

April 1853

In the name of God Amen I Emma Holasclaw of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make Publish and declare this my last Will and Testament

I Give and bequeath to my brother Mass Holasclaw and my brother John Holasclaw, all of my estate real and Personal and all estate right or interest in Lands which I may acquire after the date of this Will to be divided in equal Shares between them

Should I survive either of my above named brothers I then give and devise to the surviving one of my above named brothers the whole of my estate.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and Publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, in the presence of the witnesses named below this 26th May in the year of our Lord 1851

Emma Holasclaw
Mark

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said Emma Holasclaw as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who in her presence and in the presence of each other and at her request have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

William M. Coleman
William H. Sherrill

July Session 1853

I Peter Herman son of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say, I wish that my Executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my last debts however & to themselves owing, out of the money that may first come into those hands, as part or parcel of my estate,

Item I give and devise to my beloved Wife Barbara, the tract of Land whereon I now live to have and to hold to her the said Barbara for and during, the term of her natural life in sole possession, use and enjoyment of her dower and thirds of and in all my real estate.

Item I give to my said beloved Wife Barbara two Beds and furniture and also a sufficiency of Kitchen and dresser furniture. I request that the said Barbara my wife be maintained by my son Ephraim Herman in decency. I give and bequeath to my son Ephraim Herman my wind mill also firming tools such as my other sons got. I wish that my daughter Sarah shall have two Beds and also necessary furniture to them also as much stock and Kitchen furniture as my other daughters got.

Item I will and desire that my young son Abel Herman shall have twenty dollars not to be paid until he is of age.

Item my wife and devise is that the residue of my estate if any after taking out the debts and legacies above mentioned, shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected, and if there should be any surplusage over and above the payment of debts, expenses and legacies that such surplusage shall be equally divided and paid over to my sons George Herman John Herman Ephraim Herman & William Herman and to my daughters Catherine Sally Son, Elizabeth Bowman Anna Spencer & Sarah Hare and share alike, and lastly I do hereof appoint, my sons, George Herman & Ephraim Herman my lawful Executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last Will and Testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every Part and Clause thereof hereby making, declaring, ratifying, and confirming all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I the said Peter Herman do hereunto set my hand and seal this Twenty sixth day of June 1852

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said Peter Herman as to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses

W. H. Holston
Peter Kees

Peter Herman