

In the name of God Amen. I, James Gardener, of the State of North Carolina and County of New Hanover, being of perfect mind and memory, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following:-

First. That all my debts be paid in the most just and honorable manner; and that where contracts appear to be made for specie positively, it is my will they shall be paid in that way, without regard to the local laws of any State.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Thomas Wright Senior, my negro boy named Lory.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Thomas Wright senior, my negro boy named Sam.

Item. The remainder, or residue of my estate both real and personal if any there be, I will to be divided into four parts, one fourth part of which I bequeath to my father, the remaining three fourths to my brothers and sisters, allowing a sister one half the share of a brother.

Item. I do hereby constitute and appoint Captain Robert Scott, Thomas Wright esquire, Doctor William Blaypool and Marshall Robert Wilkings to be my true and lawful executors, and it is my earnest request that all these my particular friends would oblige and be qualified by qualifying.

Item. It is my particular desire and will, that my books and papers remain in the hands of my particular friend Jasper Mord: Jackson, for two months, in order for settlement of my accounts.

Item. It is my particular will and desire, that my mahogany desk, and a pair of silver candlesticks and three silver labels, be given to my friend Mrs. Ann Towkes.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven.

Signed, sealed and
delivered in presence of
James Walker
J M Jackson

J Gardener

New Hanover County } The within last Will and Testament of the
July Term 1787 } late James Gardener, was exhibited in Court
and proved in due form of law by the oath of Jasper Mordant Jackson
at the same time Thomas Wright, Robert Scott & Mr R Wilkings
qualified as Executors to the said Will agreeable to law.

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