

(The wife and daughter of Gabriel Gardner, owner of former Mitchellville land. His father, March Gardner, bought the land, but when Gabriel went to get the deed, he put it in his own name.) A large parcel of land, they rented it out to others to farm, and later, the descendants of March and Gabriel fought each other in court over rights to the property. These court cases dragged on for approx. 10 years, between 1911-1920)

DB 13, page 473 from Hilton Head Plat Book (blue)

S. B. and S.H. Gardner -- seal --- The State of South Carolina

To _ conveyances(?) know all men by these present that we Susan B. wife, Sylvia Greyson, and Sarah A. daughter of Gabriel P. Gardner of Hilton Head Beaufort County in the state aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum, five dollars to and in hand paid by Sylvia Greyson, also of Hilton Head Beaufort County in the state aforesaid (the receipt where of is hereby acknowledged) have granted ----- id sold and released and by these present do grant, bargain(?)sell and release unto the said (Sylvia Greyson all that certain piece parcel or tract of land situated lying and being a Hilton Head Island in the village of Mitchellville Beaufort County in the state aforesaid fronting on and bounded by First Street and on all other sides by the land of the said Susan B. Gardner and Sarah A. Gardner and situated near Gandhery(?) old stone measuring one quarter of an acre feet front and (left a blank space intending to insert measurement) feet deep quarter of an acre together with all and singular(?) ___ig_1_ the nights measuring(?) here _____ and appearances to the said previous belonging or in anywise incident or appparenting to Have and to Hold all and singular the previous before _____d _urt this said Sylvia Greyson her being and assigns forever. And I do hereby bind myself my heirs Executors and ad____ats an warrant and forever defend all and ___ar the said previous unto the said Sylvia Greyson her being and assign___ against me and my heirs and all persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof Witness our hand, and seals this 24th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three, Susan B. Gardner (circled initials) Sarah A. Gardner (circled initials) Signed sealed and delivered in presence of R. F. Greaney J.T. Porter .

State of South Carolina County of Beaufort Personally appeared before me, R. F. Greaney and m___ both that he ___ the inth___ ___ Susan B. Gardner and Sarah A. Gardner sign seal and as their act and deed decline this within written deed; and that he, with J. T. Porter witnessed the Execution thereof. R. F. Greaney sworn to before me this 24th day of April A. D. 1883 I. J. Baupfield (?) C. C. C. Read and C_tfd/ Dec '83 dist R. F. Greaney I. J. Baupfield End.

DB 13, page 601

S. B. & S. A Gardner -- seal -- The State of South Carolina.

To _ Conveyences know all men by these present that we Connie T. Porter, Sarah A. daughter and Susan B. wife respectively of Gabriel P. Gardner of Hilton Head Island in the State of the aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of five dollars to us have paid by Connie T. Porter of the same place (the receipt where is hereby acknowledged) have granted bargained sold and released and by these present Do grant bargain sell and we lease unto this said Connie T. Porter All that certain piece, _____ of land situated lying and being in the Village of Mitchellville on Hilton Head Island in the County of Beaufort in the State aforesaid and more particularly des____ed as follows to wit: fronting on Second Street in said village and bounded on two sides by other property of ours this said Sarah A. and Susan B. Gardner and north other side of an alley and containing one full quarter of an acre of land and being the same previous upon which the said Connie T. Porter has erected a dwelling and in which she now resides together with all and _____ this might _____ here _____ and appearances to the said previous belonging or in anywise incident or appertaining to Have and to Hold all and singular the said parties before mentioned with this said Connie T. Porter her being and assigns forever. And we do hereby bind _____ our being Executors and administrates to warrant and forever defend all and singular this said previous against us and our being and all _____ whosever unlawfully claiming or to claim this same or any part(?) _____ Witness our hands and sees this twenty eighth day of December in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three and in the 108th year of this sovereign and Independence of the United States of America Susan B. Gardner (circled initials) Sarah A. Gardner (circled initials) signed sealed and delivered in presence of R. F. Greaney and J. T. Porter

State of South Carolina County of Beaufort Personally appeared before me J. T. Porter and made oath that he sees this written(within?) named Sarah A. Gardner and Susan B. Gardner sign seal and as their act and deed decline this within written deed and that he with R. F. Greaney witnessed this execution thereof J. T. Porter sworn to me this 5th day of January 1884 I. J. Baupfield C. C. C. Read _____ 29 Feb '84____Connie T. Porter I. J. Baupfield End. (three initials here – "RWC" ?)

