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In The Name of God Amen. I Delilah Whitfield of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being sick of body but of sound disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz:

First: I recommend my soul to the hands of almighty God that save it and touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeath in manner and form following to wit:

Item: My will and desire is that my land on the east side of Lassiter's branch be sold and the money arising from such sale to be applied to wards paying my debts and if not sufficient that enough of my household and kitchen furniture, stock and be sold to pay all my debts and I also give to my daughter Priscilla Tisdale five shillings and no more to Hardy G. Whitfield five shillings, To Drusilla Dutch five shillings, To Willie G. Whitfield five shillings, to Guilford G. Whitfield five shillings to them and their heirs forever. My will is also that the land I purchased of John Hicks and the balance of property if any be equally divided between my three sons to wit: Archibald G. Whitfield, Benjamin G. Whitfield and John T. G. Whitfield to them and their heirs forever.

Also the bed, chairs and which I lent Guilford G. Whitfield I also give to him his heirs and lastly I nominate and appoint Hardy G. Whitfield my executor to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of March 1818

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
in presence of  
Batsen Smith  
Asa Sneed  
Nash County

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Delilah Whitfield (Seal)

November session 1818

The foregoing will was exhibited for probate and proven by the oath of Batsen Smith and Asa Sneed 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.

Attest Wm Hall, C. C.

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In The Name of God Amen. I Joseph Arrington Sen. of Nash County and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz:

I loan to my Dearly beloved wife Martha Arrington all the land and plantation whereon I now live during her natural life or widowhood. I also loan to my aforesaid wife during her natural life, five negroes Namely: Ellick, Delcy, Carwell, Isaac and Fanny, two feather beds and furniture, and all my household and kitchen furniture four cows, and calves, one mare known by the name of the long tail mare and 6

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ewes and lambs, one riding chair, two sows and pigs, one ox, one grubbing hoe, two weeding hoes, four plow hoes, one still, ten barrels of salt, and one years support of every thing for the maintenance of herself and family including Ann Arrington and her negro and horse, Crafford Arrington and James Henry Arrington and his negro and horse. I also give my aforesaid wife My oxen, cart and wheels, my will and desire is that my executors shall lay off the aforesaid provision out of the stock on hand and if that is not as they think sufficient, purchase the balance to be paid out of my estate.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ann Arrington one negro woman named Mourning and her increase from this day, two feather beds and furniture, one bureau, One mare called Henrys mare, one saddle and bridle to be bought of out of my estate to the value of twenty dollars and fifty dollars in cash or notes to be paid out of my estate when sold and collected to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: After the death of my aforesaid wife My will and desire is that my two youngest sons Crafford and James Henry Arrington shall have all my aforesaid lands and plantation whereon I now live to be equally divided between them to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Crafford Arrington one negro man named Lewis, One mare called Crafford's Mare, one saddle and bridle, one bed and furniture, six head of sheep and thirty dollars in cash or notes to be paid out of my estate when sold and collected to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son James Henry Arrington one negro man named Jim, one colt set by Doct. Tuckers horse, one bed and furniture, and forty dollars in cash or notes to be paid out of my estate when sold and collected to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Arrington Seven hundred dollars to be paid him in cash or notes out of my estate to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: My will and desire is that all the property of every kind whatsoever that I have given away before willed to my children shall remain with them as legacies in part of my estate to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: My will and desire is that at the death of my aforesaid wife that all the property of every kind loaned to her by will, and not before herein willed away shall be sold and equally divided among my eight children, Namely) Elizabeth Crafford, the wife of John Nicholson, Carter Arrington, Joseph Arrington, Martha the wife of Thomas Arrington, Ann Arrington, Leah the wife of Arthur Arrington, Crafford Arrington and James Henry Arrington, to them and their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: My will and desire is that my executors sell enough of my estate not before willed away to pay off all my just debts and the balance



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