

309. I William Gardner of the County of Stokes and State
of North Carolina, being weak in body, but of sound and
disposing mind & memory, and well knowing the uncertainty
of life and the certainty of death do make and publish
this my last will and Testament,
First, It is my will and desire that my Executors pay off
and satisfy my funeral expenses as soon as convenient
after my death. I owe no debts that I know of.
Secondly, I will and desire, and hereby direct that my executors
hereafter named shall sell at public or private sale all my
lands, goods, stock, furniture, and all my property & Estate
real and personal upon such credit as they deem proper
and for the benefit of my estate, (except one bed and
furniture), and take bonds with security for the proceeds
of such sales - and said Executors are to execute Writs for
the lands to the purchasers or either of them if one should not
live. Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Abigail Gardner, one good bed, ~~furniture~~ and furniture ~~substantially~~
and out of the proceeds of the sales of my estate, my executors
are hereby directed to take one thousand dollars and
place the same on Interest with good security, and to
receive the interest thereof every year, and pay the same to wit
Sixty Dollars per annum in money to my wife Abigail Gardner
for her support, and for ^{her} own benefit as long as she lives,
and at her death said thousand dollars to go as hereafter directed.
Fourthly, It is my will and desire that after the payment of
all expenses and proper charges in the settlement of my
Estate, and after the deducting the oforsaid thousand
Dollars to be placed on Interest for my wife that the
residue and Remainder of my Estate and proceeds of sale
be equally divided into three parts, and I will and
bequeath one third part thereof to Charles Starbuck
and Ruth his wife, one third part thereof to
Philip Kerner and Judith his wife, and the remaining
third part thereof I give and bequeath to Charles
Starbuck and Philip Kerner in trust for the separate
use and benefit of my Daughter Anna Starbuck wife of
Benjamin Starbuck, after the following manner, hereby
direct said Charles Starbuck and Philip Kerner to lend
out of said Interest taking bond and security of said
remaining third part, for and during the natural life
of the said Anna Starbuck, and for them annually
to pay the interest of said third part
and annually to pay the interest by them so received or

to my Daughter Anna during her natural life for her 310.
separate use and take her receipt for the same and her
receipt shall to them be a sufficient discharge for the pay-
ment of said Interest - and it is further my will and
desire that after the death of my daughter Anna that
the Principal of said third part so upon Interest as
aforesaid shall be equally divided between the children of
my Daughter Anna who may then be living and the issue
of any of her children as may be dead, such issue to pay
to stand in the place of their parents.
Fifthly, It is my will and desire that at the death of
my wife, the said thousand dollars so placed on interest
as aforesaid for her use shall be divided into three equal
parts, and as the aforesaid remainder of proceeds of sale and
Estate as set forth in the fourth clause of this my will -
that is one third thereof I give to Charles Starbuck my
son-in-law and Ruth his wife, one third part to my
son-in-law Philip Kerner and Judith his wife, and the
remaining third part thereof I give to said Charles Starbuck
and Philip Kerner to hold in trust for the separate use of my
Daughter Anna Starbuck and the interest thereof to be paid
by them to her annually during her life, and at her death
to be divided among her children as set forth in the 4th
clause of this my will. Lastly I nominate and appoint Charles
Starbuck & Philip Kerner Executors to this my last will
and Testament hereby making all wills before heretofore
made signed sealed and published this 30th day
of the 12th month A.D. 1835

In the presence of
J. A. Rogers
George C. Myndenhal
John F. Kerner

William Gardner 

June Term 1846

The Execution of the last will & testament of Wm. Gardner
and (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open
Court by the oath of John F. Kerner one of the subscribing witnesses
truly & assured to be recorded.

W. H. Hill, c. r.