S. A. & S. B. Gardner --- seal --- State of South Carolina

To__ Conveyences Know all men by these present Rev. H. C. Aves(Avey?) that Susan B. Gardner of Hilton Head island Beaufort County in the state aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of forty dollars to us in hand paid by H. C. Aves of this same place (the receipt wherof is hereby acknowledged) have granted bargained sold and released and by these present do grant bargain sell and release unto the said H. C. Aves all that certain piece _____ or lot of land situated lying and being on Hilton Head Island in the County and state aforesaid in the Village of Mitchellville and containing one (?) Block in said Village. Butting and bounding South on a Lane, East on Front Street on the South on another Lane and on the West on Second Street and being this block upon which the said H. C. Aves(Avey?) now resides and containing two acres. Together with all and singular this rights _____ here d____es and appearances to this said previous belonging or in anywise incident or app____ing To Have and To Hold all and singular this said previous before _____s unto this said H. C. Aves his heirs and assigns forever. And we do hereby bind ourselves our being and execute and maintain to _____t and forever defend all and singular this said previous unto this said H. C. Aves, his heirs and assigns, against us and our heirs and assigns and all and singular every other person whomever lawfully claiming or to claim this same or any part __ ____ Witness our hands and ____ this (left blank, intending to be filled in later) day of December in the year of our Lord (written in Latin) Eighteen hundred and eighty three Susan B. Garner (circled initials) Sarah A. Gardner (circled initials) Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of J. D. W. Giles Julia (India) Lee

State of South Carolina Beaufort County personally appears ____ in J. D. W. Giles and made with that he sees this written (within?) named Sarah A. Gardner and Susan B. Gardner sign seal and deliver their act and deed decline the within written Deed and that India (Dalia?) Lee witnessed the execution thereof J. D. W. Giles sworn to before me this 17th December 1883 S. J. Baupfield C. C. C.

Read & Clfd 9 spne '85 & d_Is _____ S. J. Baupfield, R. M. C.

The Gardners of post Civil War Hilton Head Island

The family of March Gardner most probably took its surname from Benjamin Gardner, owner of the Gardner Plantation, lot number 11 of Bayley's Barony, the nucleus of present day Honey Horn property. Lot 11 was comprised of 270 acres on the south shore of "Crooked Creek", as of 1783.

"Gardner's" grew to be a large plantation of 1424 acres on the north side of Broad Creek, bounded on the east by Marshlands and Sand Hill, on the west by Otter Hole (Otterburn) and on the north by Pineland Tract and Hanahan's (Honey Horn). It was also probably the home of Charles Davant, murdered at Two Oaks during the Revolutionary War, but is referred to in part as belonging to Col. "Garden" in a boundary listing dated 1795.

In an article of "The New South" newspaper dated November 7, 1863, mid War, posting LAND FOR SALE, included: "... Gardner - Said to be, or to have been owned by Stoney. One thousand acres."

According to Virginia C. Holmgren in Hilton Head, A Sea Island Chronicle, in her chapter entitled "The Dark Years of War", Gardner's was included in plantations that fell to the auction block. A group of investors called "The Sea Island Company" purchased Gardner's in addition to Otter Hole and Leamington. An old record book was found at Otter Hole listing an inventory from 1866:

Gardner's

550 acres arable land (cotton)...\$100 per acre

874 acres timber land.....\$55 per acre

1 mansion.....\$4,000

25 freedman's houses.....\$7,500

1 cotton drying arbor.....\$500

1 horse barn, very large.....\$3,000

It also lists other items such as a blacksmith shop, carpenter shop*, plows, brooms, tobacco, seed... a total of 300 items. The Gardner mansion was appraised at merely one fourth its former value. Land value dropped, cotton prices dropped.. *(March Gardner was a carpenter)

This change was due partly to a special field order issued by Gen. Wm. Tecumseh Sherman., Order #15 on January 16, 1865. (Apparently, clever March Gardner jumped right in, purchasing his land from young Mr. Drayton, Willie Drayton, in about 1865, according to the resulting court case) This order limited the sale of all sea island land to Negroes only. It also set aside a strip 30 miles in width along the coast from Charleston to the St. Johns River in Jacksonville FL., the best rice growing lands, for Negro purchasers only. New land purchases made by Negroes came under the auspices of the newly formed "Freedman's Bureau", headed by Gen. O. O. Howard. Howards agent on Hilton Head was one Gen. Rufus Saxton who was appointed by the Army to handle Negro affairs. He reported on a huge territory (SC, Georgia and Florida) and ultimately 485,000 acres of land was sold to 40,000 Negroes. A group of 3 Tax commissioners indicated which land was sold, and

government surveyors marked out the boundaries. It was done hurriedly and haphazardly and the diagram of land sales on Hilton Head island looked like a crazy patchwork quilt!

