

In the name of God Amen. The 23rd day of
 1744. I, John Gardner, Squire of Long Creek, Cooper, being
 very sick, and weak in body, but in perfect mind and memory,
 thanks be to God for it, therefore calling unto 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 recommend
 my soul into the hands of the Almighty that gave it, and my
 body I recommend to the earth to be buried in 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. As touching such worldly estate
 with which hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise
 and dispose of the same in the following manner and form,
 Inprimis - I give and bequeath unto John Devane and Thomas
 Devane Esqrs, two lots in Wilmington, one water, and one front lot N^o
 22 and 48.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Thomas Corbet one Lot in Wilmin-
 gton N^o 73.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth the wife of James Thomas
 one lot in Wilmington N^o 74.

I give unto John Devane, my gun, and a Cow and calf,
 and I likewise give and bequeath unto Thomas Devane Esq, my
 man, saddle and bridle, and a Cow and calf.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved friend Tho^s
 Devane Esq, one pair of silver shoe buckles and one white horse.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Margaret Devane all the rest of
 my lands, goods, chattels, tenements, mares, colts, cows and calves
 and all the rest of my worldly substance.

and I do likewise constitute, make and ordain the said Margaret
 Devane and James Portecout, to be my Executors of this my last will
 and Testament; all and singular my lands and tenements and

tenements by her freely to be possessed and enjoyed,
 and I do hereby utterly disavow and revoke all and every other
 former, testaments, wills, legacies and bequests and Executors

by me in any wise before mentioned, named, willed, bequeathed
 ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will
 and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

and seal this day and year first above mentioned.
 Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced

and declared by me the said John Gardner,
 Squire as his last will and Testament in
 the presence of us the subscribers
 John A. Anderson. Mary H. Keith
 Mary John Wallace

John Gardner, Squire, Seal

John Gardner, Esquire, last Will proved by the oath of John Anderson one of the witnesses thereto agreeable to law. Issued Court 1744.

This 3^d day Dec^r 1744 personally appeared before me, Margaret Devane, and qualified as an Executor to the within Will,
 Great, Gregg.

In the name of God Amen. I, John Springs of Wilmington in the Province of North Carolina, husband, being weak and sickly, but of sound mind and memory, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament.

First. It is my desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid and satisfied.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my dear son Sedgwick Springs now a lad, one shilling sterling money, of Great Britain.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Christian Springs, her heirs and assigns forever, all my worldly substance which I shall die possessed of, both real and personal, and I most earnestly recommend to my said wife the care and education of my son.

And I nominate and appoint my said wife sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby declaring null and void all former, and other, Will or Wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of May 1747.

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the above named John Springs, as for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto, in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other, Walter Blake. Wm^o Holland. Jno Burgwin

+ Seal

At June Court 1747

The execution of the within last Will and Testament of John Springs deceased, was proved agreeable to law by the oath of John Burgwin Esq a subscribing witness to the same, at the same time Christian Springs Executor therein named qualified as such agreeable to law.

Ordered that letters testamentary issued accordingly
 John London. C. Cl.