

State of North Carolina, I know all men by these presents that I
Gaston County } Franklin H. Holland of the County and State
aforesaid being in full health but of sound and disposing mind do make
and publish this my last will and Testament and dispose of all my
Estate both real and personal that I may die seized and possessed of
in the following manner (viz) Item first I direct all my just debts
& funeral expenses to be paid. Item second I direct that all
my Estate both real and personal be subject to the control and
management of my beloved wife Ruth H. Holland during her
natural life or widowhood, and in case she should marry
I will and bequeath to her an equal or Childs part of all my
Estate both real and personal which may then be on hands;
Item Third in case the widow should marry as above then I direct
my estate both real and personal to be sold publicly and
divided equally among my wife and four Children (viz) William
Joseph, James Oliver, Leroy Chalmers & Mary Priscilla Holland, said
Childrens portions to be taken charge of by Guardians either chosen
or appointed until they become of age. But should my wife
not marry but remain a widow then the management and control
of my Estate as first above stated remains with her and as my
said Children may marry, or become of age, I will and direct
that she pay over to them such a portion of their equal shares
in my Estate as she may deem best; said portions to be valued
by disinterested persons in order to do away any difficulty in

childrens portions to be taken charge of by Guardians either chosen or appointed until they become of age. But should my wife not marry but remain a widow then the management and control of my Estate as first above stated remains with her and as my several Children may marry or become of age. I will and direct that she pay over to them such a portion of their equal shares in my estate as she may deem best; said portions to be valued by disinterested persons in order to do away any difficulty in the distribution of my estate. It is my will that my wife and four Children as before named equal share and share alike. I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Ruth P. Holland Executor to this my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 18th day of August 1857

Signed sealed & delivered

in presence of
Lio^t Wilson Jurat
Wm W. Torrence Jurat

F. H. Holland (Seal)

Oct Sepers 1857

Then This last Will and Testament of W & Holland was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of Lio^t Wilson and Wm W Torrence witnesses thereto; ordered to be recorded

Witness Amy Lora C.C.C