As we know, large land owners had a hard time returning to find their mansions burned down, farmland destroyed, and Negroes or Northerners living on the property. Many just left, and were taken in by relatives elsewhere. Here's how a little of it looked for some of the Hilton Head families that we have known and followed:

The Elliots, Lawtons and Mathews were able to regain most of their former holdings. The Draytons, Popes and Baynards obtained only part, and the GARDNERS got none of their plantation back, but did manage to buy land nearby. No other families are listed in the files of the Redemption Certificates of the 1870's. March's future land, Mitchelville, was formerly the Drayton Plantation. March was buying up Mitchelville land in the last twenty five years of the nineteenth century, 1875 through 1900. It is implied, in the logs of the court case, that he began in 1865. How could this be if records show that the Drayton Plantation was returned to the heirs of its pre-war owners in April, 1875? The heirs weren't interested in planting there and began selling it to freedmen like March Gardner. He was illiterate and trusted his son, Gabriel, to have a proper deed made up. This was a poor decision. Gabriel had the land deeded to himself, and later transferred it to his wife and daughter.

Statements from the Court Case, July 11, 1911

The actual case was called Clara Wigfall and others, Plaintiffs Against James Heyward and others, Defendants. March's child(ren) suing Gabriel's child, husband, and children in the Beaufort Court of Common Peas. It was Clara Wigfall, Emmeline Washington, Linda Perry, Gabriel Boston and Celia Boston (heirs of March) Vs. James Heyward, Lillian G. Pearson, Lavinia Howard, Henry Howard, Clifford Heyward (heirs of Gabriel's wife) for **154 ¼ acres of land** encompassing most of Mitchelville (Beaufort County RMC, Judgement Roll 2795).

Clara Wigfall, daughter of March Gardner testifies in court papers dated 1911 that her father bought land "from Willie Drayton". "When my father bought the land, Gabriel was in Charleston. They say he sold whiskey to the soldiers and his time was not up. He was in jail."

Sixty two year old Stephen Singleton testified that he knew March Gardner, and that he lived in Mitchelville. "He was a carpenter and worked for Mr. Lindsey." (July 11, 1911) He also recalled that after Gabriel died, Thomas Wigfall (March's son-in-law) had charge of the land. Everyone involved seems to agree that Gabriel never acted as though he owned the land when March was alive. Thomas Wigfall, March's daughter Clara's husband, testified that Gabriel lived about 4 or 5 years longer than his father. He implies that July Heyward, Sarah's husband and Gabriel's son-in-law wanted him to collect rent from the tenants of the land and give it to him. He refused. July was telling the tenants that the Probate Judge told him to collect the rent. He also mentions the Fish Haul land, it being separate from Mitchelville (as noted in the Holmgren book, see below) He states that Gabriel's wife Susan died last October one year, October of 1910. They both lived on the Mitchelville land right up until their deaths.

Gabriel P. Gardner is listed among Hilton Head postmasters. After the War, the name Hilton Head once again became the correct postal term, not the wartime "Port Royal", or Mitchellville. Gardner was postmaster from 1882 (appointed June 29) to 1886. (Holmgren's Hilton Head, A Sea Chronicle, and Appointments of U.S. Postmasters, 1832-1971)

A Dr. F. E. Wilcher's sworn statement tells of March Gardner being a successful businessman. "He had quite a store, built a mill, cotton house and grist mill and put up two large buildings. Gabriel Gardner was not successful. He was in debt when he died...Gabriel was a preacher.." (December 18, 1911 testimony)

After having been sold to the Sea Island Co. by the Federal Government; The "U.S. Cotton Co." then bought it and sold it to J. L. Dimmock, who sold some of it to Negroes and most of it to W. L. Hurley of New Jersey. March Gardner did make some claims for land, and his son Gabriel P. Gardner, bought part of **Fish Haul**. Gabriel's wife Susan and daughter Sarah kept the land (35 acres) but granddaughter Eugenia Gardner Heyward let it be sold for delinquent taxes. Roy Rainey picked it up and later (only 10 months later!) sold to Thorne and Loomis in 1931.*

As for the Mitchelville land, the heirs of March Gardner took the heirs of Gabriel Gardner to court. One of these heirs was Emmeline Washington, daughter of March Gardner (and sister of Gabriel).

The court decided that a survey be taken and the Mitchelville property be divided evenly among the heirs of both families. Eugenia Hayward (on the Gabriel side) received 35 acres on June 7, 1923. Celia and Gabriel Boston obtain an adjacent tract on September 2, 1921. Linda Perry, Emmeline Washington (on the March side), and Clara Wigfall also claimed their parcels of land in 1921.

