

The last will and Testament of John Haffner

John Haffner
"dec"
Solomon Haffner
Executor.

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In the name of God Amen I John Haffner of the County of Catahwa and state of North Carolina, being in good health and of perfect sound and disposing mind and memory thanks be to God, but calling to mind the mortality of my body, knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the direction and suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form - and first that my Executors herein after named pay all my just debts and funeral expenses however and to whomsoever owing, out any moneys that may come into his hands as a part of my estate.

Item - I give and bequeath unto Susannah my beloved wife the use of my dwelling house to live in and occupy as she may think proper during her natural life together with my kitchen and other buildings on the land, or plantation whereon I live - I also give unto Susannah my wife, one horse best, her choice of any that may be on hand or I may own at the time of my death, two cows, her choice, four head of hogs and four sheep, her saddle and bridle, two chests, three tables, and all my kitchen and dyer furniture two beds and their necessary furniture my loom, a little wheel and big wheel, the quilting wheel, the rack and gears and everything belonging to the loom, nine chairs all the above stated articles I give to my wife during her life, I also give to my wife during her natural life my best workman Mary Anne.

Item - I give and bequeath to my son Solomon the Plantation or tract of land whereon I now live consisting of one hundred and forty three acres more or less - provided nevertheless that my son Solomon shall provide his mother that is my wife with all things necessary for a decent maintenance I also give to my son Solomon two head of horses provided I may own that many at my death exclusive of the one I have given to my wife.

I also give my son Solomon my Haggren and horse gear and all my farming utensils, my still and vessels Dyeing one half of all the cattle, sheep and hogs that I may own at the time of my death, exclusive of them I have given to my wife, Also one bed and its necessary furniture.

Item - I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Clina two beds and their necessary furniture a chest a table, wheel and cards a wash pot, a cock pot, an ewer & Spider a Wash tub, a set knives and forks, six cups and saucers, three dishes three crocks a butter plate six tin cups, six chairs, a Cope Pot and bucket, her saddle and bridle and a horse or thirty dollars in money, as her absolute property forever and also I give to my daughter Mary C. a cow, two sheep and one hog.

Item - I further Will and order that the horse that I have willed to my wife at her death is to belong to my son Solomon and the Negro woman and children if any, and all other articles of personal property that I have given to my wife shall at her death be sold on reasonable credit and also any other property that may be on hand at the time of my death not otherwise disposed of by this my last Will and Testament that is not needed for the use of my wife and family, shall be sold and the proceeds of sale of said property and whatever moneys may be on hand at the time my death and the debt owing to me collected shall be divided in the following manner (viz) that my two daughters (viz) Elizabeth who intermarried with John Kistler and Mary belonging shall have each the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, provided there be that much money on hand, if not the balance whatever may be lacking shall be paid them out of proceeds of the sale of the property that I have willed to be sold after the death of my wife and the balance or residue of whatever moneys may be on hand or any wife belonging to my estate after my two daughters have each received the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, shall be equally divided between all my children, or their personal representatives share and share alike as their personal property forever. And finally I will and order that my son Solomon and my son-in-law John Kistler do execute this my last Will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of every part and clause thereof - hereby revoking all former wills and Testaments by me.

Item
2 daughters

heretofore made and Ratifying and confirming this and more other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said John Haffner have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 24th day of January A.D. 1849

Signed sealed published and declared by the said John Haffner to be his last Will and Testament who in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto—

Joshua Wilson }
Mathia M'Isler }

North Carolina }
Catawba County } Probate Court

The execution of the foregoing paper writing was this the 17th day of March A.D. 1843 duly proved to be the last Will and Testament of John Haffner by oath and examination of Martha M'Isler, a subscribing witness thereto and by the oath and examination of A. P. Connermy & J. B. Baither as to the signature of Joshua Wilson "dec" the other subscribing witness and also to the signature of the Testator John Haffner Said Testimony in full filed.

The said paper writing is therefore admitted to Probate as the last Will and Testament of John Haffner.

M. P. Sherrill
Probate Judge

Catawba County: In the Probate Court.

In the matter of the Will of } Before M. P. Sherrill
John Haffner } Probate Judge.

Solomon Haffner being sworn, doth say:

That John Haffner late of said County, is dead, having first made and published his last Will and Testament; and that he Solomon Haffner is the executor named therein.

Further that the property of said John Haffner consisting of Real estate and personal property is worth about \$1000.00 so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application and Solomon Haffner Mary C. Sigman Elizabeth Lister A. bel. Haffner A. Haffner Marcus Haffner & Ephraim Haffner are the parties entitled under said will to the said property

Shewn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of March 1843 M. P. Sherrill Probate Judge Solomon Haffner

The Last Will and Testament of Paul Anthony

Paul Anthony
Deceased.
Abraham Anthony
and
Jacob Anthony
Executors
3^d day of May
1843.

In the name of God I Paul Anthony of the county of Catawba and state of North Carolina being old and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die as I am yet in sound mind and memory blessed be God for his mercy and think proper to make this my last will and Testament I do hereby make and publish this my last Will and Testament in the following manner and form first I recommend my immortal soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent christian manner and the expense thereof to be paid out of my estate and that all my lawful debts shall be paid out of my estate.

First I give unto my beloved wife Magdalena two hundred and fifty dollars silver covers two & four hogs two sheep to take choice out of my stock I give her Drawer and two beds and steds with furniture likewise all the kitchen furniture & cupboard and the spring house stables for her cows & sheep and the third of the garden and the right of the Dwelling house as long as she bears my name as a widow

Second — I give and bequeath unto oldest son Philip the following property first a plantation called the Deep place Two hundred & four acres worth 2300 also another piece joining of three acres worth 36 I also give him two negroes first a boy named Lemphre about twenty three years old worth 1000

the other a woman named Glory about thirty yrs 300 I give him a horse called Taylor about five years 100 I give him a Cow and calf 10 I give him a bed & stead worth 8

Third — I give and bequeath unto my second son Ephas Paul the following property

1 I first give him two thousand Dollars to pay for his land

2 I give him three negroes first a woman named Nanty about fifty years old worth 200

3 I give him a boy named Chick about fourteen years old worth 600

4 I give him another boy named Eli about ten years old worth 400

5 I give him a bed worth 12

6 I give him two mules one named Jack the other named Jo and the gear worth & a bed 150

this is the amount when he moved to Georgia