

The Last Will and Testament of Wm. McDonnell

I, William McDonnell, of the county of Buncombe, and State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God, do this twenty-second day of January, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, make this my last will and testament, in manner following, that is to say:

1st I gave and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Rhoda McDonnell, the plantation on which I now live, with all its appertinences, during her natural life or widowhood; also, I bequeath unto my aforesaid beloved wife, four negroes, to wit: Levi, Henry, Caroline, and Peggy, during natural her life and widowhood, to be kept and remain on the aforesaid plantation, to cultivate the same, for the comfortable support of my aforesaid wife; also, I give and bequeath unto my nephew William Hemphill, after the death of my beloved wife, aforesaid, Plantation, with all its appertinences, on his paying three hundred dollars to Margaret Grimes the relict of James Grimes, deceased, or to my nephew, Archable Grimes or my niece Lucy Merritt, the wife of William Merritt, to be equally divided the aforesaid Archable and Lucy, so that they share and share alike, after the death or marriage of my beloved wife aforesaid; I gave and bequeath unto my nephews, Andrew McDonnell and Thomas McDonnell, the four aforesaid negroes, that is to say, Levi, Henry, Caroline, and Peggy, and their increase, to be equally divided between the aforesaid nephews, Andrew and Thomas McDonnell, so that they share and share alike, on their paying one hundred and fifty dollars each to my brother-in-law, George Patton; also, I give and bequeath unto my nephew, James H. Morris, four negroes, to wit: Sue, Jesse, Anna and James; Michael, on his paying three hundred dollars to James Edmunds, my brother-in-law; also, I gave and bequeath unto my brother-in-law, Andrew Hemphill, four negroes, Lucy, Mary, Wesley and Andrew and their increase, on his paying to my sister, Sarah Calaspy three hundred dollars; also, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Rhoda McDonnell, one wagon and two horses and live years, all to be of her own choice; also, ten head of cattle of her own choice; also, all the household and kitchen furniture of every kind; also my Smith's Tools, together with all my farming tools, ploughs and gears; also, fifteen head of sheep of her own choice, also, twenty head of hogs, all of her own choice, also, a rifle gun of her own choice, during her natural life-time and widowhood. It is also my will and desire after her natural death or widowhood, that all the aforesaid property and stock, to wit: The aforesaid plantation, wagon, horses, negroes, and all the aforesaid property and stock, to wit: The aforesaid

years, also the aforesaid sheep, hogs and gun, to be sold at twelve months credit, and the monies arising therefrom to be equally divided between my brother-in-law, James Edmunds, my sister, Sarah Calaspy, my sister, Margaret Grimes, Mary McDonnell, Elizabeth McDonnell, daughters of my brother James McDonnell; also, Margaret and Elizabeth, daughters of my brother Archable, McDonnell, so that they share and share alike. My will and desire is, that all my horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, wagons and guns not linked to my wife, be sold at twelve months credit; out of the monies arising herefrom, I direct my Executor to pay unto my brother-in-law, George Patton, fifty dollars; I also direct my Executor, to pay unto my nephew, Col. Thomas Morris, one hundred dollars; also to pay unto Andrew Edmunds one hundred dollars, and the balance of the aforesaid monies to be equally divided between Thomas, Andrew, James, Samuel, Archable, John, and Benjamin Hemphill, also, James Morris, so that they share and share alike; and I hereby make and ordain worthy friend, Andrew Hemphill, Executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof, I, the said William McDonnell, have to this, my last will and testament, set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Wm. McDonnell, *(Seal)*

Signed, sealed, and declared,
by the said William McDonnell
the testator, as his last will and
testament, in the presence of us
who were present at the time of
signing and sealing thereof

R. Williamson
S. E. Hyatt.

I, William McDonnell, of the county of Buncombe, and State of North Carolina, do make this Codicil, to be taken as part of my last will and testament as follows, that is to say, I give and grant unto my beloved wife, Rhoda McDonnell, full power and authority to make a will, or dispose of the following property, to wit: fifty acres of land, five head of cattle, one desk, two feather-beds, and furniture, and cap-board, &c. in witness whereof, I have to this Codicil annexed to my said will, set my hand and seal, the twenty-second day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight

Wm. McDonnell, *(Seal)*

State of North Carolina }
Buncombe County } February 29th, 1841.

The foregoing will was duly proven in open Court by the oath of
R. Williamson, a subscribing witness thereto, and admitted
of Record. *R. Harrison*

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The last will and testament of William Cochran.

Buncombe County }
State of North Carolina }

I, William Cochran, of the County, and State above
named, being very weak in body, but of perfect mind and
memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby
revoking all former wills by me at any time made, and first, I give
my soul to God, from whom I received it, and my body to the church to
be buried in a neat and decent burial, and as to such worldly estate
as it has been pleased God to bless me with, I dispose of it as follows:
Item I give to my two youngest sons, Cloves and Nathaniel, two hundred
acres of land, whereon we now live is one hundred, and the other hundred
lying adjoining Swan Cochran. Item - I give to my two daughters,
Nella and Harriett, one hundred acres of land, whereon a threshing
machine now stands, called the Parter tract, to be equally between
them two. Item - I give my daughter, Clara Rodgers, one cow and
calf. Item - I give to my two little Grand Children, children of
E. R. Prayton, a two year old cow with a piece. Item - I give my son
Swan, five dollars, and the balance of my property, to wit:
all the balance of my stock of all kinds, together with my
household and kitchen furniture, I give to Cloves, Nathaniel, Nella,
and Harriett, and they are to take care of their mother, and
support her decently out of the same; and I do hereby make and
ordain Cloves and Nathaniel Cochran, Executors of this my last will
and testament in witness whereof, I, William Cochran, the testator,
have to this my will and testament set my hand and seal, this the
Tenth day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight
hundred and forty one.

William ^{by} _{mark} Cochran

Signed, sealed, and delivered
in the presence of us, who
have subscribed, in the presence
of each other.

Thomas H. Burnett

E. B. Prayton

State of North Carolina }
Buncombe County } July 29th, 1841.

The foregoing will was duly proven in open Court by the oath
of E. B. Prayton a subscribing witness thereto and admitted of Record.
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