

1851
I Martha Holland, of Gaston County, widow of Jesse Holland deceased, being of sound mind & memory and considering the uncertainty of life, do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

~~named~~ shall

First: I desire that my Executor, hereafter

named shall provide for my body a decent burial, according to the wishes of my relations and friends; and that he shall pay my funeral expenses and all my just debts, out of the first money which may come into his hands as my Executor.

Second: It is my will, that as soon after my death as conveniently may be, my Executor shall sell for ready money, my negro girl Fanny and her two children, Jim and an infant girl and all her future increase, and divide the proceeds of sale *pro rata* among my eight children as follows.

To Lodema, wife of J. A. Jenkins, the sum of Five Dollars. (\$5.00)

To Elmira, wife of E. S. Lemberger, the sum of Five Dollars. (\$5.00)

To Andrew Holland the sum of one hundred & thirty five Dollars. (\$135.00) This sum is given him, in consideration of his having paid the costs of a certain law suit out of his own funds.

To Isaac L. Holland the sum of one hundred and thirty five Dollars (\$135.00) This sum is given him, in consideration of his having paid the costs of a certain law suit out of his own funds.

To Ephraim B. Holland the sum of seventy five dollars. (\$75.00) This sum is given him in consideration of a claim by him allowed to E. S. Lemberger in a division of the Estate of Jesse Holland *deceased*.

To the said Isaac L. Holland, the sum of seventy five dollars (\$75.00)

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To the said Isaac L Holland, the sum of seventy five dollars (\$75.00) in special trust and confidence nevertheless, for the sole and separate use, benefit and enjoyment of my daughter, Martina, wife of Andrew Smith and her children. This sum is given, in consideration of a claim allowed E. Linberger, in a settlement of the Estate of Jesse Holland dec^d.

And it is my will and desire, that the remainder of the proceeds arising from the sale of the said negro girl, Fanny and children, shall be equally divided among my six children, whose names are as follows, to wit, Robert, Julius, Andrew, Isaac, Ephraim, and Isaac in trust for the sole and separate use, benefit and enjoyment of my said daughter Martina & her children.

Third, It is my will & desire, that all the rest and residue of my property of which I may die seized & possessed shall be sold by my Executors, and the proceeds thereof, together with all my money, notes & accounts, when collected, shall be equally divided among my children last above named, to wit, Robert, Julius, Andrew, Isaac, Ephraim, and Isaac (Trustee) for the sole and separate use benefit & enjoyment of my daughter Martina and her children.

It is my will and desire that all that part of my Estate which I have willed to my son Isaac, in trust for the use and benefit of my said daughter Martina, & her children, shall be held by him, the said Isaac L Holland free and clear of any and

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all charge and demand of the said Andrew Smith. And I desire the said Trustee to appropriate the said trust fund, and the proceeds thereof in such way, as he may believe, most conducive to the interest and comfort of my said daughter & her children

And I do hereby appoint my said Son Isaac & Holland Executor of this my last will & testament, & I do hereby revoke & declare void all other wills & testaments heretofore by me made

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal, this 18th day of February 1857

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said Martha Holland, to be her last will & testament in our presence who in her presence & in the presence of each other & at her request, do subscribe our names thereto

Martha ^{her} Holland ^{mark} (Seal)

Wm Sloan

Gasper Stowe Jurat

State of North Carolina
Gaston County } August Term 1857

The Execution of the foregoing will was duly proven in open Court by the oath of Gasper Stowe a subscribing witness. Ordered by Court that said will be recorded in the will book of said County.
Witness Amzi Lora Clerk

In the name of the Court