By 1930, the Eugenia Heyward's 35 acres were sold for \$31.00 to pay a defaulted tax bill of \$15.00 by the Sheriff's Dept. to Roy Rainey of New York, who was purchase huge portions of the island for exclusive hunting parties.

Celia and Gabriel Boston's 28 acre tract was sold to a Johnnie White on March 15, 1943 for \$20.00 by the Sheriff to settle delinquent taxes (Beaufort Co. RMC, DB 88, p. 58)

An interesting bit of info.. March Gardner's store, opened in the early 1860's was still being run by Susan B. Gardner(his daughter-in-law)into the 1890's. An anonymous source reported that it was one of six general stores on the island in 1892.

As more and more of the island property changed hands, the black population was reduced, and by 1936 there were only 300 Negroes on the Island, compared to the 3,000 forty years before.

Gabriel P. Gardner

According to 1880 Census data, Gabriel was born c. 1840 in SC. In the year 1880, he is head of household at age 40 with wife Susan, 38, and daughter Sarah, 19. He lists his occupation as 'retail

grocer', and Sarah as 'clerk in store'. Next door neighbor Eugenia Washington, age 38, farm laborer, is listed with her children Susan, Thomas, Joseph, Jonas, and Julia; and an 80 year old Susan Gardner.

Here are some of the tenants of the Gardner/ former Mitchelville land: John Nesbit, Bob Washington, Caesar White, Charles Robins, Charles Perry, Robert Wiley, Scapio Drayton, Jack Screven, Charles Pinckney, Billy Reed, Peter Flowers, and Joe Williams, Hannah Williams...

*Landon Thorne and Alfred Loomis sold their property, which included the former Mitchelville, to "The Hilton Head Company" on March 22, 1950, which became "Hilton Head Co., Inc." when it merged with Port Royal Plantation and Island Development Corporation.

DB 17, page 191

Gabriel P. Gardner ---- Seal----- The State of South Carolina

To Conveyance

Summer Christopher, et al Know All Men by These Present

That I, Gabriel P. Gardner of Hilton Head in the state aforesaid in consideration of the sum of eight hundred and ten dollars to --- in hand paid at and before the sealing of these present by Summer Christopher, Pomfrey Small, James Grant, Irvin Grant, Perry Holmes, Ansel Holmes, Dennis Smith, Minus Chisolm, and Adam Jenkins all of Hilton Head (in the state aforesaid, the specific ----- is hereby acknowledged) have granted, bargained, sold and ----- out of these present do grant bargain sell and ac----- unto said Summer Christopher, Pomfrey Small, James Grant, Irvin Grant, Perry Holmes, Ansel Holmes, Dennis Smith, Minus Chisolm, and Adam Jenkins nine(?) divided tenths of all that certain plantation situated on the Island of Hilton Head in the County of Beaufort in the state aforesaid ----- (commonly?) called "Fish Hall" bounded North by land ----- Estate of Elliott, South by land of the Estate of William Pope ----- Gardner, East by Broad River and West by land of the Estate of ----- sine and land of Rutledge and Young measuring and containing six hundred and fifty acres more or less. Together with all and singular the rights members here ----- and appearances to the said previous belonging on -- anywise incident or appertaining. To Have and To Hold as and singular this(?) said previous before mentioned ---- this said Summer Christopher, Pomfrey Small, James Grant, Irvin Grant, Perry Holmes, Ansel Holmes, Dennis Smith, Minus Chisolm, and Adam Jenkins, their heirs and assigns forever. And I -- hereby bind myself and my heirs----- and ----- to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said previous unto the said Summer Christopher, Pomfrey Small, James Grant, Irvin Grant, Perry Holmes, Ansel Holmes, (page 192) Dennis Smith, Minus Chisolm and Adam Jenkins, their heirs and assigns against me and my heirs lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof. Witness my hand and se--- this thirtieth day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and eighty six and in the 111th year of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America, G. P. Gardner (SS) signed sealed and delivered in the presence of Charles Wagner, B. S? Roberts

The State of South Carolina Beaufort County personally appeared before me Charles Wagner and in oath that he see/does? The within named G. P. Gardner sign seal and as his act and deed deliver the within written deed, and that he with B. S.? Roberts witnessed the execution thereof Charles Wagner swore to before me this 30th day of July A.D. 1886 (seal) R. A. Sisson Notary Public I. C.

