

State of North Carolina }  
Gaston County

I, Mary Ellen Connell  
being of sound mind, memory  
and understanding but considering the uncertainty of  
this life, do make and publish this my last Will and  
testament in manner and form following, to wit:

First. It is my Will that my just debts and funeral expenses  
be paid out of my Estate.

Second. My real Estate I will and bequeath to my niece  
Jennie Jenkins, also I will and bequeath to my  
said niece Jennie Jenkins, the sum of sixty dollars  
in money, 1 small cherry table, 1 trunk, 1 set plates  
and cups and saucers, 1 bed stand and feather bed, 1 white  
linen counterpane, 1 coverlet, and 2 chairs.

Third. I will and bequeath to my niece, Mrs. Mattie Whitaker  
twenty five dollars in money, 1 feather bed, 2 pillows  
1 quilt.

Fourth. To Mrs. Jane Connell, 1 feather bed, 2 pillows, 1 quilt  
and one sheet.

Fifth To my brother, J. H. Connell, I will and bequeath 1  
bureau and 1 set chairs.

Sixth I will and bequeath to my nephew James S. Jenkins  
fifty dollars in money, 1 red bed quilt, 1 blue coverlet.

- bureau and 1 set chairs.
- Sixth I will and bequeath to my nephew James S. Jenkins fifty dollars in money, 1 red bed quilt, 1 blue counterpane.
- Seventh To my nephew Mattie R. Jenkins. I will and bequeath twenty five dollars.
- Eighth To my nephew J. M. Cornell I will and bequeath forty dollars.
- Ninth To the remainder of my brother J. H. Cornell's children Laura, Florence, Mollie, Leonard, Denny and Lammie I will and bequeath twenty five dollars each.
- Tenth To my sisters, Mrs. Martha Broadway deceased, children. I will and bequeath six dollars in money each.
- Eleventh The remainder of my money property of whatever it may consist to be disposed of as follows. One third to my brother J. H. Cornell. One third to my niece Jennie Jenkins. Five dollars to my nephew James Jenkins and the remainder to be equally divided among the other parties named above.
- Twelfth In the event of my out living my niece Jennie Jenkins and her natural heirs, it is my Will and request that my real Estate be disposed of as follows. Viz. One third to my brother J. H. Cornell and the remainder to be equally divided between M. R. Jenkins, James S. Jenkins and Mrs. Mollie Whitaker and 2 apprentices my

brother J. H. Cornell Administrator of this my last Will and testament. In witness whereof I  
 Mary Ellen Cornell have hereunto subscribed  
 my name, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1890.

Mary Ellen <sup>her</sup> ~~my~~ Cornell

Signed and declared by the said Mary Ellen Cornell  
 as and for her last will and testament in the  
 presence of us who, at her request, in her presence  
 and in the presence of each other have hereunto  
 subscribed our names as witnesses.

J. M. McIntosh  
 J. H. B. H. K.

State of North Carolina } In the superior Court.  
 Gaston County

In the matter of the last will }  
 of Mary Ellen Cornell } It appears to the

State of North Carolina } In the superior Court.  
Chatham County

In the matter of the last will }  
of Mary Ellen Connell } It appearing to the  
Court by the oath and  
examination of J. M. McIntosh and S. H. Black the  
subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing  
propounded by the executor therein named, is the last  
will and testament of Mary Ellen Connell and  
that the same was duly executed by the said Mary Ellen  
Connell in the presence of said witnesses, and that at  
the time of signing the same, the said Mary Ellen Connell  
was of sound mind.

It is thereupon adjudged that the said paper-  
writing be admitted to probate as the last Will and  
testament of the said Mary Ellen Connell and the  
Executor therein named qualify as such.  
This the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 1892.

E. L. Wilson. Clerk  
Superior Court.