and is recorded in obedience to the above order.

Attest Wm Hall, C.C.

(Signed)
I William A. Lafford a soldier in the United States Army being sick and weak of body and knowing the uncertainty of this life, but of sound mind and memory do constitute and make my last will and testament as follows:

Item: I desire first that all my just debts be paid by my executor hereafter named.

Item: I give and bequeath unto Philip Andrew Tidel of North Carolina the whole of my estate both real and personal which I now possess or that which I may be entitled to as a soldier in the United States Army, except one silver watch which is in the possession of William Dortch a citizen of North Carolina, which watch, I give and bequeath unto