The State of South Carolina Beaufort County I. R. A. (?) Sisson a--- hereby certify unto all whom it may concern that Mrs. Susan B. Gardner, wife of the within named G. P. Gardner did this day

appear before me and upon being privately(?) and separately executed (examined?) ---- did declare that she does freely, ----- and without and compulsion, dread or fear of any person or persons whosoever ----- release and forever relinquish unto the the within named Summer Christopher, Pomfrey Small, James Grant, Irvin Grant, Perry Holmes, Ansel Holmes, Dennis Smith, Minus Chisolm, and Adam Jenkins and assigns all witenest (witnesses?) and – and also al her right and claim of ----- of in or – all said any? The previous within ----- and released, given under my own hand and seal this 30th day of July A.D. 1886 R. A. Sisson (SS) Notary Public S.C.

Rec'd & Cet'fd' 6 Jauy(January?) '91 sent by mail to Gardner S. J. Baufield

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Know All Men by these Presents, that we, the said John Edward Drayton, ____ E. Drayton, Eugene B. Drayton, Thomas F. Drayton the younger, Anna M. Thomas in consideration of the sum of nine hundred (\$900.) paid to by G. P. Gardner of Hilton Head Island in the State aforesaid, have granted, bargained, sold and released, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and release unto the said G. P. Gardner all that certain plantation _____ on the Island of Hilton Head in the County of Beaufort in the State aforesaid containing six hundred and fifty acres (650) more or less, bounded North by lands of Estate of Elliott, South by lands of Estate of William Pope and G. P. Gardner, East by Broad River, and West by lands of Estate of McIntire and lands of Rutledge and Young and _____ known as "Fish Hall".

TOGETHER with all and singular the rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said Premises belonging, or in anywise incident or appertaining. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular the said Premises before mentioned unto the said G. P. Gardner Heirs and Assigns forever

And do hereby bind _____ and owner(?) Heirs, Executors and Administrators, to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said premises unto the said G. P. Gardner, Heirs and Assigns, against __ and our Heirs, and all persons lawfully claiming, or to claim the same, or any part thereof.

WITNESS our Hands and Seals this first day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty and in the one hundred and __ (left blank) __ year of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America.

John Edward Drayton (SS)

Mary E. Drayton (SS) for T.(?) N. Wallis atty(?)

Eugene(?) G. Drayton (SS) for T. N. Wallis atty(?)

Thomas F. Drayton (SS) for T. N. Wallis atty(?)

Anna M. Thomas (SS) for T. N. Wallis atty(?)

W. C. Horsford(?)

Signed , sealed, and delivered in the presence of: Chas. E. Bell and Wm. C. Howard

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Beaufort County ~~ Personally appeared before me and made oath that he saw the within named (lists the five names again) sign, seal and as their act and deed, deliver the within written Deed; and that he with Chas. E. Bell (Bill?) witnessed the execution thereof. Wm. C. Howard (SS) Sworn to before me this 5th day of Dec. AD 1885 --seal--J. D. Barnet (?) (SS) ____ (?) Justice Read Certified April 5th 1894 as dues to H. G. Judd

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United States to

---- SEAL -----

Heirs of Mary B. Pope

Certificate of Release No. 176

Certificate of Release

Whereas on the first day of December AD 1863 the following described lot, tract, or parcel of land situated in the County of Beaufort in the State of South Carolina and particularly described as following: Fish Hall Plantation on Hilton Head Island in said county in sections eleven, twelve, thirteen and fourteen in Township their south of Beaufort Base line and two west of St. Helena M---dian and in Junction(?) seven, seventeen and eighteen, their ----th and one west. According to the Direct tax Commissions ---- and bounded as follows: North East by Broad River, South East by Coggins Point, South West by Grass Lawn and North West by the Point Peace containing thirteen hundred acres more or less (always intending to conform to the original boundaries at the time the United States acquired title there to) was sold for the unpaid tax charged thereon under " An Act for the Collection of Direct Taxes in Insurrectionary Districts within the United States and for other Purposes", approved ----? 1862, and whereas the heirs at law(?) of Mary B. Pope have produced satisfactory evidence that they are legally entitled to redeem the above described property with the exceptions and userations here in after made and that they have paid into the Treasury of the United States the amount of tax penalty costs and interest required by an Act entitled " An Act to Provide for the Redemption and Sale of Lands held by the United States under the Several Acts levying Direct Taxes and for other Purposes", approved June 8, 1872, amounting to the sum of four hundred and seven dollars and eighty cents ___ receipt whereof in full is hereby acknowledged and confessed. Now therefor this is to certify that the property herein before described with the following exceptions and reservations ,with all that part situated in section seventeen then north and one west and that part in section eighteen, their north and one west situated on the east side of a line commencing on the west banks at the mouth of Fish Hall Creek running thence south twenty nine degrees west four thousand three hundred and thirty feet thence south fifteen degrees east three thousand ten(?) hundred and twelve feet, according to the survey of the War Department and held by the United States as a military reservations (?) is hereby hence forth discharged from all heir(?) change or claim by reason of said tax penalties interest and cost.

