

In the name of God Amen. I Jason Gardner of the State of Alabama and County of Dallas do make & declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, First I resign my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body I commit to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors herein after named, and my worldly Estate I give and devise as follows.

First I give and devise to my loving Wife Mary Gardner eleven negro Slaves viz old Isaac old Sarah John little Bob Nancy Cuffy Pat Solomon Amy Charles Not a Carriage which I have sent for by John Goff to have purchased and a pair of horses for the same with half the crop of every description now growing on both my farms one half of the stock of horses cattle and hogs and one third part of the stock of sheep now on the Plantation on which I am now living with all the Household furniture and particularly the silver plate two sets of silver spoons and two beds and furniture accepted - also I give unto my aforesaid Wife Mary one eighth part of the net proceeds of my crop of Cotton of last year now on hand when sold by my executors also two thirds of the plantation tools on my lower plantation.

2^d I give to my daughter Louise Goff three negro Slaves viz Miles Kelly and Cindy together with thirty five hundred dollars in cash which she has already received also one eighth part of the net proceeds of the crop of Cotton of last year now on hand when sold.

3^d I give to my daughter Ann Weaver four negro Slaves viz Selia Louisiana Tysian and Tom and twenty four hundred dollars in cash which has already been given to her together with Philip I Weavers note due me for nine hundred ninety four dollars also one eighth of the proceeds of my last crop of Cotton.

4th I give and devise to my son Virgil H Gardner twenty one Negro Slaves viz Yellow Peter Willy Stal gelancy Pate Leah Sylvia James Harriet Siddy Emily little Sam Anthony with my set of Black Smith Tools Lucy Pamela Rhoda and Lucy's small child named Mahala young Eady Mickel Chance and Filding together with the lands on which I now live and all the lands owned by me adjoining the same containing eight hundred acres more or less with one half of the stock on said premises except that of Sheep and of them one third part one third of the plantation tools of all kinds one third of the crop of Cotton now growing on said plantation together with one eighth part of the proceeds of the last years Cotton crop now on hand when sold and one bed and furniture.

3rd I give and devise to my son Garland H. Gardner twenty one negro Slaves viz
Bedmore Phillis Bwerly Alexander Vincy Selah Andrew Leath Anna Harwardy
Jucker Henry little Sarah Caroline ! Dic Sampson Chancy our little George little
Hans Hardy together with the tract of Land lying on the waters of Black Creek say
eight hundred acres more or less known and distinguished as the Cullen Place
with the Plantation Tools thereto belonging with half the crop now growing on said premi-
ses and all the Stock thereto belonging and one third of the stock of Sheep also one bed
and furniture complete, one Gold Watch, and apparatus thereto belonging and
one eighth part of the proceeds of the last years Crop of Cotton.

4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Ellen H. Gardner eleven negro Slaves
viz viz George Mason Fanny Ben Charity little Sam Wincy little Sam Bigsby
Jack Clarissa with thirteen hundred and seventeen dollars contained
in notes of hand on Amos Cullen and Hannah Minter and one eighth part
of the proceeds of the last years Crop of Cotton.

5th I give and devise to my two youngest daughters Charish Gardner and
Rebecca Gardner twenty one negro Slaves viz Melinda Sabra Minna Eman-
uel Rachel Siller Charlotte Elce Sam Vincy and her Child Louisianina
Dick Peg Delphin Lincy leg Jerry big Eady little Jerry Indey old Peter and big
David together with two notes of hand on George Goff one for two thousand
dollars payable to Basil Smith with myself as security dated 26th April
1825 the other for one thousand dollars dated 13th May 1824 - I give
to my youngest daughter Rebecca Gardner Separately one note of hand
due me by Philip Weaver for one thousand dollars dated 2^d June 1824
and I give to each of them one eighth part of the net proceeds of
the Crop of Cotton of the last year. The property of these two youngest
Daughters I request may be kept together until Charish be come of age
and then to be equally divided between them by my Executors. Except-
ing the aforesaid thousand dollars which I design Rebecca shall
have more than Charish; I further devise that the balance of my Estate
both real and personal not, herein before effectually disposed of shall
be disposed of by my Executors in such manner as they may most for
the interest of my Estate and the fund arising therefrom set a part
for settling all claims which may hereafter come against the same
and should this fund not be found sufficient then any such
deficiency to be paid out of the proceeds of the last years Crop of
Cotton but should the above named fund exceed the just claims which may
hereafter come against my Estate whatever balance may remain it is my
wish that it should be appropriated towards the Education of my two youn-
gest Daughters: I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend John
Brantly and my son Virgie H. Gardner to be Executors to this my last
Will and testament with full powers to do every legal act necessary
to carry the same into effect. For the better education of my
Children I request my Executors to direct as regards their
tutition but to leave them in the custody of my wife when
it is not necessary to remove them to a distance for the bene-
fit of placing them at better Schools than the neighborhood

may afford. And my will is, and I do hereby expressly declare that my said Executors or their Executors shall not be charged with or accountable for more of the aforesaid monies or Estates than they shall actually receive or shall come to their respective hands by virtue of this my will or with or for any loss which shall happen of the said monies or Estates hereby given to my said Executors or of any part of my personal Estate so as such loss happen without their wilful default and neglect. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty fourth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six. (Signed)

Jason Gardner

In presence of
Gilbert Shearer
William J. Minter
John Hartley

State of Alabama, Personally appeared before
Dallas County, I, me James Saffold Judge
of the Orphans Court ~~of the County~~ of the County aforesaid Gilbert
Shearer who being duly sworn saith that he saw the testator
sign the foregoing will and that he the said Gilbert Shearer
signed the same in the presence of the Testator and
other subscribing Witnesses William J. Minter & John Hartley
at the special request of him the said testator and that
he saw William J. Minter and John Hartley sign the
same as Witnesses thereto in presence of said Testator
and said Testator was of sound and disposing mind
and memory. (Signed)

Sworn to and subscribed, Gilbert Shearer

before me this 11th day

Sept 1826

James Saffold J.C.C. &c.

Recorded in

September 1826

William J. Clerk

In the name of god Amen I Nathan Jackson of Dallas
County and the State of Alabama Do make and ordain this
to be my last will and testament in manner and form as
follows (to wit, 1st I will that all my just debts be paid
2nd I will that after the payment of all my just debts that
all my property of every kind and nature be kept together which I
bequeath to my loving wife Susan during her natural life for the
maintainance of herself and my children and after her death to be
equally divided between my children or their legal representatives
3rd I nominate and appoint my brother Boaler Jackson
Executor of this my last will and testament, In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th
day of October 1826 (Signed) Nathan Jackson