

In the Name of God Amen & Thomas Gardner
 being very sick and weak of body but of sound
 mind and perfect memory praise God. But I think
 let h- make and ordain this my last will and
 testament in manner and form following by
 first to recommend my soul to Almighty God
 which gave it me hoping through the merits
 of my ever blessed Saviour to receive a
 free pardon and remission of all my
 sins. My body to commit to the earth to be
 decently interred at the discretion of my exec-
 utors here after named and as for my
 worldly estate which it hath pleased Al-
 mighty God to bestow upon me I leave
 no followeth my friends to give and be-
 queath to my three sons George, John, and
 Sterling Gardner all my Lands and Mill
 to be equally divided among them my
 son Sterling to have my dwelling place
 and George to have the part on the Broad
 and John to have ver the Marsh swamp
 Also to give my son John one negro girl
 named Judith. Also to give to my son
 George one negro girl named Binkie. Also
 to give to my son Sterling one negro girl
 named Lucia. They and their increase
 to them and their heirs forever. Also to give
 and bequeath to my son William Gardner
 one negro boy named James also one ne-
 gro fellow named Harry & him and his
 heirs forever. Also to give and bequeath
 to my son Camp Gardner one negro boy
 named Briddell and one little named Lewis
 & him and his heirs forever. Also to give
 and bequeath to my son Thomas Gardner one
 negro boy named Peter also one negro woman
 named Hinesey the and her increase from
 & him and his heirs (with the said Peter)
 forever. Also my lot in Hinton. Also to give
 and bequeath to my son Peter Gardner one
 negro fellow named Sam and one negro woman named Cate

Thomas Gardner's Will
 1751