Approved by ___ at(?) Washington, D.C. this 26th day of March 1875

J. _ . Douglass, Commissioner of Internal Revenue B. H. Bistow, Secretary of the Treasury
Recorded April 17, 1875 and certified by H. G. I(J?)udel. Register sent to Rutledge and Young

William S. Drayton and others

To Conveyance

Robert C. McIntire

The State of South Carolina

Know all men by these presents that we, John E. Drayton, John G. Witman(?), A____ Thomas, William S. Drayton, Mary E. Drayton, Percival Drayton, Emma G. Drayton, and Thos. F. Drayton Jr. ___s of the estate of Mary B. Pope of Hilton Head Island in the State aforesaid Freeman and Freewomen in consideration of the sum of four hundred dollars to us paid by Robert C. McIntire of Hilton Head Island in the State aforesaid, Freeman have granted, bargained, sold and released, and by these presents do grant bargain sell and release unto the said Robert C. McIntire, his heirs and assigns all that lot of land situated and lying, being on the said Hilton Head Island Fish Hall Plantation and known as Mitchelville containing one hundred and thirty acres of Highland (more or less) seventeen and one half acres rice land (more or less) making in all one hundred and forty seven and one half acres more or less, bounded on the north by the lands of said estate of Mary B. Pope, on the east by Broad River, and the lands of Mary B. Pope, and on the west by the lands of said estate of Mary B. Pope. Together with all and singular the rights members(?) hereditament and appertunance to the said premises belonging or in anywise incident or appertaining: to have and to hold all and singular unto premises before mentioned unto the said Robert C. McIntire, his heirs and assigns forever. And we do hereby bind ourselves and heirs executors and administrators to warrant and forever defend all and singular the premises unto the said Robert C. McIntire, his heirs and assigns against us and our heirs and all other persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the (lands?) in any part thereof. Witness hand and ___ of this 9th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six and in the one hundredth year of the Independence of the United States of America, signed sealed and delivered in the presence of John M. Fall Wm. T. Kirk witnessed as to Mr. E. Drayton, Sally F. Ray, James F. Weston, D.J. Trall(?), D.F. Manning, L. C____gton NPB

Wm. S. Drayton (SS), P. Drayton (SS), J. E. Drayton (SS), Emma G. Drayton (SS), Ino(?) G. Thomas (SS), Anna M. Thomas (SS), Mary E. Drayton (SS), Thomas F. Drayton, Jr. (SS) W.W. Flemming, Dan A. Johnson as to Thomas F. Drayton, Jr.

State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenburg

Personally appeared before me, W. W. Flemming and made oath that we saw the above named Thomas F. Drayton, Jr. sign seal and as his act and deliver the within writing and that he with

Dan A. Johnson witnesses the execution thereof, sworn to an _____ before me this 21st day of Dec. A.D. 1876

Thomas M. Pittman a Commissioner for South Carolina in Charlotte N.C. State of South Carolina, Beaufort County personally appeared before me, John Mcfall and made oath that he saw the within named Wm. S. Drayton, John E. Drayton, Percival Drayton and Emma Drayton sign seal and as their act and did deliver the within written and that he, with Wm. J. Kirk witnessed the execution thereof John McFall

Sworn before me this ninth day of December Eighteen hundred and seventy six
Marion R. Cooper, Notary Public (SS)

State of South Carolina, County of Richland personally appeared before S. F. Ray who on oath says the ___ Wm. Drayton sign and deliver the within Deed and that he, with ___ F. Weston witnessed the execution thereof. Sworn to before me this 19th day of Dec. 1876. Sally F. Ray Allon(?) to Gen.(?) ___(trial?) Justice Recorded Febry . 6th 1877
Certified by A.G.(?) Judd(?) R.M.C.

Finis!

