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my Will and
Ashley Hall
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Term 1790
will be Testa-
ment was prov-
the Clerk
to submit
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Gray's

In the name of god Amen I James Gardner of
this State of North Carolina and County of Bertie being
very sick and weak but in perfect mind and memory
Thanks be to the almighty for it. calling unto mind
the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is
appointed once for all men to die do make and or-
dain this my last will & Testament, That is to say
principally and first of all. I give and recommend
my soul into the hands of the Almighty. That gave
it and my body I recommend to the earth to be
Buried in a decent Christian Burial at the discre-
tion of my Executors And as touching such world-
ly estate as it hath pleased almighty god to bless
me with I give Demise & dispose of the man-
ner following -

First I lend unto my well beloved wife Mary Gard-
ner the use of my manner Plantation whereon I
now lie with the land thereunto belonging dur-
ing her widowhood bounded as followeth begin-
ning at the Run of Cashy swamp where my land
joins John Lott's running the various courses ther-
of until it passeth the house then dividing
the Plantation at the Ditch beyond the other
running the ditch to the head thereof bearing ab-
a south east course unto my back line on the
other side of the road including land on the right
hand side of the line sufficient to support that
Plantation which dividing line is to be run by the
Executors that I shall hereafter shall appoint
them I give and bequeath my Plantation with all
thereunto belonging before mention unto my son
Wm Gardner to him and his heirs forever to have
and Enjoy after the Death or marriage of my wife