

Austin Cornelius
deceased

B. F. Cornelius
Executor
qualified
July 7th 1871.

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The last will and Testament of Austin Cornelius. 22
I Austin Cornelius considering the uncertainty of
this mortal life and being of sound mind and
memory (blessed be Almighty God for the same) do
make and publish this my last will and Testament
in manner and form following (that is to say) First
I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ann E. Cornelius
the following tract of land beginning at the Ferry on
the bank of the river at the mouth of the ditch thence
west with the ferry road to the Beattys Ford road thence
west to Flemings line west of the Beavardown creek thence
with said Flemings line to mountain creek thence
with the windings of said creek to the publick Bridge
thence with Henry & Henderson Cornelius' line to the
river thence with the river to the beginning corner
to have and to hold during her natural life or widow-
hood and at the death of my wife the above boundary
of land to go to my son Benjamin F. Cornelius to
have and to hold forever. My request is that my son
Benjamin F. Cornelius live with my wife Ann E.
Cornelius and take charge of the farm also whatever amount
of household and kitchen furniture and stock and farming
tools or provision my wife Ann E. Cornelius and
son Benjamin F. Cornelius may think necessary to
carry on the farm and support the family.
I also will to my three youngest daughter
Sarah, Jane and Adair one hundred dollars each
to make them equal with those that are married.
My will and desire is that all my personal
property of every kind that has not been disposed
of by will be sold and the proceeds put to the use
of paying my debts should there not be a
sufficiency to pay my debts the remaining
lands not yet willed be rented out until my
debts are all payed. Then all my lands not willed
to my wife & Benjamin to be equally divided among
my children except my son Benjamin. I do make
and appoint my wife Ann E. Cornelius & son Benjamin
F. Cornelius Executors to this my last will and Testament
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this 20th day of June in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy one
at
J. A. Sherrill
Austin Cornelius (Seal)

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Application for letters Testamentary

Catawba County:-- In the Probate Court.

In the matter of the will of } Before Miles C. Sherrill
Austin Cornelius } Judge of Probate.

B. F. Cornelius being sworn, doth say: That Austin
Cornelius, late of said county, is dead, having first made
and published his last will and Testament; and that
B. F. Cornelius is the executor named therein.
Further, that the property of the said Austin Cornelius
consisting of land household kitchen furniture stock
farming tools &c. is worth about \$6000.00 so far as
can be ascertained at the date of this application; and
that Ann E. H. C. F. H. B. F., S. L. L., J. A. C. & A. C. Cornelius
Near the C. Sherrill and Nancy Gordon are the parties
entitled under said will to the said property.

Sworn to and subscribed. }
before me this 7 day of July 1871 } B. F. Cornelius

Miles C. Sherrill
Probate Judge.

North Carolina
Catawba County, } Probate Court

The execution of the foregoing
as the last will and Testament of Austin Cornelius,
was duly proved in open court by the oath and examina-
tion of O. C. Fleming & J. A. Sherrill subscribing witnesses thereto.
Said will is admitted to Probate and B. F. Cornelius qualified
as Executor July 7. 1871.
Miles C. Sherrill
Judge of Probate.