Charles H. McIntire et al ----- Seal ----- The State of South Carolina
To --- Conveyance Know all many these presents—that Gabriel P.
Gardner we Charles H. McIntire, Mary Ann McIntire, Harriet
L. McIntire, Sonise(?) McIntire, Annabelle Richardson, Frank Richardson of New York City, Amy
C. Curtis, widow of Albany in the state of New York, Wm. S. McIntire, Mrs. Annie Hubbard, wife
of Solomon Hubbard of _____, Sarah B. Asgard, wife of Christian Asgard of Chicago in the
state of Illinois heir at law and dis____s of Robert C. McIntire, late of Hilton Head in the state of
South Carolina in acknowledgement of the sum of five dollars to me in having paid at the fine(?)
the sealing and the ____ing of these presents of Gabriel P. Gardner of Hilton Head Island in the
state of South Carolina (the receipt which is hereby acknowledged) have grant, bargained, sold
and released of these presents do grant, bargain, sell, and release unto the said Gabriel P.
Gardner (All that lot of land situated lying and being on the said Hilton Head Island Fish Hall
Plantation known as Mitchelville containing One hundred and thirty acres of highland more or
less, and seventeen and one half acres of Rice land more or less, making in all one hundred and
forty seven and one half acres more or less, bounds on the North of the lands of the Est of Mary
B. Pope, on the East of Broad River and the lands of said Est of Mary B. Pope, on the South of
the lands of the said Est of Mary B. Pope, and on the West of the lands of the Est of Mary B.
Pope) Layetth with all and singular the sights(?) measuring land____s and appointments(?)
to the said premises belonging on in anywise mi____t or appointing(?), To Have and to Hold all
and singular the premises before ____ts unto the said Gabriel P. Gardner and his assigns forever.
And we do herby _____ and our hand? Execute and advocate? to warrant? and _____
defend? All and singular the said previous unto the said Gabriel P. Gardner, his heirs and assigns
against us and __ his lawfully al__g and to claim the ____ or in any part thereof, Witness Our
Hands and seal this _____(forgot to insert day and month)____ in the year of our Lord One
Thousand Eight Hundred and seventy eight in the 102nd year of the Sovereignty and
Independence of the United States of America. February 20, 1878.

(Signed) Charles H. McIntire (seal) Feb 15/78, Mary Ann McIntire (seal) Feb 1/,78, Harriet L.
McIntire (seal) Feb 15/78, Louise M. McIntire (seal) Feb 15/78, Amy C. Curtis (seal) Feb 15/78,
Annie M. Richardson (seal) Feb 20/78, Frank R. Richardson (seal) Feb 19/78, Wm. L. McIntire
(seal) Feb 20/78, Harriet L. McIntire (seal) Feb 25/78, Sarah B. Osgard(?) (seal)

Signed Sealed Delivered in the presence of B. H. Ross (as to Wm. S. McIntire only) Elliott
Inweth(?) (as to Wm. S. McIntire, Chas H. McIntire, Mary An McIntire, Harriett McIntire, Elder
Sonas? M. S. McIntire, Amy C. Curtis, Annie M. Richardson, Harriett L. McIntire, the younger
Annie E. Hubbard) S. Rodney? Smith (as to Chas. H. McIntire, Mary Ann McIntire, Harriett L.
McIntire, Louise M. L. McIntire, Amy C. Curtis, Annie M. Richardson, Frank R. Richardson,

Harriett L. McIntire the younger and Annie E. Hubbard) Howard A. Smith (as to Frank R. Richardson ___ ? John Mattocks(?), Walter H. Mattocks (as to Sarah B. Osgard) State of New York County of ___ (Alegheny?) New York - personally appeared before Elliott Insweth and made oath that he saw Charles H. McIntire, et all.. * Transcriber's Note: Following is simply the other lawyers' sworn testimonies that they met in person with their clients.

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Family Group Record

Prepared By Barbara Fleischmann

Relationship to Preparer _____

Address _____ Date _____ Ancestral Chart # _____ Family Unit # _____

Husband March Gardner Occupation(s) Farming, Shopkeeper, landowner Religion _____

Date—Day, Month, Year _____ City 0 (mill) County _____ State or Country _____

Born	<u>about 1805 ??</u>				
Christened					
Married					Name of Church
Died	<u>"late August" 1880</u>				Name of Church
Buried	<u>0</u>	Cem/Place			Cause of Death
Father		Other Wives			Date Will Written/Proved
Mother					

Wife maiden name Susan Bee ? Occupation(s) _____ Religion _____

Born	<u>1800</u>				<u>SC definitely</u>
Christened					
Died	<u>c. 1885</u>				Name of Church
Buried		Cem/Place			Cause of Death
Father		Other Husbands			Date Will Written/Proved
Mother					

•	Sex MF	Children Given Names	Birth			Birthplace			Date of first marriage/Place		Date of Death/Cause			Computer I.D. #
			Day	Month	Year	City	County	St/Ctry.	Name of Spouse	City	County	State/Country		
	F	1	Clara			1835				SC	Thomas Wigfall	HAI	Beaufort SC	
	M	2	Gabriel P.			<u>APPROX 1828</u>					Susan			between 1910-1920
	F	3	Linda			1840					Perry			
	F	4	Emmaline			1843				SC	Washington			
	F	5	(girl)? Susan?			1847					Boston			
		6	Sarah											
		7												
		8												
		9												
		10												
		11												
		12												

