

121 I James Cornelius 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 First That my executor hereinafter named shall for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts (howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a parcel of my estate. I wish the grave yard on the place I now live to be enclosed with a stone wall and paid for by my executor I give and devise to Henry B. Cornelius and James H. Cornelius the tract of land on which I now live together with the negroes to be equally divided between them by tract of land lying in Sredell County known as the Johnston or Cooke tract I desire it to be sold and the proceeds equally divided among my brothers and sisters. My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate after taking out the devise and legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided between my two nephews Henry B. Cornelius and James H. Cornelius have and share alike their executors administrators and assigns absolutely forever and lastly, I do hereby appoint my friend and brother Austin Cornelius my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true and intent meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring entirely void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made I am witness whereof I the said James Cornelius do hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of May A.D. 1858.

Wm D Little
Henry Polley

James H. Cornelius Seal
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In the name of god amen I Mary H. Starns of the County of and State of North Carolina being of sound Mind & Memory do this 22nd day of June 1857 make & publish this my last will and testament as follows that is to say 1st I have and devise unto my daughter Anna Malissa Lagel and my grand-daughter Debby Clarissa the daughter of said Malissa all my Property both real & Personal for their sole and separate use apart and free from the husbands they now have or hereafter may have except what money I may have on hand at my death Which I give to my daughter Polly Larissa I Will that my debts shall be paid and a decent burial for my self out of my said Property I hereby appoint Joel Simmore the Executor of this my last Will & testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto placed my hand & seal the day & year above written

Test W. L. McWinkle
Daniel Seal

Mary H. Starns Seal
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