

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 Bonds 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 brother 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 (and 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 W. Coleman
William H. Sherrill

July Session 1853

I Peter Hermann 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 Executors (herein after 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 and whatever I to themsoever owing, out of the moneys that may first come into those hands as part or parcel of my estate,

Then 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 no satisfaction paid in Silver of her dower and thirds of and in all my real estate

Then I give to my dear 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 Hermann in decency. I give and bequeath to my son Ephraim Hermann my wind mill also farming tools such as my other sons get. I direct that my daughter Garinah shall have two Beds and also necessary furniture to them also as much stock and Kitchen furniture as my other daughters get.

Then I will and direct that my young son Abel Hermann shall have twenty dollars not to be paid until notes or sale money is received

Then my wife and devise is that the residue of my estate if any after taking out the debts and legacies a tax hereunto shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected, and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts legacies and legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to my sons George Hermann John Hermann Ephraim Hermann & Matthias Hermann and to my daughters Catherine Sally Son. Elizabeth Bowman Anna Spencer & Garinah Share and share alike, and lastly I do hereby appoint my two sons George Hermann & Ephraim Hermann 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 revoking setting aside all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made

In Witness whereof I the said Peter Hermann have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of June 1852 Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said Peter Hermann 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. Holleman
Peter Rees

Peter Hermann