

68 October Session 1848-

5) State of North Carolina: I Nancy Merrill being, in the health of
Catawba County 3 but perfect in mind, I desire to be called
for his married, I make this my last will and Testament —
In the first place, I will that all my Just debts be paid, in the
second place I will and bequeath unto my two brothers Peter
Parish and Jacob Parish and my sister Jane Waught Fifty dollars
each third, my crops now growing, I will to my Mother Sarah
Parish, two brothers Peter Parish and Jacob Parish, and sister Jane
Waught to be equally divided amongst them, In the fourth
place, I will and bequeath unto Beloved Mother, Sarah Parish
the balance of my property and the balance of money coming to
me from the estate of my deceased husband John Merrill
so long as she may live, to do as she pleases with, and at her
death I will and bequeath it unto my two brothers and sister Jane
Waught to be equally divided amongst or their heirs.
Fifth I will that Alexander Clark be Executor of this my last
will and Testament, This done and in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and forty eight. August. 7 1848—
Attest

John I. Higgins
Clerk

Nancy Merrill
made

69 December Session 1848.

In the name of God Amen— I George Hoffman Senior of
the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being of
sound and perfect mind and memory— blessed be God do this
thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and forty eight, make and publish, this my last will
and Testament in manner and form following that is to say— I then
first I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Susannah
Hoffman at my decease, a piece or parcel of land, a part of the
tract I now live on. Including all the Building, except the Shrub
ing Machine being at a post oak mine, and David McIlhenny Cornet
then serve with my time to a State apprentice my grand yard, then and
peppering the quers leaving the grand yard and that thing, of fence
to the right to the branch that runs through my old plantation, then
the said branch to my and Peter line, then east with my line to
the beginning. This right my said widow is to hold in natural
life time, for widowhood in my name, and after her death or
widowhood it is my will that my heirs after named Executors
after my wife's death or widowhood, they shall see said land and
the proceeds arising from it to be equally divided between my legal
heirs, the balance or a to my lands excepted— a small tract in
Catawba County, It is my will that my Executors after my death
divide the lands between my legal heirs in equal shares of
valuation, The Caldwell tract to it to be sold with my
personal estate— and also the thrashing Machine and Machinery
is to be sold after my death— with my personal estate. I further
bequeath to my wife her negro slaves, namely, a negro boy Mal
and negro girl named Cass, now as Cass said negroes should not
be controlled by their said Master, it is my will that my Executors
shall hire said negroes or sell them as said widow will think
proper, if said negroes should be hired, or sold, said widow shall
have of the proceeds of said negroes as she may want, during her
natural life time, or widowhood, next I give her three beds and
bedsteads with their proper furniture, I also give unto her the debt
a table, and kitchen furniture, suitable to her way, and Station
I also give and bequeath unto one horse beat her choice, worth
fifty Dollars— or forty dollars, and three head of Cattle, with the
Cattle— if there be any, also two head of hogs, two Sheep, also one
set of Stone gears, one low shear plow, one shovel plow, with
all the implements, for plowing— and also Corn, wheat, oats, and
also other things sufficient for one year, also meat and other things
thoroughly and grain to be supplied by my Executors and
I give other power that she may do, let, with them, also two
pound of Coffee Ten pound of sugar, also her spinning wheel