

Signed sealed published and shewed by the said
James McDonald to his wife and testament in
presence of the following witnesses on this
day and with these words

John H. ...
C. ...

Court of Ordinary ...
personally ...
and from ... the ... and testament

of James McDonald and his ...
the said ...
to ...
admitted ...

Witnessed July 14th 1854
James McDonald

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In the name of God
I Ephraim ... state and County
being of advanced age and knowing that I
must shortly depart from this world do hereby
right and proper both as respects myself and
family that I should make a distribution of my
property that a kind providence has blessed me
with I therefore make this my last Will
and Testament.

Item first I desire and direct that my body be
buried in a decent and Christian like manner
suitable to my circumstances and condition in
life. My soul I trust shall return to rest with
God who gave it, as I hope for eternal salvation
through the blessed word and Saviour Jesus
Christ.

Item second I desire and direct that all my
debts be paid without delay by my executors
in after named as I am unwilling my creditors
should be delayed by their right especially as
there is no necessity for delay

Now thirdly. I will and desire that of my
 party both real and personal be his heirs and
 assigns ~~present~~ ~~now~~ ~~on~~ ~~my~~ ~~plantation~~ ~~in~~ ~~all~~
 my youngest child of ~~ages~~ of a age or more
 in terms of the Law, provided never the less
 that of my executors at any time think it best
 or more beneficial to my children to sell
 off any part or all thereof, they shall sell
 the same, either public or private as they in their
 judgments may think best, and apply the pro-
 ceeds to the best interest of my wife and children,
 My wife I would to be treated in all respects
 equal to my children so long as she shall live
 or remain a widow, and my executors at the
 time of the youngest child comes of age in
 manner as aforesaid, shall proceed to make an
 equal distribution between all of my children
 as ascertained with the Law of this state.

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Now fourthly. I will and appoint my beloved
 wife Louisa, executor of my dear brothers
 John and Jim's wills, and Testament in full
 carry this my last will and Testament into full
 effect this 10th day of April 1855

Witnessed sealed and delivered and published in
 the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed
 the presence of us the presence of the Testator
 our names here in the presence of the Testator
 and of each other, this 10th of April 1855
 Joshua S. Harris
 Blaney St. Jones
 Adolphus Johnson of
 Court of Ordinary for Early County

The within last will and Testament is legally proved
 deceased having been duly proved in law the estate
 of Bryant Johnson, Joshua S. Harris and Blaney
 St. Jones at this term of our Court. It is ordered
 that the same be admitted to Record, published and
 Recorded June 6th 1855 - J. H. Brown and others

George
 Early
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