

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 Buriall 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 Devise & 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 live with the land thereunto Belonging Dur-
ing her widowhood bounded as followeth begin-
ning at the Run of Casky swamp where my land
joins John Toth's running the various courses there-
of untill it passeth the house then Dividing
the Plantation at the Ditch beyond the orchard
running the ditch to the head thence bearing ab-
a Southeast 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
I Give and bequeath My Plantation with all
thereunto belonging before mention unto my son
Wesley Gardner to him and his heirs forever to have
and Enjoy after the Death or Marriage of my wife