

Duncan McDonald's Will.

In the of God Amen this Eight day of
October in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven
Hundred and Seventy Eight I Duncan McDonald
of the County of Caswell State of North Carolina
being in a sick and low state of Health but of sound
mind & memory (Thanks be given to God) and
calling to mind the mortality of my body and
uncertainty of this life do make Constitutable Ordain
and appoint this only to be my last will &
Testament and do hereby Order and dispose of my
Worldly Goods in the following manner & form

Impresme I Order and Devise that after my Death
my well Beloved Wife Elizabeth McDonald have
her maintenance on my land during her life
or widowhood and also shall have the Benefit of
the house I live in and third part of all my
Movable Estate I also Order that she have her
wheel flax fine Wool and white horse and Saddle
Saddle and her Bed and furniture and I allow
my Churned Coloured Mare to be Continued on my
Plantation for the Service of my dear wife Elizabeth
McDonnell during her widowhood (likewise) my
negro fellow named Dick I leave to my dear
wife during her widowhood

Item I Give and bequeath to my Grandson David Humphreys
Three hundred and Twenty Acres of Land more or less
being the Plantation I live upon being Entered according
to Law with John Atkinson Entry Taken for the County
of Caswell to him and his heirs Lawfully Begotten of his
Body for ever also I Order and devise that my negro
"Elloco duck" to work on the Plantation as mentioned above
that to be the Property of David Humphreys when he
arrives to the age of sixteen years to him & his heirs
likewise I Give to P. David Humphreys one Smooth
Roid Gun Razor Knife and Bone

Item I Order ^{and Devise} that my Stock of Hogs be Continued without
being Sold for the Support of my Family. Unless
it appears to my Executors that there will be suffi-
cient to support the Family and others to spare in which
case I Order them that appears to be spare, ~~to be~~ sold
and the money arising from such sale shall be
applied to the use of keeping working tools for the family
Plantation

Item I Order and devise that my Son in Law Hugh
Humphreys shall have Three hundred acres of Land
(more or less) of the Tract I purchased of Hugh Shann-
on & joining the Tract I now live on formerly
being a part of the same tract to be laid off by an
East and West line Running from Alexander
Luchys Line -

I Item I order and devise that two thirds of all my moveable
Estate shall be Equally Divided between my Daughter
Katharine Hemphill and her two daughters Nowell,
Mary Hemphill and Margret Hemphill also all
my money in hand and Bonds at Interest Law
that I Give to my Dear wife Elizabeth McDonnell
all my Books and Pets with the ~~furniture~~ furniture
belonging to the Shelf (after all my Debt is
Paid) and third part of all my moveable Estate I Give
to my Dear wife Elizabeth McDonnell the other
two thirds to be Equally Divided between my Daugh-
ter Catharine Hemphill and her two Daughters after
I also Order and Devise that my Daughter Catharine
Hemphill shall have my book title Fishers Catechism

I Item I Give and bequeath to my Son in Law Hugh Hemphill
all my body Cloaths to be Delivered to him after my Decease.

I Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter in Law Margret
Wahfield and her two children two flax wheels one loom
(and one Ream) three years old & Side Saddle.

I Item I Order and Devise that nothing of the flooring of my
house where the planks are not laid down be removed.

Lastly I constitute ordain and appoint my Trusty
Friends Arch. Murphy Esq. and John Black
Executors to this my Last will & Testament
and I do Revoke disannul make void all other Wills
by me made and Ratify and Confirm

This only to be my Last Will & Testament In Witness
whereof the said Duncan McDonnell has
hereunto set my hand and has affixed my Seal
this day and year first above written.

Signed Sealed Published
and Delivered as the Last
Will & Testament in
Presence of us — } Duncan McDonnell
his mark

D. McFarland
George Black

his
Mark
R. Black

March Court 1779

This within Last will and Testament of Duncan McDonnell
was proved in open Court by the Oaths of D. McFarland
and George Black Two of the subscribing Witnesses
thereof and on motion Ordered to be Recorded
Recorded accordingly J. W. Moore

#1* James Ferris Will

In the name of God amen I James Ferris of
Orange County in North Carolina Province being in
perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same