

Bertie COUNTY NC Wills Martain (Martin) Gardner - 1784

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In the name of God Amen the 26 day of March 178- I Martain Gardner being of sound and disposing mind and memory thanks (be to God) but calling to mind the mortality of mankind and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do give devise and dispose of my Estate in the following manner (To wit)

Imprimis I give and devise unto my son John Gardner his heirs and assigns forever the Land and plantation whereon he now liveth containing two hundred Acres and one half of a peace of Land I lately entered lying on the East Side of Freeman Marsh and one negro Boy named Jack.

Item I give and demise unto my Son Martain Gardner his heirs and assigns forever two hundred acres of Land contained on the same pattent the aforesaid Land I gave to my Son John and after the Death of my said Wife Sarah I also give to my said Son Martin Gardner one negro Boy named Bob and one fether bed.

Item I Lend to my beloved wife Sarah Gardner during her natural life time the land and plantation whereon I now live and all the remainder of my perishable Estate and after her death I then give and dispose of the same.

Item I give and devise unto my Son Bryan Gardner his heirs and assigns forever the land and plantation whereon I live lying on the south side of ___ ready Branch and Eighty acres of Land lying ___ Roquist Joining the said plantation I also give my said Son Bryan Gardner one negro Man named Gim and money to be raised out of my Estate to purchase him a negro girl and one fether bed.

Item I give and devise unto my Son James Gardner all my land lying on the South side of the ready branch containing one hundred and fifty acres one fether Bed and money to be raised out of my Estate to purchase him a Negro.

Item I give and devise unto my Daughter Sarah Gardner her heirs and assigns forever one negro woman named Janie (Nance?) one fether bed & furniture.

Item I give and devise unto my Daughter Anna Gardner one negro Boy named Jacob one fether bed and furniture.

Item I give to my Son James Gardner during his natural life previledge of my paster in requist.

Item I give and devise unto my four Sons afore named John Gardner, Martin Gardner, James Gardner, Bryan Gardner their heirs and assigns forever four hundred Acres of land lying in Requist pocoson the same Thomas Miers entered to be equally divided amongst them.

Item I give and devise unto my Executors hereafter mentioned their heirs and assigns forever five hundred and fifteen acres of Land Joining Joseph Holland and _____ Sholars and two hundred acres of land lying in Requist Joining John Bond land to be By them sold to raise money for purchasing negros aforementioned. I also impower and athorise my said Executors to sell and dispose of any part of my Estate unlegacied for purposes aforementioned and the benefit of my representatives.

Item I have heretofore given my Son John Gardner all I intend he shall have of my stocks of cattle and Horses and after the death of my said Wife Sarah I give the remainder of my Estate of all kinds to my five Children James, Martin, Bryan, Sarah, Anna to be equally devided amongst them my Son John to have an Equł shair with them of the household goods only.

Lastly I nominate Constitute appoint and ordain My Wife Sarah Gardner and my Son John Gardner and Noah Hinton Executors to this my last Will and Testatment and I doe hereby Disalow revoke and utterly deny all other wills Testaments and bequeaths heretofore by me made in Witness whereof I the said Martin Gardner hath hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first written above.

Signed: Martin (M) Gardner (seal)

Signed sealed published pronounced and Declared
By the said Martin Gardner to be his Last Will and
Testament In presents of us

Noah Hinton

Salley Gardner

William (B) Bryan

Bertie County Court August 1784: proved by Salley Gardner and Noah Hinton. Stevens Gary, CCC.

NOTES:

Martin Gardner b abt 1724 NC (son of Martin and Anna ?)
married abt 1755 Sarah Bryan

Sarah (Bryan) Gardner Inventory 12 May 1794 by Amos Turner, Bertie