Gardner

Family Group Record

Prepared By Dick G. + Barbara F. Relationship to Preparer

Address _____ Date 8/13 Ancestral Chart # _____ Family Unit # _____

Husband ^{July} JAMES HEYWARD Occupation(s) DAY LABORER Religion _____

Date—Day, Month, Year		City	County	State or Country	Religion
Born	abt 1854				
Christened					Name of Church
Married					Name of Church
Died					Cause of Death
Buried		Cem/Place			Date Will Written/Proved
Father	Other Wives				
Mother					

Wife maiden name SARAH Gardner Occupation(s) Heyward followed her father as past master Religion _____

Date—Day, Month, Year		City	County	State or Country	Religion
Born	abt 1861				
Christened					Name of Church
Died					Cause of Death
Buried		Cem/Place			Date Will Written/Proved
Father	Other Husbands				
Mother					

Sex MF	Children Given Names	Birth		Birthplace			Date of first marriage/Place		Date of Death/Cause			Computer I.D. #
		Day	Month	Year	City	County	St/Ctry	Name of Spouse	City	County	State/Country	
← 1	LILLIAN	AUG		1888				WM G. PERSON				
2	LAVINIA			(1896)				Howard				
3	C. HENRY	APR 11		1899								
4	CLIFFORD											
5	EUGENIA	APR.		1896								
6	Charles	APR		1899								
7	* Lavinia + Eugenia may be the same person.											
8	(see court case papers)											
9												
10												
11												
12												

Found a Sarah Heyward in 1920 Census widowed, age 57 living w/ daughter Lillie (Lillian) b. 1899, age 20. Single

Gardner

Family Group Record

Prepared By Barbara Fleischman

Relationship to Preparer _____

Address _____ Date _____ Ancestral Chart # _____ Family Unit # _____

Husband Thomas Wigfall Occupation(s) _____ Religion _____

Born	<u>1831</u>	City	County	State or Country	<u>SC</u>
Christened					
Married					Name of Church
Died					Name of Church
Buried		Cem/Place			Cause of Death
Father		Other Wives			Date Will Written/Proved
Mother					

Wife maiden name Clara J. Gardner Occupation(s) Wigfall (March's daughter) Religion _____

Born	<u>1835</u>	City	County	State or Country	<u>SC</u>
Christened	<u>m. 1876</u>				
Died					Name of Church
Buried		Cem/Place			Cause of Death
Father		Other Husbands			Date Will Written/Proved
Mother					

•	Sex MF	Children Given Names	Birth		Birthplace			Date of first marriage/Place		Date of Death/Cause			Computer I.D. #	
			Day	Month	Year	City	County	St./Ctry.	Name of Spouse	City	County	State/Country		
	1	Sarah			1866									
	2	Alice			1876									
	3	William			1878									
	4	Amy Gardner *			1870									
	5	Jacob Gardner *			1873									
	6	Henry			1888									
	7	Peter			1898									
	8													
	9													
	10													
	11													
	12	Clara claims to have had 13 children, 7 living in 1900												

(Thomas Wigfall's "stepchildren" so Clara gave them her maiden name....)

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Prepared By Barbara Fluschnann Relationship to Preparer _____

Address _____ Date _____ Ancestral Chart # _____ Family Unit # _____

Husband Charles Perry Occupation(s) _____ Religion _____
 Date—Day, Month, Year _____ City _____ County _____ State or Country _____

Born	1830			SC	
Christened					Name of Church
Married					Name of Church
Died					Cause of Death
Buried		Cem/Place			Date Will Written/Proved
Father	Other Wives				
Mother					

Wife maiden name Linda (Gardner) Perry (March Gardner's daughter) Occupation(s) _____ Religion _____

Born	1840		Beaufort	SC	
Christened					Name of Church
Died					Cause of Death
Buried		Cem/Place			Date Will Written/Proved
Father	Other Husbands				
Mother					

•	Sex MF	Children Given Names	Birth			Birthplace			Date of first marriage/Place		Date of Death/Cause			Computer I.D. #
			Day	Month	Year	City	County	St./Ctry.	Name of Spouse	City	County	State/Country		
	1	Mary			1865			SC						
	2	Emma			1868			SC						
	3	Charles			1870			SC						
	4	London (son)			1872			SC						
	5	granddaughters:												
	6	(Charlotta?)			1884									
	7	(Serena?)			1887									
	8													
	9													
	10													
	11													
	12													