

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 15th day of February 1837 This Last Will and Testament of Jacob Gardner, dec'd was proved by the Oaths of George Bunker and Pamel Dandrat, two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and having been proved by the Oaths of John B. Johnson Executors to be Recordable And on the Motion of James Gardner one of the Executors therein named who made Oath and together with Robert B. Gardner and Wiley Council his co-executors entered into and acknowledged at bond in the sum of One Thousand dollars conditioned as the Last aforesaid Certificate is granted here for obtaining a probate of said Will in due form as aforesaid Gardner one of the Executors named in said Will appeared in Court & refused to take upon himself the burden of the execution of said Will

Wm. L. R. Edwards Esq

I James Mason of the County of Southampton State of Virginia do hereby make my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

First I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid
Secondly I lend unto Susan Ferman during her life ten acres of Land to be laid off at one end of my Land. And I also direct that my Executor shall as soon as practicable after my death have a framed house eighteen by twenty feet square erected thereon out of my estate I also give to the said Susan Ferman fifty dollars annually during her life to be paid her by my Executor annually for her support so long as she shall live I also direct that my Executor shall at my death deliver to Susan Ferman all the property that belongs to her that may be at my house

Thirdly I give all the rest of my estate both real and personal of what Nature or kind soever it may be to my Nephew John S. Prince to him and his heirs forever I also give unto my Nephew John S. Prince and his heirs at the death of Susan Ferman the ten acres of Land beamed her during her life

And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my said Nephew John S. Prince Executor of this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other former Wills or Testaments by me heretofore made and direct and request that the Court may not require any security of any kind for the same herein conferred to him. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 15th day of August 1837

signed sealed published and declared by James Mason as & for his Last Will & Testament in the presence & hearing of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our Names as Witnesses
Bryon T. Graham
Richard S. Whitcomb
Nathaniel Whitcomb
J. E. Whitcomb

James. Mason