

The last Will and Testament of Ann Howard

Ann Howard
deceased
Freeman Howard
Executor
Qualified
22 Sept 1873

State of North Carolina
Catawba County

I Ann Howard of the county of Catawba and state of North Carolina being in a tolerable state of bodily health, and of sound and disposing mind and memory, knowing the uncertainty of human life and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs, and directing how the Estates with which it has pleased God to bless me shall be disposed of after my decease, and while I have strength and capacity so to do, do make this my last Will and Testament; and first I command my immortal soul to him who gave it and my body to the earth to be decently buried with as little expense as may be.

Secondly - After the payment of all my just debts, I give and bequeath to my grand-son Alexander Chapman the sum of ten (\$10) dollars in money. Thirdly -

I give to my beloved daughter Polly Crunkleton my wearing apparel.

Fourthly - I desire all the balance of my Estate real and personal to be put to public sale, and the proceeds to be equally divided among my four living children to wit; my three sons Freeman Howard, Allen Howard, and Frank Howard and my daughter Polly Crunkleton.

Fifthly - I hereby appoint my son Freeman Howard and my son-in-law Frank Crunkleton Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Sept 20th 1868

Ann ^{her} Howard Qual
mark

Witnesses

J. J. Mott
Wilson Crawford

North Carolina }
Catawba County } Probate Court

The execution of the foregoing paper writing was this the 22 day of Sept 1873 duly proved in open court to be the last Will and Testament of Ann Howard deceased by oath and examination of J. J. Mott and Wilson Crawford subscribing witnesses thereto - Admitted to Probate and ordered to be recorded. James Crunkleton one of the executors appointed in said Will comes into court and relinquishes his right to said Executorship. Freeman Howard Executor qualified and letters testamentary issued.

M. C. Merrill
Probate Judge

Application for letters Testamentary

Catawba County: In the Probate Court.

In the matter of the Will of
Ann Howard to J. C. Merrill

Probate judge

Freeman Howard being sworn doth say: That Ann Howard late of said County, is dead, having first made and published her last Will and Testament; and that Freeman Howard is the Executor named therein.

Further, that the property of the said Ann Howard consisting of house hold & kitchen furniture 83 Acres of real estate is worth about \$300.00 so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application and that Freeman Howard, Polly Crunkleton, Allen Howard and Franklin Howard are the parties entitled under said will to the said property.

Freeman Howard

Swear to and subscribed before
me this 22nd of Sept 1873

M. C. Merrill

Probate Judge.