

State of Georgia
Decatur County

In the presence of a new
John Donelson
1826-1838
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Note: "tight binding"

mind & prosperous as though appearing for my mortal
resolution do make & declare this my last will
& testament, in the manner & form following
first I resign my soul in the hands of allmighty
God, hoping & believing in the Remission of my sins
in the merits of Jesus Christ. & my body I commend
to the Earth, to be buried at the discretion of my
family & friends & my worldly Estate, I give & devise
as follows, with due appointment of my Son
William Donelson Junr. & James Butler, both of
this State & County upon said as my Exrs to the
my last will & testament.

I give and devise unto my youngest son Ruben
Donelson two lots of land situate in the Twentieth
District of formerly Early County, now Decatur
known in the plat of said district, by numbers two
hundred & seven (207) when an I sold, late & one
hundred & ninety four (194) to have and to hold
unto my said son Ruben, his heirs and assigns forever.

I also give and devise unto my said son
Ruben the seven following named Negroes, to wit,
Dom. Ad. Grace Perry, Cindy, Roddy and some
for ever.

I also give and devise unto my next
youngest son James M. Donelson, one lot of land in
the Twentieth District formerly Early, now Decatur
known in said district, by number two hundred &
Eight. No 208. as also the seven following named
Negro slaves to wit, Jack, Lot, Nathan
Daniel, Mitchell, Lucindy and Adams, to have
to hold unto my said son, James M. Donelson
his heirs and assigns for ever.

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I do also give and devise unto my son
Jonathan Donelson. Am Lot of the Cherokee
Two hundred & thirty three (M233) in the
twentieth District of formerly Early now Decatur
County. An also. Sam. bigged & Kelly. And
Cherry Patten and. Briton Negro slaves
to have and to hold unto my said son Jonathan
his heirs and assigns for ever.

I do further also
give unto my before mentioned youngest son
Ruben Donelson. James M. Donelson and
Jonathan Donelson. the following lot of land
to be Equally divided between them: 246

I do
also give unto my four following named
children John Donelson. William Donelson and
Sam Donelson and Mary Donelson. five hundred
dollars. Each to be paid of cash in hand
instead of land

I do also give and
devise unto my son John Donelson. the five
following named Negro slaves. To wit
William. Ann. Hannah. Maniah and
Angeline. to have and to hold unto my said
son John Donelson. his heirs and assigns
for ever

I do also give and devise unto
my son William Donelson. the following
named Negro slaves To wit, Little Jehu. Lucy
Charles. Mary. Jetyan. Eady and Solomon
as also one hundred dollars to make his Negro
equal with the rest of the lots allotted to my
children is also one hundred & seventy five
dollars for his present years labor and
Attention to my farm

I do also give and divide unto my dau
Sam Conolson the Eight following n^{rs}
negroes Harp, J^r with Lewis, P^retty, Sh^r C
Mandy, J^r J^ray, W^rmen, P^retty, S^ristly, I do
I have lands to hold, and my
-ghtel, Lane Conolson, her heirs and oblig
for ever

I do also give & divide unto
Daughter Mary Conolson. the seven follow
negroes, Harp & L^rory to with, S^rewer, C^ruby, C^r
J^ronny, Scalia, Pauney & S^ristly. I do have land
hold, unto my said Daughter Mary Con
her heirs and assigns for ever

I do also give and divide unto
my beloved wife, Agniss Conolson. the fol
named negroes slaves, to with, Jacob, S^ristly,
Lydia, M^rason, Ann and Wright -
I do have lands to hold, unto my during her
natural life with out a dower. Except, her
Interest in Com mon. on the plantation.
I now live here, with my youngest son
Ruben Conolson, and then at the dea
of my wife, Agniss Conolson, the a
named negroes slaves, allotted to her to
Equally divided among my children

I do also give and divide among
children, Equally, my special money
lands, as also the balance of my spe
money or Bove M^rts to be Equally, in the
same way after deducting all the full &
that is of may occur on my Estate, I do
give in the same way, give and divide
for said unto my children, all the
proceeds of all my lands in Palaskie Co

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with a Lot in the Town of Stoddard in
DeKalb County, Georgia. which I wish to be sold, and the
proceeds thereof to be Equally divided among
my Children as above

My also my half cotton I wish sold
and the proceeds thereof divided as above
as respects my stock I wish to rem-
ain according to the different claims of
my Children. Except my son James M. Don-
alson. I wish his part to be made Equal with
the rest of my Children

As respects my four out crop on
land my cotton crop I wish sold and
Equally divided as aforesaid among my
Children. and as much of the present
crop of Corn as may be sold, to be divided
in the same way and manner

My Blacksmith Tools (my col-
lins and carriages to remain on my plantation
for the use of my family in general
the balance of my stock, after making my
son James M. Donalson Equal with the rest of
my Children, to be Equally divided as aforesaid.

Signed, sealed, published, and deli-
vered: the said Testator, as, and for his last
will and Testament, in presence of us
who as his nearest, in his presence, & in the pres-
ence of each other, have subscribed our
names, as witneses, this 16th day of Nov-
ember 1826

Test

Daniel O. Neil

Abner Bidwell

William Whigham

John Donalson Testator

Georgia
Decatur County } personally came into open
Court & after reading the will
I am Whigam & Daniel
and after being sworn depose and
saith that they own & are in possession of
with in last will & testament of John
Don Sw. Swans. as here produced by the author
named Wm Douglass as opposed, to
the said will. & that the said will here produced
by the Executor, is the true & last will of the
Decedent so far as we know or believe this
January 1828

James Brown J. C.
William Christy J. C.
Attest
Daniel, O. Mel. D. C.

John Belcher
William Whigam
Daniel, O. Mel.

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from record &c.

J. Scarborough, C. C.