

North Carolina?

Gaston County.

July 27th, 1858. Catawba Creek.

I, Isaac Holland, of said County and State, being in common health (thank God for it!) do by these presents make this my last Will and Testament, and this only:

First. I surrender my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the earth from whence it came, to be buried at the discretion of my Executors and friends in a decent manner. And my worldly Estate I dispose of in the following manner, viz:

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary, five negroes, to-wit: Agg, Selena, Tom and Ned, and a young girl under twelve years old, her choice—a buggy and harness—a horse, saddle, ^{bridle} and blanket—the use of my plantation on which I live, all on the east side of the Spring branch, joining W. R. Hollands line to the Robinson line, and as far north as the old Matthew Holland line (so called), during her natural life or widowhood, but if she marries, then to have her third part of this plantation, laid off to her by two men chosen by her and my Executors for that purpose—the household and kitchen furniture not otherwise disposed of to be my wife's, at her disposal among my children and grand children. Also what other property well as to her, lands and improvements excepted, to be at her disposal, as her share among my children and grand children, and no others.

Signed by me, Isaac Holland.

2nd. I further will and bequeath

among my children and grandchildren, and others.
Signed by me. Isaac Holland.

2nd. I further will and bequeath unto my two daughters, Nancy Jane and Melissa Moore Holland, the same quantity of property which my other two daughters got and as good to be dealt out by my wife to them near the same sort as she gave my other daughters in Negroes, Stock and Household & Kitchen furniture to put them equal with my other two daughters (Eliza & Emily) signed

Isaac Holland

3rd I further will to my Daughter Nancy Jane, the plantation called the W R Holland or Gordon place, value to her at nine hundred dollars called 950 acres -

4th And I further will to my daughter Margaret M M Holland the plantation called the Esq^r Berry place said to be 260 acres valued to her at nine hundred dollars -

5th I further will to my daughter Eliza G Wells nine hundred dollars out of my Estate - 6th And I further will to my daughter Emily Friday nine hundred dollars out of my estate signed Isaac Holland

7th I further will unto my two grand sons James I. and Washington I. Holland nine hundred dollars four hundred of it to James and five hundred to Washington but if either of them dies before the age of 21 years without lawful issue the other to have his part, but if both dies before age or lawful issue (or child) their parts falls back into my estate as unwilld property signed Isaac Holland

I further will and bequeath unto my son William Rankin Holland
the plantation on which I live at my wife's death including the Matthew
Holland tract (if not sold before I die) and that part of the 40th Lewis & Clark
tract not included in his own deed to him & his heirs & assigns forever
I further will him my Negro Green in consideration of taking care of me &
my wife in old age & infirmities. I also will him my wagon making
tools & farming tools and Thrashing Machine & Kettle at the branch and
my Mahogany Desk & Book case and Wagon timber on hands signed
I appoint my son W. R. Holland sole Executor to this Isaac Holland
my last will and Testament signed Isaac Holland
9 The remainder of my property not disposed of either in
land or Negroes or any thing else to be equally divided among
my children either by valuation sale or otherwise, I request two sons
to have a child's part given under my hand and seal as above
Test William S. Dickson dated October 4th 1858 Isaac Holland (L.S.)
John S. Dickson dated

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Gaston County) August Sep-1859
Then this last will and Testament of Isaac Holland was
exhibited into open court and proved in due form of law by
the oaths of William S. Dickson and John S. Dickson witnesses
thereunto and ordered to be recorded
Witness Myself Ford C.C.