

WILL OF  
ABSALEM GARNER

South Carolina } In the name of God Amen I Absalim Garner  
Darlington district) of the State and district aforesaid do this  
day of March in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred  
and Eighteen make ordain and Publish this my last Will and Testa-  
ment in manner and form following. It is my will and desire that  
after my decease that my Body be buried in a descent Christianlike  
manner at the discretion of my Surviving Friends and with regard  
to the things with which God in his Goodness has been pleased to  
blefs me in this life I Give devise and dispose in the Following  
manner

First It is my will and desire that my negroes be kept on my land  
and worked to the best advantage for four years under the  
direction of my after named Executors , and that my Mill and cotton  
Gins my Stock of all Kinds remain under the Super Intendence of  
my Executors for the term aforesaid except what Portion of my Stock  
with the Proceeds of my Land & my crop my Said Executors may  
deem proper to be Sold for payment of my debts and for the Support  
and Education of my Children and at the Expiration of the Term  
aforesaid It is my Will and desire that all my lands and Negroes  
be Equally divided between my children and my wife Polly in Equal  
Shares, to be allotted to them by five respectable free holders on  
Oath which Said freeholders I do authorise Friend and Brother  
William Garner to Nominate, and Such division or allotment So Made  
Shall be binding on my Said Wife Polly and my children respectively  
and which Said allotments I Give devise and dispose of to them  
their respective heirs and assigns forever, It is further my will  
and desire that my children remain with their Mother untill they  
arrive to age or marry Provided she remains unmarried and that my  
household Furniture remain in her Possession under the Super-  
intendence of my Executor untill my Children Shall be raised for  
their Education and Support unless my Said Wife Polly Should marry,  
in that Case I charge my Executor with their management and