

WILL OF

ELI GORDON.

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North Carolina } In the name of god amen I Eli Gordon of the
Swberry District } State and district aforesaid being of Ill
health but of sound and disposing mind have thought fit to make
this my last will and Testament and of course revoking all others
heretofore made---

Item 1st I will order and direct to be decently buried and all
my Just debts paid.

Item 2nd I give to my beloved wife Rebecca Gordon the Tract of
land I now live on containing Two Hundred and sixty. acres more
or less together with two negroes namely Charles and Phillis
during her lifetime and at her death to revert to my Estate and
be Equally divided amongst all my Children by our Intermarriage or
their children if any they should have then living I also give
my Said wife Rebecca Gordon absolutely. Two of her Choice Horses
and as much other Stock and House Hold and Kitchen furniture as
may be thought necessary by three of my disintrested neighbours
Chosen by her and my Executors

Item 3rd I will order and direct the ballance or remainder of
my Estate be Equally divided amongst all my Children by our Inter-
marriage namely Thomas- Valentine Mary Abraham Elisabeth, Eli and
Rebecca Gordon Jun^r. in the manner and form following

Item 4th I will order and direct my son Thomas Gordon shall
account to my Estate for a Tract of land containing one Hundred
and fifty acres at value of Twenty Two Hundred and fifty dollars
I will further order and direct that my son Valentine Gordon shall
account for a Tract of land containing Two Hundred and Twenty nine
acres at the Value of Seventeen Hundred and five dollars also to
account in like manner to my Estate for three Hundred and four
acres advanced for him and the Half of a wagon. I also

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Item 3rd I will order and direct the ballance or remainder of my Estate be Equally divided amongst all my Children by our Intermarriage namely Thomas- Valentine Mary Abraham Elisabeth, Eli and Rebecca Gordon Jun^r. in the manner and form following

Item 4th I will order and direct my son Thomas Gordon shall account to my Estate for a Tract of land Containing one Hundred and fifty acres at value of Twenty Two Hundred and fifty dollars I will further order and direct that my son Valentine Gordon shall account for a Tract of land Containing Two Hundred and Twenty nine acres at the Value of Seventeen Hundred and five dollars also to account in like manner to my Estate for three Hundred and four dollars Cash advanced for him and the Half of a wagon. I also order that my daughter Mary C. Lyles do account to my Estate for five negroes namely Bet, Hannah Mary Joe and Frank at the Value of Eleven Hundred and Eighty five dollars I also order and direct that my Son abram Gordon Shall account to my Estate in like manner for a tract of land Containing one Hundred and forty five acres at the Value of one Thousand and one dollars I also order and direct my son Eli gordon Shall account to my Estate for the Same Tract of land and the same Valuation that my son Thomas has

received as I have since giving him sd Thomas the land purchased
it back again and now order my son Eli to account to my Estate
for Twenty Two Hundred and fifty dollars for the same sd Tract
I also order and direct that my daughter Elisabeth Sims do account
in like manner to my Estate for three / Talley, Ned & Delphy at
the Value of Eleven Hundred and Eighty five Dollars I also give
to my daughter Rebeca Gordon five negroes namely Mariah & child
John- or otherwise Eason Harry Roset and Benbin which She is to
account to my Estate for fifteen Hundred Dollars as their Val-
uation

Item 5th I will order the remainder of my negroes if any to
have the privilege of choosing there master In shall pay to my
Estate the amount they should be appraised for

Item 6th I will order the remainder of my Estate Except the
negroes as devised in the fourth clause to be sold on such credit
as ~~may~~ may be thought best by my Executors and be Equally de-
vided ~~as~~ as well as the proceeds of my negroes amongst all my
Children within named

Item 7th I will order and direct if Either of my Children should
die without Child or Children then in that I will order his hur or
their part to revrt to my Estate and be Equally divided amongst
all my Children or having living issue

Item 8th I will order and direct such child or children that
should have more aloted to him hur or them ~~to~~ pay back to my
Estate So as to make all my Children Equal with Each other

Item 9 I will order and direct the part aloted and devised
to my wife Rebeca Gordon in the Second Clau of this my last
will at her death be Equally divided as is directed in the Sixth
Clause

John- or otherwise Eason Harry Robert and Susan
account to my Estate for fifteen Hundred Dollars as their Val-
uation

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have the privilege of crossing their master I shall pay to my
Estate the amount they should be appraised for

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negroes as devised in the fourth clause to be sold on such credit
as ~~may~~ may be thought best by my Executors and be Equally de-
vided ~~as~~ as well as the proceeds of my negroes amongst all my
Children within named

Item 7th I will order and direct if Either of my Children should
die without Child or Children then in that I will order his her or
their part to revert to my Estate and be Equally divided amongst
all my Children or having living issue

Item 8th I will order and direct such child or children that
should have more aloted to him her or them to pay back to my
Estate so as to make all my Children Equal with Each other

Item 9 I will order and direct the part aloted and devised
to my wife Rebecca Gordon in the Second Clau of this my last
will at her death be Equally divided as is directed in the Sixth
Clause

Item 10 Its my special will for all negro proprtly divided in
this my last will to my daughters is to be thus during life and
at ther death to there child or children not to be conveyed by
them or any other persons

Item 11 Its my will and desire that if Either of my children
shall Brake or attempt to brake this my last will and testament
shall Receive five dellars only, as his her or there part their
part previousley devised to be Equally divided amongst the Bal-
lance of my children as is devised in the Sixth Clause

Item 12 I nominate my Two sons Abraham and Eli Gordon to act as my Executors on this my last will and Testament which I now before this Subscribing witness acknowledge and publish to be my last will and Testament which I now sign and affix my Seal this twenty fifth day of March one thousand Eight Hundred and thirty eight in the presence of three Subscribing witnesses

Witnesses D. Caldwell,

P. W. Chick

Eli Gordon (LS)

Ja^s. L. Kenner

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H. K. Boyd Ordinary Newberry District

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