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Jesse  
Gardner  
will

I Jesse Gardner of Southampton County knowing that all men must die and being of sound mind and memory do think proper to make and ordain this as my last will and Testament in manner & form following To wit

Item I Give to my dear and loving wife Sally Gardner my Negro man Miller and my Negro man Isam one third of my plantation and lands whereon I now live and also one third of the lands I bought of Jesse Crocker and Henry Suter for and during her natural life

Item I Give and bequeath to my son John Gardner Two thirds of the plantation & lands I bought of Jesse Crocker and also two thirds of the plantation and lands I bought of Henry Suter and after the death of my loving wife Sally Gardner I Give and bequeath the one third lent to her together with the other two thirds to my said son John Gardner and to his heirs as assigns forever one bay horse bridle and Saddles -

Item I Give and bequeath to my son Henry Gardner Two thirds of the manner plantations and lands whereon I now live and after the death of my loving wife Sally Gardner the other one third lent her during life and one year old filly To him and to his heirs as assigns forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Lisha Gardner after the death of my loving wife Sally Gardner my negro man Miller and one half of my negro man Pompey who is to be hired out until the death of my loving wife Sally and to her and her heirs and assigns forever -

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Gardner after the death of my loving wife Sally Gardner my negro man Isam and one half of my Negro Pompey who is to be hired out until the death of my loving wife Sally and to her and to her her heirs and assigns forever

Item And the remainder part of my estate of what nature or kind soever that is not herein otherwise disposed of I direct my executor hereafter named to sell and after paying of all my Just debts to be equally divided between my Loving wife Sally Gardner and my four Children (To wit) John, Henry, Lisha and Elizabeth Gardner and to their heirs and assigns forever

Item I Authorize and appoint my son John Gardner to be my whole and sole executor to this my last will and testament and revoking and making void all other wills heretofore made; and I do hereby direct that my executor be not bound to give any security for his qualifying to this my last will and Testament in order to settle my estate  
June 9<sup>th</sup> 1804

Jesse Gardner Seal