

WILL OF
ABSALEM GARNER

South Carolina } In the name of God Amen I Absalom 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
Gin my Stock of all Kinds remain under the Super Intendance of
my Executors for the term aforesaid except what Portion of my Stock
with the Proceeds of my Land &c 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 freeholders
Cath which Said freeholders I do authorize 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 afsigns forever, It is furthur 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 Pefſeſſion under the Super-
intendance 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